

## October Newsletter

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Elizabeth Kluesner

Thank you all who attended the September 18<sup>th</sup> Guidance Workshop. It was wonderful to see so many members and partners at this event. Check out the pictures from the Guidance Workshop and the Emerging Developers Workshop below in the newsletter.

I can't believe how quickly our fall event calendar is going. Our last event of the year will be our annual [State of Brownfields](#) event at the state Capitol the afternoon of November 14<sup>th</sup>. We have a terrific slate of speakers and I look forward to learning about what we can expect in Minnesota after the November elections.

Minnesota Brownfields is pleased to continue our partnership with Hennepin County to administer the Brownfield Gap Financing Program. The new grant round will include expanded eligibility for emerging developers and an increased project funding maximum of \$25,000. The [BGFP in Hennepin County](#) and the [Ramsey County Site Assessment Grant](#) program are both excellent resources for projects that are looking for funds to do Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental work. Please keep these programs in mind for your projects!

Have a great Fall Season and I look forward to seeing you at State of Brownfields!

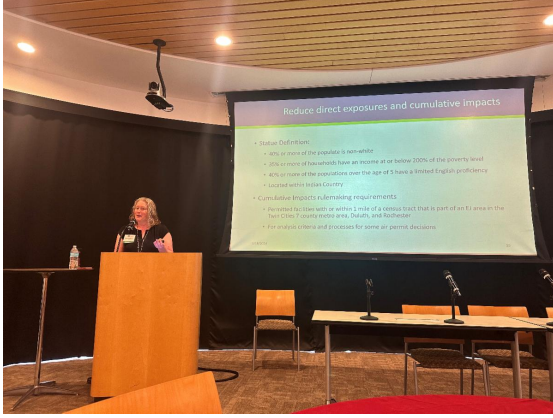
Warm Regards,

Elizabeth

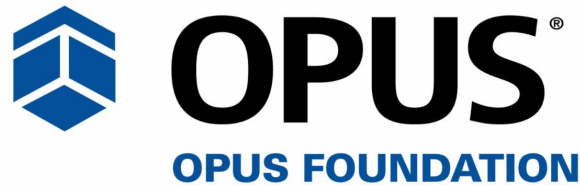


## MPCA Guidance Workshop Was a Big Success!

Thank you to our public sector partner, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for your support at the September 18<sup>th</sup> MPCA Guidance Workshop. We had 124 people at this session, making it a great opportunity to network while learning about the latest guidance updates from the agency.

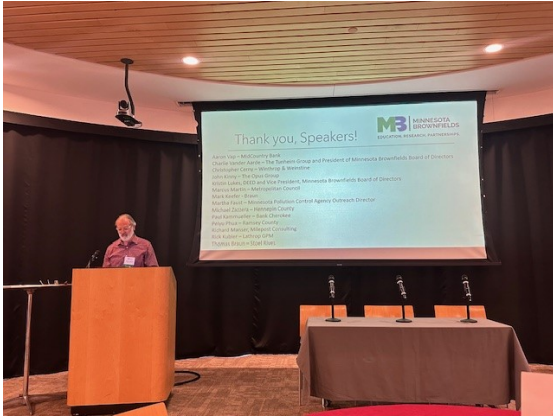
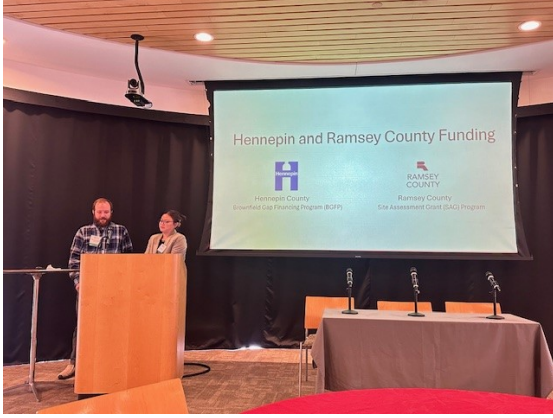


# Year Two of the Emerging Developers Workshop



Thank you to the Opus Group and the Opus Foundation for sponsoring the 2024 Emerging Developers Workshop. We had over 60 people at the event and it was a great opportunity to learn how environmental liability impacts all aspects of the redevelopment process.

Thank you Mark Keefer, Braun Intertec, for being our keynote speaker providing insight into the environmental work at the Gloryville project in Saint Paul.



**Save The Date! November 14th Annual State of Brownfields Happy Hour at Herbies!**

**Thursday, November 14**

**MINNESOTA  
BROWNFIELD'S ANNUAL  
"State of Brownfields"**

1:00pm – 4:00pm  
State Capitol Building | St. Paul

**COST:**

**Member Pricing: \$85**  
(\$100 after November 4)

**Non-Member Pricing: \$115**  
(\$130 after November 4)



Minnesota Brownfields' Annual "State of Brownfields" event is the premier public policy event for brownfield professionals. This year's State of Brownfields will again be held at the State Capitol building in Saint Paul. The event date is November 14, 2024, and will include a happy hour at 317 On Rice Park Event Center (attached to Herbie's On The Park) the in downtown Saint Paul.

**We are looking for sponsors for this event! [Click here to learn more.](#) Interested in sponsoring? Please [email staff.](#)**

Speakers from federal, state and local government will be on-hand to give you the most updated information about public policy initiatives related to brownfield redevelopment and environmental cleanup. Don't miss this opportunity to network with colleagues and learn from Minnesota's public policy leaders.

Member Pricing: \$85.00 (\$100 after November 4)  
Non-Member Pricing: \$115 (\$130 after November 4)

If you need to cancel your event registration, please contact Minnesota Brownfields staff by email at [info@mnbrownfields.org](mailto:info@mnbrownfields.org). Refunds will be given until November 4, 2024. After November 4, 2024 no refunds will be given.

[Register](#)

## Hennepin County BGFP Announcement

**Brownfield Gap Financing Program  
2024/2025 Approved Contractor Meeting  
October 29, 2024  
1:00PM – 2:00PM**

## North of North Resort & Outfitters Opens in Superior National Forest Wilderness



Check out the recent media coverage of Minnesota Brownfields member Sean Leary's passion project in Ely, MN. Sean and his wife Jill have created a one-of-a-kind accessible resort. It is one of the few resorts on the Boundary Waters that is fully accessible.

Congratulations to Sean and Jill Leary for bringing this project to life.

Learn more here:

<https://www.mprnews.org/episode/2024/09/09/fully-accessible-resort-first-of-its-kind-opens-in-ely>

<https://kstp.com/special-coverage/minnesota-live/north-of-the-north-resort-fully-accessible-resort-in-boundary-waters-area/>

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