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Tentative Trails and Parks Initiative Timeline

August 1, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ U.S. EPA work plan submittal ◆ Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant selection released by Indiana Finance Authority
August 24, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ RFQ responses due to Indiana Finance Authority
September 28, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ TPI applications available at www.brownfields.IN.gov
December 3, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ TPI applications due for first round of assessments
February 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Selected sites for first round of assessments announced
Spring and Summer 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Assessment work for first round performed
Fall 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Application process for anticipated second round of assessments

Note: TPI is not a grant program: Phase I and/or Phase II environmental site assessments will be performed by environmental consultants on contract with the Indiana Finance Authority.

What's New?

Indiana Brownfields Program Trails and Parks Initiative Coming Soon

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has selected the State of Indiana to receive \$400,000 in grant funding to perform environmental site assessments at brownfield properties contaminated or potentially contaminated with hazardous substances or petroleum products. This funding, in addition to \$200,000 in matching funds provided by the Indiana Finance Authority, will be used to establish the Indiana Brownfields Program Trails and Parks Initiative (TPI).

The Indiana Brownfields Program will administer TPI and contract with qualified environmental consulting firms to perform environmental assessment activities at eligible brownfield sites throughout Indiana where trails, parks, or other greenspace/recreational reuse is planned. Eligible political subdivisions and non-profit organizations may apply to the Indiana Brownfields Program through a competitive process to receive assessments. Final TPI guidelines and eligibility criteria are under development, and applications are anticipated to be available in September 2007.

It's not too early to start thinking about sites in your community that may have a need for such assessments. Even though specific eligibility criteria are still being developed, the following general criteria are some of those likely to be utilized in determining site eligibility and prioritization:

- Brownfield sites/projects that do not involve parties responsible for the contamination
- Brownfield sites that are not eligible for Excess Liability Trust Fund (ELTF) assistance
- Applicants with well-developed reuse plans, including sustainable reuse as a park, trail, or other greenspace/recreational reuse
- Local support for the project

For more information about TPI, please contact Susan Harrington or visit www.brownfields.IN.gov.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more up-to-date information about events relevant to brownfield redevelopment, please visit the Indiana Brownfields Program Web site: www.brownfields.IN.gov.

August 24, 2007

**Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Shovel Ready Program Application Deadline**
www.IN.gov/iedc/shovel/index.html

September 5-6, 2007

Brownfields Renewal Workshop
National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals (NALGEP)
Anderson Public Library, Anderson, Indiana
www.nalgep.org/Registration/Registration3.cfm

October 1-3, 2007

**Sustainable Redevelopment of Cleanup Sites in
the Ohio River Valley Conference**
The Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky
[www.delta-institute.org/ohiovalleycon/documents/
ORVC_announcement.pdf](http://www.delta-institute.org/ohiovalleycon/documents/ORVC_announcement.pdf)

October 16-17, 2007

**National Brownfield Association Brownfield
Conference and Deal Flow Exhibit: Building a
Future on our Industrial Past**
Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois
www.nbabigdeal.org

October 29, 2007

Communities at the Crossroads X
Indiana Land Use Consortium
Indiana Government Center South
Indianapolis, Indiana

November 27-28, 2007

Ohio Brownfield Conference
Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark, Ohio
[www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/outreach/
Brownfield_Training/brownfield_training.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/outreach/Brownfield_Training/brownfield_training.html)

May 5-7, 2008

National Brownfields Conference
Cobo Center, Detroit, Michigan
www.brownfields2008.org

Brownfields Renewal Workshop: Shovel Ready Brownfields... Progressive, Dynamic, Growing!

The National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals (NALGEP) and the Brownfield Communities Network are presenting a workshop in Anderson, Indiana, on September 5-6. The workshop will bring together all levels of brownfield practitioners to discuss redevelopment issues facing localities. It will feature brownfields successes in Indianapolis, Elkhart County, and Dayton, Ohio. Evening receptions will be held September 5 at the Anderson Center for the Arts and September 6 at Anderson Public Library.

Workshop highlights will include:

- Brownfields basics
- Case studies and best practices
- The role of brownfields in community planning
- Partnerships with developers, lenders, and property owners
- Managing potential liability
- State and federal partners in redevelopment
- Innovative financing
- Community outreach

Agenda: [www.nalgep.org/ewebeditpro/items/
O93F12695.pdf](http://www.nalgep.org/ewebeditpro/items/O93F12695.pdf)

Registration Fee: \$25

To register on-line, visit [www.nalgep.org/Registration/
Registration3.cfm](http://www.nalgep.org/Registration/Registration3.cfm).

REMINDER: U.S. EPA Brownfield Grant Round Quickly Approaching

Start planning now for U.S. EPA's annual grant round. Grants for assessment, cleanup, and revolving loan funds are available to eligible entities to facilitate brownfields redevelopment. The next deadline for submitting proposals will likely be in October 2007. For more information, please visit www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm.

Brownfield Records Now Available On- Line in IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is in the process of converting paper records into electronic format to be stored in a new "Virtual File Cabinet" that the public can access on-line. The majority of Indiana Brownfields Program site files are now available in the Virtual File Cabinet. The remainder of brownfield files and IDEM program files will be available soon.

Before planning a trip to the IDEM file room, check on-line at www.IN.gov/idem/resources/records/index.html to see if the records you need are available electronically.

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The Indiana Brownfields Program offers financial, technical, legal, and educational assistance and works in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other stakeholders to assist Indiana communities in making productive use of brownfield properties.

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