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Looking ahead...

January 2012: [EPA Workforce Development and Job Training Grant request for proposals](#) will be issued.

January 19, 2012: National Q&A session for all Potential Multi-Purpose Pilot Applicants, 11:00 am MST - 12:00 pm MST. Call-in at 1-866-299-3188 / code 202 566 2773.

February 2-4, 2012: [Smart Growth Conference](#), San Diego, CA.

February 6-10, 2012: [Alaska Forum on the Environment](#), Anchorage, AK.

February 10, 2012: [EPA Multipurpose Brownfields Grant](#) deadline.

February 29, 2012: [EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants](#) deadline.

Winter/Spring 2012: [EPA Area-wide Planning Grant](#) request for proposals will be issued.

May 15-17, 2013: Save the Date - [National Brownfields Conference](#), Atlanta, GA.



Western Brownfields Project Highlights



Gold Hill Mesa's New WaterSense Home, Colorado Springs, Colorado

- Colorado's first [WaterSense labeled home](#) was built at Gold Hill Mesa, a residential development just west of downtown Colorado Springs constructed on a capped mine tailings pile. To help with the cleanup at the site and a nearby creek, the developer used a \$3.25 million loan from the [Colorado Coalition Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund](#).
- The first phase of construction now underway on an infill project in Murray, UT, was made possible by the cleanup of the former Simpson Steel site under [Utah's Voluntary Cleanup Program](#). Read more about the [former brick factory redevelopment](#).

San Francisco created a [New "Green" Project at Mission Bay Community](#). The now completed Mission Bay Drive and Circle in San Francisco was jump started by a \$760,000 Stimulus Brownfields grant from the [California Department of Toxic Substances Control](#).

- McGrath Native Village Council in Alaska plans to open the [new McGrath Community Center](#) with energy efficient designs. After a fire in 2006 burned the Tribal Hall to the ground, the [Alaska Department of Environment Conservation](#) provided a Brownfields assessment of the site in 2008.
- Missoula's [Old Sawmill District Cleanup](#) is almost complete. Wood waste from the cleanup will be composted and reused onsite for landscaping. Concrete waste will be reused as fill material onsite. EPA Recovery Act funds were used via an \$833,000 grant from the [City of Missoula's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund](#) to clean extensive wood waste and methane at the property.
- City of [East Palo Alto Cleans up Cooley Landing Toxic Dump to Create Bayfront Nature Park](#). On December 5, 2011, the City of East Palo Alto, together with the EPA, California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and other partners broke ground to clean up and restore an eighty-year old toxic burn dump to create a new nine-acre bayfront nature park.
- Read the [State and Tribal Response Program Highlights](#) including updates on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's Response Program, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Response Program, and the Washington Department of Ecology Response Program (p. 2-3).
- Plans for using [Templeton Gap Landfill as a community solar garden](#) are underway in Colorado Springs. The Colorado Brownfields Foundation manages the site and has been working to find a reuse for the landfill site for about five years. EPA conducted a [targeted brownfields assessment](#) on the property and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) provided [technical assistance](#) with creating a financial model for redeveloping the site with renewable energy.



Gas flare measuring methane at the Templeton Gap Landfill, Colorado

Brownfields Anniversary: Ten years ago today on January 11, 2002, President Bush signed the [Brownfields Law](#) which has led to widespread [environmental and economic benefits](#) throughout our communities.

In the spirit of flexibility and ensuring that communities can reclaim brownfields in a timely manner, EPA is piloting a new [Multi-purpose Grant](#) program that will provide a single grant to an eligible entity for both assessment and cleanup work at a specific brownfield site. Proposals are due February 10, 2012.

EPA will also solicit [Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant](#) proposals in late January 2012 in anticipation of awarding \$3 million in the spring.

The 2012 outlook for [EPA Brownfields funding](#) appears relatively consistent with 2011 funding. Read this discussion and more on the [LinkedIn Western Brownfields Wire](#) discussion page.