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## Mayor Bloomberg Launches City's Brownfield Incentive Grant Program



On June 21, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Deputy Mayor for Operations Stephen Goldsmith launched the New York City Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) Program. The BIG Program is a community-minded financial incentives program established by the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation in collaboration with the New York City Economic Development Corporation. The BIG Program will provide financial incentives for the study and cleanup of brownfield properties in New York City. Deputy Mayor Goldsmith (photo left) announced the program at the New York City Brownfield Partnership's annual Brownfield Award Ceremony.

The new grant program will make over \$9 million in City funds available over the next several years to fund environmental investigations, environmental cleanups, and brownfield planning by community based organizations throughout the City. Creating the brownfield program achieves a *PlaNYC* milestone.

"As our population continues to grow, turning contaminated land into usable space will allow us to develop new housing, create more open space, and spur new job growth," said Mayor Bloomberg. "By awarding grants to those committed to cleaning up and developing brownfield sites, we can start revitalization that may not otherwise have occurred, and that will bring real benefits to local neighborhoods."



"When Mayor Bloomberg launched *PlaNYC* in 2007, he committed to help unlock the potential of contaminated properties in New York City," said Deputy Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. "The Brownfield Incentive Grant is the first in a series of new programs for brownfields, and each will help land owners and developers cleanup contaminated properties and bring them back into productive use."

- [Read the Press Release.](#)
- [Download the BIG Report.](#)
- [Learn more about the BIG Program.](#)

## Councilman Gennaro Receives 2010 Distinguished Lifetime Service Award

New York City Councilman James Gennaro received the 2010 Distinguished Lifetime Service Award from the New York City Brownfield Partnership at their annual Brownfield Award Program on June 21 at New York University Law School.

Gennaro (right in photo; joined by Daniel Walsh, of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation and Andrea Kretchmer of the NYC Brownfield Partnership) is the chairman of the New York City Council Committee on Environmental Protection.



Gennaro was recognized for his work on brownfield issues including writing and passing the New York City Brownfield and Community Revitalization Act in the New York City Council. The bill was later signed into law - Local Law 27 of 2009 - by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. The law provides the authority for city brownfield programs including the New York City Brownfield Cleanup Program, the first municipally run cleanup program in the United States.

## Five Projects win NYC Brownfield Awards



Five projects won individual awards at the New York City Brownfield Award Program held at the NYU Law School on June 21.

The winners included the IAC Building (Manhattan; photo top left) for which Joseph Rose and Lauren Eckhart Smith of the Georgetown Company accepted the Green Building Award. Rose and Smith appear in the bottom left photo joined by Daniel Walsh of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation and Andrea Kretchmer of the NYC Brownfield Partnership.



The Atlantic Avenue Apartments received the Affordable Housing Award for creating 150 new units of affordable housing on a lot in Brooklyn that had previously been

vacant for decades.

The American Airlines Terminal at JFK International Airport in Brooklyn received the Environmental Protection Award for its multiyear cleanup.

The Economic Development Award went to the Bronx Park Apartments for neighborhood revitalization through the building of affordable housing units with a ground-floor supermarket to provide





local jobs and access to healthy food.

Finally, The Shops at Atlas Park, shown right, received the Open Space Award for the large-scale retail development in Queens which includes a spacious park area for community events.