

September Newsletter

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Elizabeth Kluesner

September marks the beginning of a very busy time at Minnesota Brownfields. We held our ASTM Certified Environmental Professional Workshop at WSB on September 9. Many thanks to the ASTM Workshop planning committee who secured a CLE credit for this event. And, thank you to WSB for sponsoring this event and sharing the beautiful WSB training space.



Please note that the Board, with input from the Membership Committee has made the following updates to the Minnesota Brownfields membership categories for 2026:

- The Platinum Level membership is now \$7,500 (down from \$10,000) and has 10 organizational memberships for staff
- The Gold Level membership will now have 7 organizational memberships for staff (up from 5)
- There is now a Retiree Membership for \$75. This is a great way to stay involved with Minnesota Brownfields post-retirement.

2026 marks the [15th Anniversary of the ReScape Awards](#). We are busy planning a blow out celebration for 2026. Please [submit your ReScape project nominations](#). The 2026 nomination forms are live on the Minnesota Brownfields website.

ReScape 2026 will be held at the Royalston Square venue in Minneapolis. This venue has amazing video and digital capacity that will allow us to not only feature this year's project nominees, but celebrate the history of ReScape in pictures. If you have any great throwback photos from past ReScape Awards, [please send them to me](#). We are compiling a library of photos for both past projects and past events.

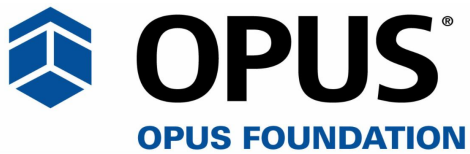
There will be some exciting, fun and creative ways to enhance your traditional ReScape Awards sponsorship. Watch this space for the 2026 15th Anniversary sponsorship options!

Warm Regards,
Elizabeth

ASTM Workshop



Emerging & Diverse Developer's Workshop



Emerging Developers Workshop!
Westwood Hills Nature Center
Thursday, October 9
10 am - 2 pm

Through the generosity of the Opus Foundation, Minnesota Brownfields is excited to continue our emerging and diverse developer curriculum. This year's program will be held on October 9 at a new location, the Westwood Hills Nature Center. The session will focus

on financing options for Brownfield Projects.

There is no cost to attend this event, but registration is required. Registration closes on Thursday, October 2.

Agenda

1. Registration/Coffee
2. Welcome: Charlie Vander Aarde – The Tunheim Group and President of Minnesota Brownfields Board of Directors AND John Kinny – The Opus Group
3. Introduction – What is a Brownfield?: Elizabeth Schmiesing – Partner, Winthrop & Weinstine
4. Working with City Government: Kevin Carroll – Principal Project Coordinator, City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department AND Daniela Lorenz - Principal Project Manager, City of Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development
5. Working with County Government: Michael Zazzera – Hennepin County AND Ella Mitchell – Ramsey County

6. Lunch Break

Keynote Speaker: Wilmar Delgado

7. Working with State Government: Kristin Lukes – Department of Employment & Economic Development AND Shannon Martin – Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
8. Lending Panel: Mike Bisanz - Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer – HUD/FHA AND Colliers Mortgage AND Mary Stoick - Senior Vice President, Director of Tax Credit Lending Sunshine Bank

9. Community Resources

Andy Donahue, State Director | Minnesota Small Business Development Center
CDC Representative (invited)
Scott Anderson, Director of Community Lending, Minneapolis Land Bank

Register

Celebrate 15 Years of ReScape with us: Submit Your Projects!



The ReScape Awards is Minnesota Brownfields' yearly awards program. It was established to recognize and celebrate development projects that bring remediation, redevelopment and revitalization to communities across the state of Minnesota.

Each year, dozens of brownfields projects are submitted. These nominations are submitted to one of four categories – [Community Impact](#), [Economic Impact](#), [Environmental Impact](#) and [Innovation Awards](#). Eligible entries include projects completed between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025. The projects are evaluated by a panel of industry professionals resulting in one winner per category.

Awards are presented to the project partners that most demonstrate efficient clean up and

reuse of contaminated land as a means of generating economic growth, strengthening the community and enabling sustainable land use and development. The deadline to submit is Friday, January 30, 2026.

In 2026, we will be celebrating our winners on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Royalston Square in Minneapolis.

[Learn More & Submit a Project](#)

Have a Spectacular Summer Intern? Nominate Them for a 2026 Mac Hyde Scholarship!



Apply Today!

FOR THE MAC HYDE SCHOLARSHIP

Many Minnesota Brownfields members have had summer interns who may be great Mac Hyde Scholarship Candidates. Please share the link below with your summer interns, and encourage them to apply for this scholarship.

[Apply Today!](#)

Thank you, Members!

Gold Leaders

Stantec

Silver Supporters

American Engineering Testing

Bay West

Braun Intertec
Geosyntec
SEH
Terracon Consultants

Bronze Partners

Barr Engineering
Bolander
Carlson McCain
Fredrikson
GZA GeoEnvironmental
The Javelin Group
KLJ Engineering
Landmark Environmental, LLC
Lathrop GPM
Loucks
Merjent, Inc.
The Opus Group
Pace Analytical Services, LLC
Ramboll Engineering
Rock Leaf Water Environmental LLC
Stinson LLP
Stoel Rives LLP
Tankenoff Families Foundation
Vonco
Winthrop & Weinstine
WSB

Public Sector, Non-Profit Organizations and One Person Company

City of Minneapolis - CPED
City of Rochester
City of St. Cloud Economic Development
Condition Services LLC
Dakota County CDA
Dakota County Water Resources
DEED-Brownfields and Redevelopment
Duluth Economic Development Authority
Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Hennepin County
HTB Project Navigation LLC
Metropolitan Council
MN Dept of Transportation
Parkway Law LLC
Port Authority of St. Paul
Ramsey County Community & Economic
Development

Student Members

Sean Bartlett
Ashley Crowl
Wendy Erickson
Lucille Hugunin
Peter D. Michel

Individual Members

Chris Anderson
Steven Banovetz
Tom Binsfeld
Jonathon Blaha
Eric Blodgett
Sarah Jo Boser
Thomas Braun
Christopher Cerny
Sara Collova
Alana Crawford
Jim Crowl
Wilmar Delgado
Robert Devolve
Jessie Ebertz
Martha Faust
Dain Fisher
Amanda Guertin
Amy Hadjaris
Jayme Hammond
Victor Henao
Steve Heurung
Youmi Hong
Holly Johnson
Kevin Johnson
Paul Kammueler
David Knight
Karen Kromar
Chuck Krueger
Gary Krueger
Rick Kubler
Anne Lazo
David Liverseed
Richard Manser
Shannon Martin
Jeri Massengill
Ania McDonnell
Crystal Mogensen
Andrew Nichols
Chris Niemand
Miluska Linares Novota
Joe Otte
Ian Peters
Kristin Prosocki
Kyle Romens
Rebecca Ryser
Madison Scheer
Betsy Schmiesing
Shanna Schmitt
David Schultz
Jeffery Sepesi
Jacob Smokovitz
Jerry (Gerald) Strub
Tigh Surdez
Mark Umholtz
Sherry Van Duyn
Stacey Van Patten
Charlie Vander Aarde



Minnesota Brownfields | 4248 Park Glen Road | Minneapolis , MN 55416 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!