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Illinois EPA Encourages Participation in Free Brownfield Resources Workshop

Identifies Resources for Revitalizing Communities.

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is encouraging interested individuals and groups to attend an upcoming workshop to gain information and resources for redeveloping brownfields. The free brownfields resources workshop is being presented by the Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program at Kansas State University, in partnership with the Illinois EPA and Indiana Brownfields Program. The workshop is designed to assist communities in identifying the resources and opportunities available to resolve environmental and redevelopment issues often associated with brownfields properties.

The free workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (CST) at the Danville Area Community College Auditorium, 2000 East Main Street, Danville, IL. The workshop is recommended for any local/regional government officials, economic and community development organizations, not-for-profits, community groups, real estate developers, commercial real estate brokers, lenders and others working to promote economic development in eastern Illinois and western Indiana. Attendance includes a free lunch, but advanced registration is required. Online registration and workshop materials can be found at: www.ksutab.org/education/workshops. For assistance with registration, please contact Sheree Walsh with Kansas State University at chsr@ksu.edu or 785-532-6519.

Brownfields are abandoned or under-used industrial and commercial properties with actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment. The Illinois EPA Remedial Project Management Section manages the brownfields loan programs and offers technical support to communities through the services of its Brownfields Representatives. Because the process to return brownfields properties to productive use can be complicated, local governments may lack the expertise and resources necessary to identify funding, negotiate property transactions, perform environmental investigations and cleanups, and resolve legal concerns. Illinois EPA representatives regularly assist communities in taking on these properties for redevelopment. More information is available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/cleanup-programs/brownfields/Pages/default.aspx>

The Resources for Revitalizing Your Community workshop is being hosted by the Vermilion County Health Department in partnership with Illinois EPA and Indiana Brownfields Programs. The event is made possible by funding provided by the U.S. EPA.

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