



vitalizing communities. area, laying the foundation for redeveloping these sites and valuable understanding of the extent of brownfields in their have developed inventories of brownfields in order to gain a tax roles. In recent years communities across the country by way of viable jobs to local residents and to the community source of blight, these properties contribute little, if anything, underutilized, many with crumbling structures. Often a these properties are the ones that continue to sit idle and In spite of positive redevelopment trends in recent years,

- Former power and manufactured gas plants.
 - Factories, warehouses, and rail yards; and
- Abandoned gas and automotive service stations;

Brownfields represent a wide range of properties,

the businesses might have used. brownfield, or what types of materials, processing, or chemicals identifying the commercial activities that once occurred on a sites were first developed. As a result, few records may exist any regulations may have existed at the time many of these for permits and licenses that document onsite activities, hardly While developers and businesses today are required to apply communities like Jersey City, were developed so long ago. exists because so many of them, especially those in older urban a "brownfield". The uncertainty surrounding brownfields potential contamination alone can result in a site being labeled contaminated, it does not have to be. Just the perception of pollutant, or contaminant. While a brownfield may be the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by agenda, defines a brownfield as real property, the expansion, the agency responsible for setting the national environmental even realize it. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Most people encounter brownfields everyday and may not

What are Brownfields?

About the Project

Morris Canal Brownfield Inventory

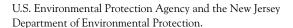
The Jersey City Redevelopment Agency (JCRA) has released the 2010 version of the Morris Canal Brownfield Inventory. Done in partnership with New Jersey City University and the City of Jersey City, and with grant funds from the New Jersey Association of Environmental Commissions, the inventory is a comprehensive catalogue of brownfield sites created for the Morris Canal Redevelopment Area, located in the Lafavette neighborhood of Jersey City. The purpose of the inventory is to provide easily accessible brownfields information regarding site location, potential contamination, cleanup efforts, and redevelopment plans to all interested parties, including residents, business owners and developers. It is hoped that providing this information will assist with attracting new investment in the Morris Canal Area, allowing for the revitalization of brownfield sites that are currently idle or underused.

The inventory was compiled with data from a variety of sources, including the NIDEP's Known Contaminated Site List (KCSL) Brownfield SiteMart, and local environmental site reports. Data for each site has been cross-referenced in a database in order to eliminate duplication and confusion, and is geo-referenced on maps utilizing Geographic Information System (GIS) technology thanks to land parcel data provided by the City. This new inventory, in conjunction with City and stakeholder vision, will be critical to the ongoing redevelopment to significant vacant and underutilized sites within the Morris Canal Redevelopment Area.

Any comments regarding the inventory, edits, additional information, etc. can be sent to the Agency via email at delisleb@jcnj.org or via mail to JCRA, Attn Ben Delisle, 30 Montgomery St., Suite 900, Jersey City, NJ, 07302.

What does this mean to me?

As the City's redevelopment agent, the JCRA is charged with overseeing and managing the City's redevelopment process. With a population of some 250,000 people, Jersey City needs to reuse previously developed space to provide land for housing, businesses, and recreation. Brownfields are a key component to the successful redevelopment of Jersey City. Many regulatory agencies also view brownfields as redevelopment opportunities and provide a range of funding opportunities for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and development. The JCRA has benefited from funding and technical assistance from agencies like the New Jersey Association of Environmental Commissions, the



Community involvement is a central component to the implementation of the JCRA's brownfield program. Area residents, property owners, businesses and other stakeholders will have opportunities to voice their concerns and will learn about the health risks of individual brownfield sites, cleanup methods, and property end uses at community meetings. Look for announcements of such meetings on the JCRA and City websites. in the local newspaper(s), and on local cable access (JC1). The JCRA welcomes public input from local community development corporations, neighborhood organizations, businesses, and residents to successfully redevelop brownfields throughout Jersey City. The development of the brownfields inventory and the map of the Morris Canal Redevelopment Area provide a mechanism to share pertinent environmental information with the community. Educated stakeholders will better understand, provide input and support the reuse of brownfields sites in their neighborhoods.

DEFINITIONS

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP): State environmental agency that provides funding and technical assistance for brownfields-related activities.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA): Federal environmental agency whose Brownfields Program provides funding and technical assistance for brownfields-related activities.

Brownfield Development Area (BDA): Initiative through which NJDEP partners with communities affected by multiple brownfields to design and implement remediation and reuse plans for these sites simultaneously.

Area(s) of Concern: Any existing or former location where hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, or pollutants are or were known or suspected to have been discharged, generated, manufactured, refined, transported, stored, handled, treated, disposed, or where hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, or pollutants have or may have migrated.

NJDEP Hudson County Chromate Chemical Production Waste Sites: NJDEP list of sites contaminated with chromite ore processing residue, also known as chromate waste. More than two million tons of waste was generated by three chromite ore-processing plants between 1905 and 1971 in northern New Jersey, two of which were in Jersey City. Chromate was used as fill in preparation for building foundations, roadway construction, filling of wetlands, and other construction and development projects. Further information is

available at the NJDEP Chromium Workgroup's website at http:// www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/chromium.

NJ Known Contaminated Sites List (KCSL): List that contains basic information on approximately 14,000 contaminated sites in the State of New Jersey. The report is prepared by NJDEP's Site Remediation Program and provides a list of sites where contaminatedsoil and/or groundwater has been confirmed.

NJDE P Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP): Program through which NJDEP works with responsible parties, developers, local officials, or individuals work to remediate non-priority contaminated sites that pose no immediate threat to human health or the environment. Under the VCP, a party conducting a cleanup enters into an agreement with NIDEP, called a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), to establish the scope of cleanup activities.

No Further Action Letter: A written determination by NIDEP that there are no discharged contaminants present at the site, at the area(s) of concern, or at any other site to which a discharge originating at the site has migrated, or that any discharged contaminants present at the site or that have migrated from the site have been remediated in accordance with applicable remediation regulations.

Unrestricted Use: Any remedial action for soil that does not require the continued use of either engineering or institutional control meet the established health risk or environmental standards.

Restricted Use: Any remedial action for soil that requires the continued use of engineering and institutional controls in order to meet the established health risk or environmental standards.

Deed Notice: A document that provides notice that: 1. the contamination on the real property exists at a level above the applicable unrestricted use soil remediation standards; 2. the restrictions to the applicable property due to contamination; and 3. the engineering controls applicable to the property.

Engineering Control: Any physical mechanism to contain or stabilize contamination or ensure the effectiveness of a remedial action, including caps, leachate collection systems, signs, fences, ground water monitoring systems, and ground water containment systems.

Institutional Control: A mechanism used to limit human activities at or near a contaminated site or to ensure the effectiveness of the remedial action over time, when contaminants remain at a site at levels above the applicable remediation standard that would allow for the unrestricted use of the property. Institutional controls $ma\boldsymbol{v}$ include use restrictions, well restriction areas, classification exception areas, and deed notices.

Classification Exemption Area (CEA): An area within which one or more constituent standards and designated uses are suspended.

SiteMart: New Jersey's online searchable database for brownfield properties found at http://www.njsitemart.com that allows users to search for available properties as well as add new properties to

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