



April News

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Elizabeth Kluesner

Welcome to Spring at Minnesota Brownfields! We are looking forward to an eventful Spring starting with our ReScape Awards Gala on April 23. If you have not already done so, please [get your tickets](#) for what is sure to be a fantastic celebration of 15 years of the ReScape Awards and 20 years of Minnesota Brownfields! We have a number of surprises in store for this year's ReScape Awards with a nod to the organization's rich history.



I am happy to announce that Commissioner Katrina Kessler, MPCA, will be our Keynote Speaker at ReScape and Dan Collison, Sherman & Associates, will be this year's master of ceremonies.

Mark your calendars for a dual event Minnesota Brownfields is hosting with the Environmental Law Section the week of May 11 - stay tuned for details. This event will feature key elements of the environmental due diligence process including quality phase 1 and 2 environmental assessment work and the importance of environmental due diligence in the brownfield deal process.

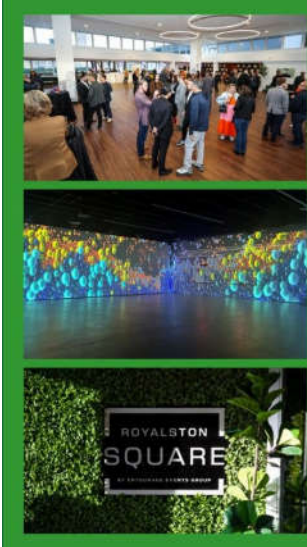
And, don't miss the second of our quarterly [webinar series](#) on June 10. This webinar is titled: "Mercury Vapor Intrusion and Passive Sampling in Brownfield Projects." Our speaker will be Spencer Washburn from Geosyntec Consultants.

Enjoy the great weather and I look forward to seeing you at ReScape on April 23!

Warm Regards,
Elizabeth

Get Your Tickets for the 15th Annual ReScape Awards Gala Today!

Get your tickets for the 15th Annual ReScape Awards Gala! This event would not be what it is without all of you. Don't miss this opportunity to network with your peers in the redevelopment space and recognize your work and the work of your colleagues and partners. Join us in forwarding Minnesota Brownfields' mission of promoting the efficient cleanup and reuse of contaminated land as a means of generating economic growth, strengthening communities and enabling sustainable land use and development. Get your ReScape tickets today!



Save the Date

2026 ReScape Awards

Thursday,
April 23, 2026
at Royalston Square

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AWARDS **15**
YEARS

Register Today!

And the 2026 ReScape Award Nominees are...



60 Main Street

Winona, MN

Project Partners: The Port Authority of Winona; the City of Winona; the Rivers Hotel Company; Wieser Brothers General Contractor; Merchants Bank; the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce; Landmark Environmental; DEED; and the MPCA.



Debre Selam Medhanealem Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church

Minneapolis, MN

Project Partners: The Debra Selam Medhanealem Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church; Hennepin County; the City of Minneapolis; the Seward Neighborhood; MPCA; Blaze Credit Union; GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.; and American Engineering Testing.



Granite Works II Apartments

Delano, MN

Project Partners: The City of Delano; Ebert Construction; Michael Development; Ten Nineteen Development; Fehn Companies; Stantec; MPCA; and DEED.



Great River Children's Museum

St. Cloud, MN

Project Partners: City of Saint Cloud; Stearns, Benton and Sherburne Counties; Greater Saint Cloud; Braun Intertec Corporation; State of Minnesota; and Main Street Economic Revitalization Program.



Kyle Garden Square

Apartments Minneapolis, MN

Project Partners: Stantec; Alliance Housing; Flanery Construction Touchstone Mental Health; the Metropolitan Council; Hennepin County and the Land Bank Twin Cities.



Soo Line Community Garden

Minneapolis, MN

Project Partners: The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Braun Intertec Corporation; the MPCA; and Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects.



Voyageurs National Park Crane Lake Visitor Center

Crane Lake, MN

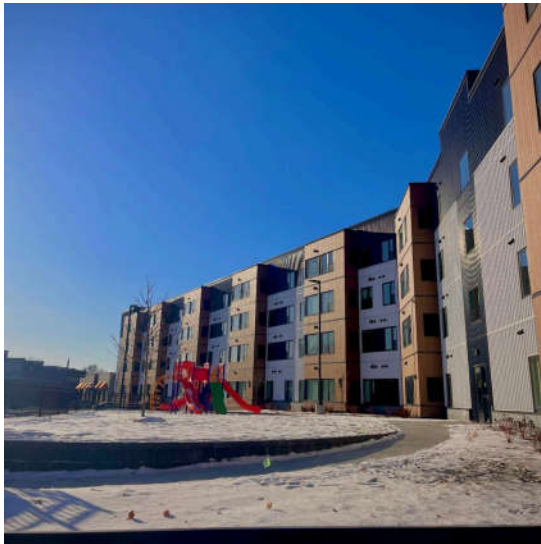
Project Partners: The Town of Crane Lake; Saint Louis County; The Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board; the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources; SEH; Historical Information Gatherers; Braun Intertec Corporation; Pace Analytical; Johnson, Killen and Seiler; MDNR; MPCA; and DEED.



