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ACRES Training

The Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) is an online database for Brownfields Grantees to electronically submit data directly to EPA. The use of this system is mandatory for all FY2006 & FY2007 grantees but is now open for use by all current grantees. Go to the [ACRES Information page](#) for access to the database.

Online training is available every other month at the following times:

- Tuesday, November 13 at 4 PM EST

Go to the [Online ACRES Training page](#) to register for this training.



"The Business of Brownfields" '08
April 17 & 18, 2008
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, PA

The Foremost Technical Conference addressing Brownfields Development.

The Call for Papers is now open. Visit the [Conference page](#) for details.



Brownfields 2008 Conference

The next National Brownfields Conference is scheduled for May 5 – 7, 2008 at Detroit Cobo Center, Detroit, MI.

- Conference registration is now open. Go to the [registration page](#) to register now!
- A list of [Mobile Workshops](#) is now available. Online registration for the mobile workshops and walking tours will open soon, so be sure to check back for more information.
- [Poster Gallery & Competition](#) ideas are now being accepted. The deadline for submission is **January 4, 2008.**
- Become an endorser for Brownfields 2008. Endorsers are companies, organizations and agencies that officially acknowledge the conference as a premier national brownfields event. Go to the [Endorsers page](#) learn more.



Watershed Connections: Free Training for Municipal Boards and Concerned Citizens

Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA), Mass Audubon, and the Campaign are offering a series of workshops for watershed residents, municipal volunteers and town staff. All workshops include FREE training units from the MACC "fundamentals" classes for Conservation Commissioners!

The next workshop will be held as the TRWA's Annual Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, **November 7th** at 7:00 pm in the First Parish Church, Taunton, MA. This year's speaker will be Heidi Ricci, Senior Policy Analyst with Mass Audubon. Heidi will present "[Shaping the Future of Your Community: A Citizen's Guide to Involvement in Community Planning, Land Protection and Project Review in Massachusetts.](#)"

Program details are available on the [TRWA website](#).

To RSVP, please call the TRWA office at The River Center: 508-828-1101 or email: director@savethetaunton.org



Massachusetts Brownfields Tax Credit Seminars

MassDevelopment (in partnership with MassDEP and other state agencies) is sponsoring a series of 7 workshops in September, October and November. The last two are:

- **October 30 – Boston**
- **November 13 – Worcester**

The main focus of the workshops is to get the word out about the Brownfields Tax Credit Program. A secondary purpose will be to have state agencies give brief updates on their programs. MassDEP and MassDevelopment will be represented by our regional offices. They will be joined by the Attorney General's Office, MassDOR and MassBusiness. Go to the [announcement](#) for more information. Click [here](#) for directions to these events.

The 2007 Massachusetts Smart Growth/Smart Energy Conference

December 7, 2007
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
DCU Center in Worcester

Registration materials will be mailed out in November. Additional information will soon be available at: <http://www.mass.gov/smartgrowth>

Hosted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the MA Chapter of the American Planning Association in partnership with the Urban Land Institute and the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

Environmentally Sound Sustainable Practices Webpage

For information on how EPA New England supports strategies which result in adopting more environmentally sustainable practices, go to the [EPA New England Environmentally Sound Sustainable Practices page](#).

SMARTe

The beta version of the [SMARTe](#) website is now online. Sustainable Management Approaches and Revitalization Tools – electronic (SMARTe) is an open-source, web-based, decision support system for developing and evaluating future reuse scenarios for potentially contaminated land. SMARTe contains guidance and analysis tools for all aspects of the revitalization process including planning, environmental, economic, and social concerns.



NBA Massachusetts Presents: The Greening of Brownfields

November 8, 2007
2:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Northern Essex Community College's Tech Center
100 Elliot Street, Haverhill, MA

Keynote address: **Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray** and **Mayor James Fiorentini**, City of Haverhill, Chapter President

View available brownfields properties in the Haverhill area, listen to local developers and municipalities share their redevelopment experiences, and network over refreshments and hors d'oeuvres!

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Members: FREE*
Non-Members: \$45
Government Rate: \$25

If you have questions about this event or the Massachusetts Chapter, contact Jessica Brandt at 773-714-0407 x 23 or jessicab@brownfieldassociation.org
* Member dues must be current.

Grant Management Training for Non-Profit Applicants and Recipients

A new pilot [Grant Management Training for Non-Profit Applicants and Recipients](#) has been designed to introduce grant recipients and applicant communities to EPA's grant requirements and how to find and apply for grant opportunities. Stay Exempt is an IRS training program that provides the tools and knowledge to help keep organization's exempt status intact. It consists of five interactive courses, which you can take individually and in any order.

EPA Community Energy Challenge

EPA is challenging all New England communities to save money and reduce air pollution by assessing their energy use, taking action to improve energy efficiency, and seeking out renewable energy choices. EPA will provide technical assistance to every community that chooses to [Take the Challenge!](#)

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