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CALL FOR PAPERS!

"Brownfields . . . in the Black"

Phoenix Brownfields 2002 Conference
April 30, 2002
Phoenix Civic Plaza



The Phoenix Brownfields 2002 Conference is scheduled for April 30, 2002 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. We hope that by providing you the opportunity to help develop sessions for the conference agenda, we can present information that is beneficial and interesting for the participants.

The main goal of Phoenix Brownfields 2002 is to bring together information, experience and research to give conference participants greater knowledge and a greater ability to revitalize our city.

The conference will provide a forum for highlighting the strategies being implemented for the productive reuse of environmentally contaminated properties. Brownfields redevelopment requires not only environmental expertise, but also involvement from the financial, regulatory and business community. Given the economic and social benefits of brownfields redevelopment, there is a need for understanding what makes brownfields redevelopment successful.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted no later than Dec. 21. Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described. If accepted, the paper will be presented at the conference.

Schedule

- Submit Abstract (300 words): **Dec. 21, 2001**
- Notification of Selection: **Jan. 30, 2002**
- Submission of Final Paper: **March 30, 2002**

Papers are invited on the following topics and others that fall within the area of redevelopment of environmentally challenged properties.

Suggested Topics

Development Issues
Real Estate Issues
Legal Issues
Case Studies
Cleanup Technologies
Risk Management
Future Land Use
Landfill Reuse
Transportation Aspects
Community and Public Involvement
Regulations & Planning
Financial and Insurance Aspects
Interdisciplinary Approaches
Public Health Issues

Submission

- **Via e-mail** to rsanchez@ci.phoenix.az.us
- **By Fax:** 602-534-0795 to Rosanne Sanchez
- **By Mail:** Mail two copies of your abstract to: Rosanne Sanchez, Brownfields Project Manager, Office of Environmental Programs, City of Phoenix, 200 W. Washington St., 14th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003

As an added benefit, our intent is to seek legal and real estate continuing education credits for attendees. If you have any questions or want to discuss ideas, call Rosanne at 602-256-3452.

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Call for Projects

Phoenix is considering an application for Supplemental Assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for grant funding to enhance the existing program. Funds may be used for environmental investigations, such as Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments.

If you own a brownfields site, are considering relocating to a brownfields site or purchasing a brownfields site, contact our program. There may be an opportunity to include your project in our submittal to EPA. To meet the deadline, contact Rosanne at 602-256-3452, no later than Nov. 19, 2001.

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Projects in Progress

East Washington Fluff site 443 E. Buckeye Road

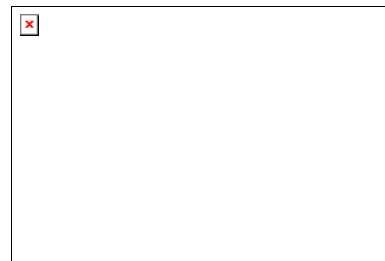
The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has completed the Early Response Action at this site and has removed all existing surface piles of auto shredder fluff, solid waste and debris. In addition, the ADEQ Underground Storage Tank Correction Section removed three 2,000 gallon USTs from the property. A protective cap of clean soil and gravel has been placed over the entire site. Removing the waste and capping the site eliminates the immediate health risk from direct contact with the lead and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated soils.

ADEQ has begun preparation of the workplan for the Remedial Investigation of the site. The information gathered in the Remedial Investigation will be used to develop the final remedy for the site.

A Community Advisory Board is being formed for the site and participation is being encouraged. If you are interested in providing input and advising ADEQ and the public of issues and concerns related to the cleanup of the site, contact Alexandra Zavala at 602-207-4410 or via e-mail at aaz@ev.state.az.us.



View of 20' pile of auto shredder fluff
Before

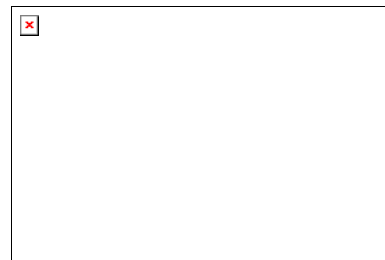


View looking from Buckeye Road south
after placement of cap
After

Former Deer Valley Enterprises, Inc. site 2052 N. 27th Ave.

This former industrial site appears to have been abandoned by its owner of record since the early 1990s. The two-acre property is in a blighted condition with suspected environmental concerns.

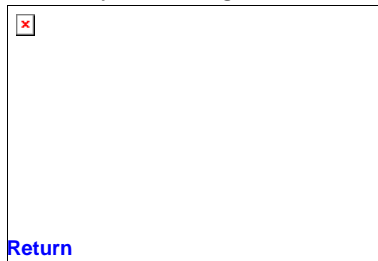
Because of a long history of industrial usage, possible heavy metals and solvents may



be present in surface soils, in addition to underground storage tanks. The site also is financially encumbered by a significant amount of past due property taxes.

