

December Newsletter

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Elizabeth Kluesner

As we approach the end of the 2024 calendar, I am so grateful for your involvement in Minnesota Brownfields! Our fall programming was a lot of fun for us to put on, ending with our annual State of Brownfields event at the Minnesota State Capitol. It was a privilege to have so many public policy leaders sharing insights on the volatile political landscape. Please see below for some great photos of our speakers and the Happy Hour at Herbies.



Many thanks to Landmark Environmental for sponsoring State of Brownfields!

As you wrap up your work for the year, please consider which brownfield projects you would like to submit as ReScape 2025 Award Nominees. I can't wait to see this year's slate of projects and look forward to celebrating with each of you this Spring.

Finally, watch your December in-box for the Minnesota Brownfields 2024 Annual Report. The report will provide a summary of our programming, grant administration work and photos from this year's events.

I hope you all have a relaxing, healthy and happy Holiday Season.

Warm Regards,
Elizabeth

State of Brownfields Event





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The 1893 at the Historic Grain Belt Office

Save the date for our 2025 ReScape Awards to be held **Thursday, April 17**, at the Historic 1893 Grain Belt Office! We are looking for sponsors who wish to support us in this event. Have extra 2024 funds you need to use before year end? Consider sponsorship

with us! Take a look at the [2025 ReScape Prospectus](#) and [lock in your sponsorship](#) today.

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Renew Your Membership!



We are officially in membership renewal season! All Minnesota Brownfield members should have received an email on November 1 with directions on how to renew. If you have any questions, [please email staff](#).

Membership is due for **renewal by December 31, 2024**.

Join Minnesota Brownfields for Happy Hour

Save the Date for our January Happy Hour event!

Thursday, January 23
4:00 - 7:00 PM
Forgotten Star Brewing Co.
38 Northern Stacks Dr.
Fridley, MN 55421



RSVP

This event is free to attend, but let us know you are coming so we can plan accordingly!

Register for the Brownfields & Beyond Conference



The Department of Employment & Economic Development will hold the Brownfields and Beyond conference on April 24 and 25, 2025 in Saint Cloud. Minnesota Brownfields will be hosting a happy hour on **Wednesday, April 23rd** from 5 pm - 7 pm at the Martini Bar in St. Cloud.

Register

Reminder: New Grant Round for Hennepin County Brownfield Gap Financing Program Now Open

Minnesota Brownfields is pleased to continue as the contractor for Hennepin County's Brownfield Gap Financing Program. The new funding round began November 1 and the grant program will have \$400,000 available for funding phase 1 and 2 environmental assessment work. Please share this information with your clients.

Click the link below to learn more about the program, including new eligibility for emerging developers.

[Hennepin County GAP Financing Program](#)

New Petroleum Leak Reporting Requirement from MPCA

Effective immediately, all reports for sites with an assigned leak number in the Petroleum Program must be submitted to the following email: petroleumreports.mPCA@state.mn.us. When submitting a report to this email, please also cc the leakesite Project Manager. This updated process will help ensure reports are uploaded and tracked if staff go on leave or depart the program.

Please implement this change for all future report submissions. If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to reach out to your site Project Manager.

PFAS Rule Making Update and Treatment Grant Opportunity



New Request for Comment Period: PFAS rulemaking

You are receiving this message because you requested notifications when the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) begins a rulemaking request for comment period. The public comment period for this rule was published in the Minnesota State Register on November 18, 2024 and closes at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2024. The notice contains links to related documents and is available by visiting the PFAS in Products Reporting and Fees webpage.

In a previous Request for Comments (RFC) on this rulemaking published in the State Register on September 25, 2023, the MPCA asked for comments on PFAS in Products: Reporting, and PFAS in Products: Fees as separate rulemakings. If you submitted comments to the original RFC, those responses will still be considered along with the responses to this second RFC; you do not need to resubmit comments.

The main purpose of this second RFC is to combine these two rules. Doing so ensures

that the fee process is directly a part of the reporting system being created for products with intentionally added PFAS. This second RFC is the MPCA's legal notice of its intent to begin rulemaking.

The MPCA is implementing Amara's Law, which is a new pollution prevention law that restricts the use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in products sold and distributed in Minnesota. The timeline of Amara's Law includes:

- January 2025: Prohibition on intentionally added PFAS in 11 product categories.
- January 2026: Manufacturers must report to MPCA on any use of intentionally added PFAS in their products.
- January 2032: Prohibition on intentionally added PFAS for all products, unless the MPCA determines they are a currently unavoidable use.

Solid Waste/Wastewater PFAS Treatment Grant

A PFAS-related grant opportunity is available on the MPCA's Solid Waste/Wastewater PFAS Treatment Grant website. There are \$2,000,000 in funds dedicated toward activities related to planning and design of PFAS treatment, separation and/or destruction technologies. This includes pilot projects, at municipal wastewater facilities, landfills and/or industries in Minnesota. These funds can be used for activities such as:

- Project planning and design that considers human health and the environment by planning to reduce PFAS compounds released from waste management and/or wastewater treatment facilities.
- Planning and design of PFAS treatment, separation and/or destruction technologies.
- Planning and design for replacement equipment contaminated with PFAS.
- Planning and design for collection system replacement in areas contaminated by historic PFAS use.

Applications must be received electronically through the SWIFT portal by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency by 4 p.m. CT on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025. Applications instructions, eligibility criteria and Q&A related to the grant are located on the MPCA's Solid Waste/Wastewater PFAS Treatment Grant website.

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