

# Brownfields BULLETIN

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City of Phoenix Brownfields Land Recycling Program

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We'll be completing our first year of the Brownfields Land Recycling Program this month and are pleased to report that we've accomplished many of our goals. We want to continue to serve your needs and encourage you to let us know what we can do better in the coming year.

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## News

### EPA's Brownfields 98 Conference A Success

Brownfields is still one of the hottest topics around! Los Angeles was the place to be in November. More than 2,000 attended the three-day conference and were educated on liability issues, insurance products, regulatory issues and funding opportunities. It was a great place to meet with the people that are making brownfields redevelopment a reality. Our "Brownfields in Arizona" exhibit booth was overwhelmed by requests for information on the Phoenix, Tucson and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality programs. Contact Maureen Matin, (520) 791-5093, for information on the city of Tucson program and Amanda Carr, (602) 207-4109, on the ADEQ program.

## Project Profile

### 19th Avenue & Greenway Project

The Barclay Group, a customer of the city's program, is busy working on the development of an ABCO shopping center. The property, located on a closed landfill site, requires special construction design.

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## Program Services

The services offered to each brownfields customer are designed to address the needs of each specific project. If a developer brings a site to the program, we provide a single point-of-contact to facilitate services that are required from various city departments. The project is given priority access as a designated brownfields project.

From a property owner's perspective, they may require assistance in understanding how to handle environmental issues on the site, from assessing the problem to remediation. Facilitating interaction with ADEQ, locating consultants, helping the owner to market the property and assisting in accessing available funding are some of the services that are available.

Typical brownfields in target area:

- Privately owned
- Five acres is average size
- Abandoned, significant tax liens
- Historical uses:
  - sand and gravel operations
  - auto recycling/salvage yards
  - manufacturing
  - marginal business operations

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## Federal Tax Incentive for Environmental Remediation Costs

The IRS has issued guidelines for making election to deduct environmental remediation costs. Taxpayers are permitted to deduct qualified expenses for environmental cleanups. The election must be made on or before the due date (including extensions) for filing the return for the year in which the qualified expenditures are paid or incurred. The guidelines are effective for qualified environmental remediation expenses paid or incurred after Aug. 5, 1997.

The taxpayer must receive a statement from the ADEQ that the property is a qualified contaminated site in Arizona. For assistance, contact Amanda Carr, ADEQ, (602) 207-4109.

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## Rio Salado Project spurs brownfields redevelopment



The Phoenix Rio Salado Project covers a five-mile stretch along the Salt River between the I-10 bridge east of 24th Street to 19th Avenue. The project involves the creation of a 550-acre desert riparian habitat that will attract birds and wildlife to the river. A series of trails, some of them open to bicycles and horses, would allow visitors to tour the river banks. The project is being completed in partnership with the Corps of Engineers.

The "Beyond the Banks" project is the development of areas immediately adjacent to the Salt River. Due to historical uses of these land areas, it is anticipated that brownfields will be discovered. There could be an opportunity for property owners and prospective developers to be an integral part of this exciting project.

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## Phoenix Brownfields Conference in 1999

We are in the planning phase for a city of Phoenix-focused brownfields conference on April 29, 1999. Our goal is to present topics that are of interest to local developers, real estate firms, property owners and business owners. We'd like to hear from you. If you have any interest in presenting a new product or service specific to brownfields or simply have some ideas on topics, please contact our office.

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