The Rosalyn

Bloomington, MN

Project Partners: Schafer Richardson; the City of Bloomington; Colliers; Braun Intertec; the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund; Hennepin County; the Metropolitan Council; and Winthrop & Weinstine.



The Williams

St. Paul, MN

Project Partners: Project for Pride in Living; Soul Community Development; Frana Companies; Landmark Environmental; City of Saint Cloud; Ramsey County; the Metropolitan Council; DEED; MPCA; and Minnesota Brownfields.



The Heights

St. Paul, MN

Project Partners: The Saint Paul Port Authority; Braun Intertec Corporation; Stoel Rives; Stinson; WSB; Loucks; Sherman Associates; Habitat for Humanity; Ever Green Energy; Minnesota Department of Agriculture; MPCA; DEED; the Metropolitan Council; Bolander; Ramsey County; and USEPA.



Hwy 35, LLC

Grand Rapids, MN

Project Partners: Highway 35 LLC; the City of Grand Rapids; the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority; DEED; the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation; Itasca County; Minnesota North College; the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management; Rice Lake Contractors; Range Association of Municipalities and Schools; and the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.



Opportunity Crossing

Minneapolis, MN

Project Partners: WSB; Project for Pride in Living; Landmark Environmental; the City of Minneapolis; the Metropolitan Council; the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization; Winthrop & Weinstine; Hennepin County; and DEED.

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Ramsey County Site Assessment Grant Program

There is funding available for Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental assessment work through the Ramsey County Site Assessment Grant Program.

If you have an eligible project in Ramsey County, you can fill out the application below and seek grant funding for your environmental due diligence work.



[Site Assessment Grant Application](#)

Livable Communities Grants Available from the Metropolitan Council

The application deadline for the Met Council's Livable Communities Grants is April 15.

Cities, counties, and development authorities are invited to apply for

2026 [Livable Communities grants](#) for projects in [eligible cities](#). Livable Communities grants can fund policy and affordable housing program development, small area planning projects, and development/construction projects that:

- Expand housing choices.
- Improve safety.
- Ensure everyone can meet their needs in their community.

More than \$12.4 million is available to projects applying for 2026 Livable Communities grants, with applications due April 15 at 3:00 p.m.

Up to \$539,000 is available for [Policy and Affordable Housing Program Development Projects](#) that help cities set the conditions for compact, connected, and sustainable development and meet local housing needs.

\$200,000 is available for [Small Area Planning Projects](#) that help cities plan for vibrant and connected spaces that advance local and regional goals.

\$11.7 million is available for [Development Projects](#) that build, rehabilitate, or preserve affordable housing, neighborhood small business, mixed-use, or job training spaces.

The Livable Communities program funds development projects across the continuum of development and housing choices. In the spring application cycle this includes:

- Early Stage Development: Environmental Site Investigation \$250,000
- Early Stage Development: Pre-Development \$750,000
- Construction Stage Development: Environmental Cleanup \$2.75M
- Construction Stage Development: Homeownership \$1.75M



[Learn More](#)

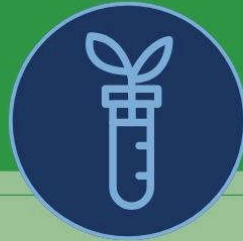
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Brownfields Annual Report Available



Please find below the link to MPCA's annual Brownfields Program Report. There are a number of projects highlighted that will be familiar to our members

[View the 2025 Annual Report](#)

April Fact of the Month:



FACT OF THE MONTH:

Did you know that the Mac Hyde Scholarship has supported 18 future brownfield professionals over the past 13 years with \$36,000 awarded in scholarships? Minnesota Brownfields is proud to support future generations of brownfield professionals.

Thank you, Members!

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Dakota County CDA
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DEED
Duluth Economic Development Authority
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Hennepin County
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Metropolitan Council
milepost12 LLC
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