



# RR REPORT



A Bi-Monthly Update from the WDNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

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## Update on Green Space & Public Facilities Grants

Due to these unprecedented economic times, the DNR may be unable to award any additional Brownfield Green Space and Public Facilities Grants this year. As soon as final decisions are made regarding this biennium's budget issues for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), contained in the recently passed budget adjustment bill, we will let you know. In the meantime, DNR staff will be working with existing applicants to determine if another grant or loan program could assist their projects.

The Green Space & Facilities Grant Program has not been eliminated, and may receive funding in future state budgets. However, the on-going economic situation may also impact the availability of these grants in the upcoming biennium. For now, DNR will be keeping the Green Space grant applications we have received, and will let applicants know of any changes in our budget situation after July 1, 2009. If funding does become available next biennium, communities which have submitted an application would not have to "re-apply." The DNR would likely ask for a letter from the community stating its continued interest, and providing an update of any new information since the grant was submitted.

Federal cleanup funding is available through the RR Program's Ready for Reuse Loan and Grant Program, which may be able to fund some of the cleanup projects that hoped to use the state's Green Space grant funding. To learn more about the Ready for Reuse program, please contact Jessica Milz ([jessica.milz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jessica.milz@wisconsin.gov) or 608-267-6743) or visit the following web site:

[dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/epa\\_revolvingloan.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/epa_revolvingloan.html)

Further, the DNR may be receiving brownfields stimulus funds from the federal government in the near future to assist with clean-up projects (learn more here: [dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/listserv/09/02-26-09.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/listserv/09/02-26-09.pdf)).

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