



TARGETED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT FORMER BECKLEY LANDFILL

Beckley, WV

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SITE INFO/BACKGROUND

The City of Beckley owns the site consisting of approximately twenty acres. Located off Jersey Avenue in the southeastern section of Beckley, West Virginia, it has a prominent location near Interstate 64/77 and adjacent to the newly constructed East Beckley Bypass. About twelve acres on a ridgeline above Piney Creek were utilized as the city's landfill from the mid-1940s to the early 1970s.

Trees and undergrowth now cover vast sections of the former landfill site; however, remnants of the former landfill, including steel/metal waste materials and miscellaneous plastic and non-degradable constituents, are visible. The City of Beckley's Public Works Department currently utilizes portions of the property outside of the former landfill area for equipment and bulk material storage.



What is a Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA)

EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program provides technical assistance to states, communities and non-profit organizations, to minimize the uncertainties of contamination on brownfield sites. EPA, at no charge to the community, will characterize a brownfield to determine the nature and extent of contamination. The assessment will be conducted by environmental consultants currently under contract with EPA. Results are provided to the community to assist them in redevelopment planning. The site must be known to be contaminated or suspected to be contaminated with hazardous substances.

For more information on TBAs or to request a TBA:

DETAILS OF EPA'S SITE ACTIVITIES

A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment is expected to be completed for the site in 2016. Phase II ESA sampling will be conducted in late spring 2016, after completion of the Phase I report, to determine potential recreational reuse options.

The following Recognized Environmental Conditions (REC) were identified: TBD.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

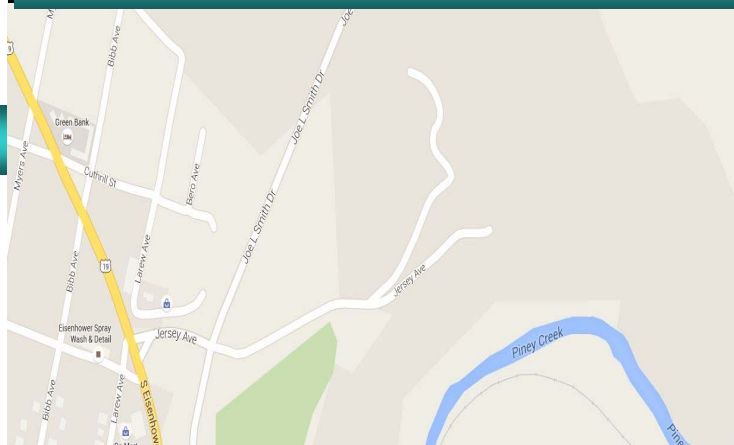
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bf-lr/technicalassistance.html>

Information on EPA's Brownfields program and Brownfields grant information can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bf-lr/bfeligibility.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

MAP



REPORT/INVESTIGATION FINDINGS

The estimated completion date for Phase I activities is 2016.

REUSE/REVITALIZATION DETAILS

The City is considering multiple recreational opportunities as part of a municipal park, including walking/hiking trails connecting to other trail systems in the region; a scenic overlook of Piney Creek; access to the historical Piney Creek grist-mill site (originally owned/operated by City namesake Alfred Beckley); and picnic areas and related green space for public and small-scale agriculture use.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What is a Brownfield?

A: Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Q: Who is eligible to apply for a TBA?

A: EPA assistance will be offered for sites where control and ownership issues are not an impediment, and there are strong commitments to clean up and redevelop the site. The site should currently be publicly owned, or will eventually be publicly owned, either directly or by a municipality through a quasi-public entity such as a redevelopment authority or industrial development corporation. A nonprofit entity (e.g., a community development corporation) may also apply for assistance as long as the nonprofit or a municipality owns the site.

Q: What kind of technical assistance is provided in a TBA?

A: Generally, a Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental site assessment. EPA can also provide analysis for risk assessment to potential contaminants and recommendations for site cleanup.