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Keynote Speaker NYC Deputy Mayor for Operations Cas Holloway, announces new NYC BCP Incentives at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Brownfield Conference

### Three New NYC Brownfield Incentives Launched at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Apple Brownfield Conference

NYC Deputy Mayor for Operations Cas Holloway and the NYC Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) announced three innovative new enrollment incentives for the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program (NYC BCP). The announcements were made during the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Apple Brownfield Conference held at MetroTech in Brooklyn in November. For more information about the following incentives, please visit [www.nyc.gov/oer](http://www.nyc.gov/oer).

- Federal IRS 198(a) Brownfield Cleanup Tax Deduction: Development projects enrolled in the NYC BCP are now eligible to receive certification that allows the deduction of cleanup costs on Federal IRS income tax filings under Section 198 (a). Certification is provided by OER, in collaboration with NYS DEC, to NYC BCP project developers and is intended to lower the costs of cleanups and make development of brownfield projects more economical.
- OER Green Team: Development projects that enroll in the NYC BCP will now be eligible to receive assistance in acquiring city permits for activities required under cleanup plans. The program is intended to reduce the time required to begin development.
- Hardship Claims for Cleanup Costs: In collaboration with the NYC Brownfield Partnership, OER is working to standardize and simplify the process for making hardship claims regarding the costs of cleanup for brownfield projects in NYC. Successful claims can ease restrictions of certain City land use and development designations.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Brownfield Tax Lot Enrolled and Approved for Cleanup and Development by the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program

OER Director Daniel Walsh announced that the NYC BCP achieved a major milestone in January 2012 when it enrolled and approved the cleanup plan for the 50<sup>th</sup> brownfield tax lot in NYC. The property is a half-acre brownfield in Washington Heights that will be cleaned up and developed into a 13-story mixed-use building with 124 units of affordable housing, a children's museum, and offices for non-profit organizations. The NYC BCP was launched in January 2011 and is the first municipal cleanup program in the country. For more information about the NYC BCP please visit [www.nyc.gov/oer](http://www.nyc.gov/oer).

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(L to R) Daniel Walsh, Manny Kanaris and NYC Deputy Mayor Cas Holloway during the check presentation for the first BIG Cleanup Grant for \$100,000

## First NYC BIG Cleanup Grant Awarded to Bronx Development

In November 2011, OER awarded the first Cleanup Grant under the NYC Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) program. The award was announced by NYC Deputy Mayor for Operations Cas Holloway and OER Director Daniel Walsh in a ceremony held in Brooklyn.

The grant for \$100,000, was issued to 922 Westchester Owners, LLC for the cleanup of a 0.6-acre site in the South Bronx. The cleanup enabled construction of a \$25 million development including 110 affordable housing units, community facility space and ground floor retail.

Projects enrolled in the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program are eligible for BIG grants ranging from \$60,000 to \$140,000. Since its launch in 2010, the BIG Program has funded or earmarked approximately \$2.4 million for 56 brownfield lots and 11 community brownfield planning organizations throughout NYC.

For more information about grants available through the BIG Program, 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).

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## NYC Brownfield Partnership is Accepting Nominations for the 2012 Big Apple Brownfield Awards

The NYC Brownfield Partnership is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Big Apple Brownfield Awards. In response to feedback from previous years, the nomination process has been greatly simplified. Eligible brownfield projects include those in NYC that completed cleanup and received a City or State signoff by December 31, 2011.

Nominations are being accepted for the following categories:

- Affordable Housing
- Brownfield Opportunity Area Connectivity
- Collaboration
- Community Outreach
- Economic Development
- Environmental Protection
- Green Building
- Innovation
- Open Space
- Sustainable Remediation

The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2012. Project teams are encouraged to begin submitting applications by January 17, 2012. Materials received after the deadline will not be considered.

To learn more or to nominate a project please visit [www.nycbrownfieldpartnership.org/awards](http://www.nycbrownfieldpartnership.org/awards). Interested parties can also [contact OER](#) for more information.

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

## 2012 - 2013 Abbey Duncan Brownfield Scholarships Available

The NYC Brownfield Partnership is pleased to announce the availability of 2012 - 2013 Abbey Duncan Brownfield Scholarships. These scholarships provide up to \$2,000 to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing careers in the New York City brownfield industry.

The application deadline is February 15, 2012. For more information and to access application materials, please visit [www.nycbrownfieldpartnership.org/scholarships](http://www.nycbrownfieldpartnership.org/scholarships).

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## NYC Brownfield Partnership Offers a Pro-Bono Environmental Expert Referral Program

The NYC Brownfield Partnership, in collaboration with OER, has established a pro-bono environmental expert referral program. This service gives NYC land owners and developers access to free advice from experienced members of the environmental consulting industry, including scientists, engineers and attorneys, during the early stages of a new project.

To learn more about this service contact Sue Boyle at 856.608.6860 or [sboyle@nycbrownfieldpartnership.org](mailto:sboyle@nycbrownfieldpartnership.org).



## Registration Open: NPCR 4th Annual Brownfields Forum

New Partners for Community Revitalization (NPCR) will be hosting their 4th Annual Brownfields Forum on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

This event is open to the public and will feature:

- presentations on redevelopment priorities and emerging projects across New York State
- a first-ever BOA Expo
- a networking and awards reception following the forum

Registration is required. To register or to learn more, visit [www.npcr.net](http://www.npcr.net).



## Save the Date: 2012 Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop

The 2012 Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at John Jay College in New York City.

For more information visit [www.nscw.net](http://www.nscw.net).

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