Prospective purchasers interested in redeveloping the site have approached the city for assistance. To make redevelopment possible, the city has applied for assistance from the ADEQ to conduct environmental investigations on the site and is working with Maricopa County to facilitate resolution of the tax issues for interested parties.

View of dilapidated building on site



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View of truck storage on site

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Brownfields bill buried

The Brownfields bill, H.R. 2869, was pulled from the House calendar after a dispute over labor wage rates in the Davis-Bacon Act. The bill most likely will not see further action until next year. Labor officials wanted the EPA to clarify in writing that the 1931 Davis-Bacon Act applied to all programs under the bill.

H.R. 2869 combined two separate bills:

S. 350, a brownfields bill passed by the Senate by 99-0 in April; and, H.R. 1831, a Superfund liability measure passed by the House 419-0 in May. H.R. 2869 would have authorized up to \$250 million per year for five years to clean up industrial sites, while at the same time transferring some of the oversight authority from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the states. In addition, the bill would have limited the liability of small business owners and others that contributed minimal amounts of waste to a Superfund site.

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Recap of National 2001 Brownfields conference



"Brownfields 2001: Restoring the Environment, Revitalizing Communities," was held Sept. 24-26 in Chicago. Attendance was more than 2,000. Donn Stoltzfus, environmental programs specialist with the city of Phoenix, presented a paper on "Coordination Among State and Local Governments to Implement Sustainable Environmental Land Use Controls."

Conference sessions were offered under four major categories, including Brownfields Basics, Leveraging Resources through Partnerships, Making it Happen, and Creating Value and Sustainability. In addition, small group roundtable dialogues on specific brownfields topics were held to share ideas.

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Phoenix participates in Western Regional Deal Flow conference

The city of Phoenix participated as an exhibitor in this conference that was presented to stimulate brownfield transactions and "dealmaking." The event was an opportunity to meet property owners, capital sources, service professionals and representatives from the public sector who are redeveloping brownfields in the western region of the United States.

The National Brownfields Association sponsored the event on Nov. 8 in Long Beach, CA.

For additional information on the NBA, visit the Web site at www.brownfieldcentral.com.

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"Reclaiming America's cities" video series

The city of Phoenix was chosen as an example of a successful brownfields program and an interview with Rosanne Sanchez was included in the video series. John W. Sutherlin, Ph.D., Urban Waste Management & Research Center, University of New Orleans, is preparing this video series highlighting the challenges of brownfields redevelopment. Dr. Sutherlin previously completed a series on solid waste and water management that was broadcast on PBS television stations. The series should be completed in Summer 2002.

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News around the city of Phoenix

Rio Salado Interim Zoning Overlay

(RSIO) District

The proposed RSIO District boundaries are I-17/I-10 on the north, 32nd Street on the east, 300 feet south of Broadway Road on the south and 19th Avenue on the west. The purpose of the RSIO District is to protect the investment in and maximize the benefits of the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Project.

The overlay district is designed to control open, outdoor land uses and other uses in order to have a positive impact on the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Project and add to the long-term value of adjacent land. The proposed plan is going through a public comment process.

For additional information, contact the city's Planning Department at 602-262-7131.

Light Rail Transit Project



If you'd like to know more about the Valley's future light rail transit system, visit the newly improved Web site at www.valleyconnections.com.

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Brownfields news from across the country

- **Road Map to Understanding Innovative Technology Options for Brownfields Investigation and Cleanup, Third Edition (EPA 542-B- 01-001)**. This report, published by the U.S. EPA Technology Innovation Office, includes 91 new and updated resources, an easy to navigate list of the 150 resources referenced in the document, and one-page spotlight discussions on topics impacting technology decisions at brownfields sites. View or download at www.brownfieldstsc.org or call 1-800-490-9198.
- **Righting the Wrong: A Model Plan for Environmental Justice in Brownfields Redevelopment**, outlines steps that local entities can take toward developing successful policies and practices to address existing environmental justice issues to avoid future instances. The guide is published by the International City/County Manager's Association and is available through the online bookstore at bookstore.icma.org.
- **Sept. 2 - 4, 2002 - Brownfields 2002 - International Conference on Prevention, Assessment, Rehabilitation and Development of Brownfields Sites - Cadiz, Spain**. Organized by Wessex Institute of Technology, UK and University of Cadiz, Spain. Brownfields 2002 will provide an international forum for highlighting the problems facing the international engineering, business and scientific community in terms of the decrease of available new land for development purposes. For further details visit www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2002/brownfields02/.
- **The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: EPA expects to select up to 38 additional National assessment pilots by April 2002**. States, political subdivisions (including cities, towns and counties), and federally recognized Indian tribes that have an interest in environmentally sound redevelopment of brownfields are invited to apply. All proposals must be postmarked by USPS or delivered at U.S. EPA Headquarters by other means, no later than Dec. 31, 2001. View the Web site at www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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