

## PlaNYC Update Launched

### Eleven New Brownfield Initiatives Established

This spring, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg presented an update to [PlaNYC: A Greener,](#)



*Greater New York* that assessed the progress of *PlaNYC* since its launch four years ago and charted a new direction for the City's future. The update to *PlaNYC* is the culmination of a year of work that began on Earth Day 2010 that included 48 public meetings with over 220 groups, yielding almost 1,000 ideas, suggestions and feedback.

All 11 Brownfield initiatives in PlaNYC 2007 were completed in 2010 and the brownfield chapter was the only chapter to achieve that goal. Over the past year, the Office of Environmental Remediation developed 11 new initiatives and 35 new milestones in four policy areas to improve brownfield cleanups and speed redevelopment and revitalization in New York City communities. Our initiatives will further decrease environmental risk to lenders and owners with stronger legal protection and new insurance products, and improve the incentives available to brownfield projects. Furthermore, community brownfield planning, protection, and education—from individual sites to area-wide planning initiatives—will be strengthened and our commitment to green and sustainable cleanup and redevelopment will be expanded.

To read the brownfield chapter in PlaNYC click [here](#).

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(L to R) OLTPS Director David Bragdon, Council Member Diana Reyna, OER Director Daniel Walsh, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, and Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn break ground at the first brownfield cleanup site in April.

## Office of Environmental Remediation Updates



### NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program

The NYC BCP began accepting applications for enrollment in January. In the first few months of operation OER has enrolled and approved cleanup plans for 15 new projects.

Interested parties are encouraged to [contact OER](#) for more information.

### NYC Brownfield Incentive Grant

Since the Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) Program launched in 2010, OER has earmarked or funded approximately \$1.7 million for 30 brownfield projects and seven community brownfield planning organizations in NYC.

BIG grants for projects enrolled in the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program are eligible for funding ranging from \$60,000 to

\$140,000. BIG grants for \$5,000 are also available for qualifying hazardous materials e-designation projects that have received a Notice of Satisfaction from OER.



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BOA community brownfield planners can get up to 10% of their NYS BOA grant, up to a cap of \$25,000.

For more information about BIG Grants, please visit [www.nyc.gov/big](http://www.nyc.gov/big) or contact the BIG Program Administrator at 212.380.1562 or at [Grants@nycBIG.info](mailto:Grants@nycBIG.info).

## Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA) Program

### Sunset Park BOA RFP for Step 2 BOA Nomination Study



The Sunset Park Waterfront Brownfield Opportunity Area Step 2 Nomination Study is being led by UPROSE, a non-profit organization committed to increasing open space and areas of outdoor recreation, decreasing pollution and environmental hazards in the community and facilitating community-inclusive practices and policies in environmental decision-making in Sunset Park.

UPROSE is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to assist in developing a comprehensive strategy for achieving community redevelopment goals along Sunset Park's industrial waterfront. UPROSE seeks a consultant team that will assess the conditions in the study area within a local, regional and national context. The consultant team will be required to work with multiple constituencies to perform an in-depth analysis of existing conditions, opportunities, and reuse potential of strategic sites that can serve as catalysts for revitalization. UPROSE encourages responses that emphasize innovative planning practice and demonstrate an understanding of complex urban industrial and mixed-use areas.

The submission deadline is August 8th, 2011. After reviewing the proposals, a short list of teams will be invited for a discussion-based interview.

The full RFP can be accessed [here](#).

For more information please contact Sabrina Terry at [policy@uprose.org](mailto:policy@uprose.org)

## Mayor Bloomberg Breaks Ground on Brownfield in Williamsburg

### Launches Nation's First Municipally-Run Brownfield Cleanup Program

This spring, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn, State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joseph Martens, and Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) Director Daniel Walsh announced the start of the first cleanup and redevelopment of a brownfield site under the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program at a property on Grand Street in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.



*Mayor Bloomberg announces the start of a cleanup in Williamsburg.*

The program provides for high quality cleanups and offers liability protection and other incentives to encourage developers to enroll.

"We have solved the problem of developers being reluctant to clean and redevelop land because the liability for clean-up was too unpredictable and potentially costly," said Mayor Bloomberg.

"The City-run Brownfield Cleanup Program, the first of its kind in the nation, breaks the cycle of disinvestment and abandonment. I'd like to thank the State DEC, the City Council, and our Office of Environmental Remediation for their impressive collaboration on this project."

Click [here](#) for more information.

## NYC Brownfield Partnership Updates and Opportunities

### Pro-Bono Referral Program

The NYC Brownfield Partnership, in collaboration with OER, has established a pro-bono environmental professional referral program to enable land owners and developers in NYC to get free advice in the early stages of new projects from experienced members of the



## NYC Big Apple Brownfield Awards Update

On May 25, 2011, the NYC Brownfield Partnership hosted its third annual Big Apple Brownfield Awards at the NYU School of Law. City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn received the 2011 Distinguished Service Award for her work advancing brownfield cleanup in NYC including unanimous passage of the NYC Brownfield Bill in 2009 by the NYC Council and support for the city-state collaborative agreement on liability protection in 2010. Venetia Lannon, the recently-appointed Regional Director of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation NYC Office, delivered the keynote address.

The partnership honored five of New York City's most outstanding brownfield redevelopment projects:

- [Green Building Award – Atlantic Terrace](#)
- [Affordable Housing Award – La Terraza](#)
- [Sustainable Remediation Award – New Fulton Fish Market](#)
- [Economic Development Award - Harlem River Yards](#)
- [Collaboration Award - Pratt Institute](#)

The partnership also recognized its 2011 Abbey Duncan Brownfield Scholars:

- Meghan Weber—CUNY Queens College, pursuing MA in Earth and Environmental Studies
- Jessica Miller—CUNY Graduate Center, pursuing Ph.D. in Geography
- Kyaw San—CUNY Queens College, pursuing MA in Applied Environmental Geosciences
- Diana Morgan—CUNY Queens College, pursuing MA in Applied Environmental Geosciences
- Suzanne Stempl—CUNY Graduate Center, pursuing Ph.D. in Earth and Environmental Science

Please visit the [NYC Brownfield Partnership website](#) for more information.



*(L to R) Venetia Lannon, Regional Director of NYSDEC, Dr. Daniel Walsh, Director of OER, Honorable Christine C. Quinn, NYC Council Speaker, and Andrea Kretchmer, 2010 President of the Partnership*



*(L to R) Kyaw San, Michelle Lapin of AKRF, Jessica Miller, Suzanne Stempl, and Ernie Rossano of ERM*

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