

A Message from the Chair:

The Board members of Minnesota Brownfields are proud to present our first annual report. The report summarizes information about a wide range of activities that were conducted in 2009.

In 2009, Minnesota Brownfields offered our members and other interested individuals and organizations educational and networking opportunities. We hosted three brownfield forums: Areawide Assessment, a Brownfield Update, and Sustainable Remediation. Forum topics were selected through input from our members. Each of the forums was well attended, and feedback received was valuable in ensuring the events met the needs of the participants. Minnesota Brownfields organized our first Advisory Committee meeting, and completed a research process and report on Areawide Contamination.

Thanks to substantial funding from the McKnight Foundation and contributions from a growing number of members, Minnesota Brownfields completed our third year of work in a strong and positive direction. The organization's success is largely due to the hard work and efforts of our Program Administrator and each of the Board Members. We greatly appreciate their contributions and commitment to promoting the goals and objectives of Minnesota Brownfields.

Thank you for your continued support of Minnesota Brownfields.

Sincerely,

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President and Chair

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Brownfield Forum Series

Minnesota Brownfields was proud to host three educational forums covering a variety of topics: Areawide Assessment of Widespread Contamination in April, a Brownfields Update in July, and Sustainable Remediation in November (the first in a two-part Sustainable Redevelopment forum series). Our forums addressed policy and programmatic issues of concern to the brownfield community. Forum participants responded that the forums have been valuable events that help support, guide, and improve the brownfield arena in Minnesota. The Forums also provide participants a needed networking opportunity.

Research

Minnesota Brownfields sponsored research on Areawide Approaches to Assessment of Wide-Spread Contamination in soil, ground water or soil vapor. It was identified as a high priority topic by our audience, but would not likely have been addressed in another venue or by another organization. Project description and milestones:

- The scope of work included historical and regulatory analysis of the issue, a survey of best practices, conclusions and policy and programmatic recommendations that could be adopted by relevant rule-making authorities.
- A competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process was held for this research topic. Seven firms responded to the RFQ; three firms were interviewed, and the St. Paul-based firm DPRA was selected. In April, 2009, a draft report was produced, and a forum was held on the topic.
- Multiple stakeholders provided feedback on the draft report, including State agencies: MPCA, MNDOT, MDA, Hennepin County, and Minnesota Brownfields' Advisory Committee.
- The Board produced an Executive Summary with future recommendations for the Legislature, state agencies, and Minnesota Brownfields itself.

Newsletter and Website

A monthly e-newsletter was developed with initial publication in June, 2008. In May, 2009 publication moved to an online email distribution service. Since its inception, distribution has grown steadily to nearly 300 subscribing brownfield practitioners. By combining the most relevant national brownfield news with local updates -- including regulation, funding, project announcements, and legislative proposals -- Minnesota Brownfields e-newsletter educates and informs brownfield practitioners across a range of practice areas. The newsletter is posted on Minnesota Brownfields' website. The website also contains various other brownfield announcements, news items, and resources.

New Relationships and Partnerships

The forum series and research work resulted in new or strengthened relationships with a variety of individuals and organizations focused on policy development. These include Minnesota and national "experts" with specific expertise related to one of the issue areas addressed via the forums and/or research. National experts included representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the City of Chicago, State of Pennsylvania, the City of Indianapolis, and the City of Emeryville, CA.

Minnesota stakeholders include: the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Transportation, cities, counties, the St. Paul Port Authority, state legislators, private attorneys, developers and consultants.

Minnesota Brownfields has established relationships with other organizations whose work affects redevelopment success such as the Minnesota Chapters of the Urban Land Institute and American Planning Association, the University of Minnesota, Minnesota Environmental Initiative, Economic Development Association of Minnesota, the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals, the Midwest Assistance Program and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers. In November, Minnesota Brownfields was represented at the National Brownfields Conference in New Orleans and made additional connections with national organizations.

Minnesota Brownfields Finance History and Budget Projection

Income	2007	2008	2009	2010
Grants	\$50,000	\$0	\$27,000	\$18,000
Sponsorships	0	3,500	5,000	7,500
Memberships	2,050	10,000	15,235	20,000
Program Revenue	465	5,200	7,160	9,000
Interest	0	817	71	100
Total Income	\$52,515	\$19,517	\$54,466	\$54,600
Expenses				
Salaries	\$0	\$22,558	\$35,275	\$39,000
Consultants	0	5,475	9,500	10,000
Forum expense	0	5,664	7,317	8,000
Communications	0	615	1,977	2,000
Misc. Fees & Eqpt.	774	1,332	1,779	2,000
Total Expenses	\$774	\$35,778	\$55,848	\$61,000
Year end assets	\$52,071	\$35,809	\$34,437	\$41,377

Prepared 11-4-09 by Wayne Nelson, Treasurer.

Figures for 2009 reflect income and expenses for the first three quarters and estimates for the remainder of the year.

Our Members

Membership is an important source of our ongoing financial support. Quite simply, without our members, Minnesota Brownfields wouldn't exist. Individual and corporate memberships support our educational forums, research, and our newsletter and website. Members receive discounted admission to Minnesota Brownfields' events, and recognition in our newsletter and on our website. Higher membership levels are recognized through priority access to Minnesota Brownfields publications and have their organizational logo on our website. We are gratified that membership continues to grow even in difficult financial times. We can't say it often enough -- Thank you!

Redevelopment Level - \$2500

Braun Intertec Corporation ♦ Dorsey & Whitney ♦ DPRA Incorporated ♦ Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development

Remediation Level - \$1000

Barr Engineering Company ♦ AMEC Geomatrix ♦ Landmark Environmental, LLC ♦ Leonard, Street and Deinard Stoel Rives, LLP

RAP Development - \$500

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Phase II Level - \$250

American Engineering Testing ♦ ATC Associates ♦ Bay West Inc ♦ Dakota County Water Resources Department Duluth Seaway Port Authority ♦ Economic Development Association of Minnesota ♦ Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. Gray Plant Mooty ♦ Historical Information Gatherers ♦ Liesch ♦ Wayne Nelson ♦ Pace Analytical ♦ Pinnacle Engineering ♦ Ryan Companies ♦ Schleck & Associates ♦ SEH, Inc. ♦ Summit Envirosolution

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