Township of Woodbridge Brownfield Development Area Fact Sheet

Honorable John E. McCormac, Mayor January 1, 2009



A brownfield is defined as any former or current commercial or industrial site that is currently vacant or underutilized and on which there has been, or there is suspected to have been, a discharge of a contaminant to the environment. Accordingly, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Brownfield Remediation and Reuse Element has established a Brownfields Development Area (BDA) initative in order to work with selected communities affected by multiple brownfield sites to design and implement remediation and reuse plans for these properties simultaneously. The BDA approach enables remediation and reuse to occur in a coordinated fashion. In the process, various stakeholders, including owners of contaminated properties, potentially responsible parties, developers, community groups, technical experts for the local government and residents, and residents themselves, are able to participate in the cleanup and revitalization approach.

Recently, the Township of Woodbridge has conducted a redevelopment study within the Keasbey section of township and has identified several properties in need of redevelopment. In order to streamline the revitalization of this area through remediation and reuse of the properties, the Township of Woodbridge wishes to seek a BDA award from the NJDEP.



Proposed BDA Properties

Former El Paso Property – 163 Acres The Morris Properties – 26 Acres Portions of the Hatco Facility – 80 Acres The Praxair Facility – 46 Acres The Gentempo Property – 18 Acres The Public Works Facility – 16 Acres Several Township Owned Parcels – 12 Acres

If the Township is successful in having this area designated as a BDA, entering into this voluntary program will allow for the Township of Woodbridge, in conjunction with responsible parties, developers, environmental groups or individuals may work with the NJDEP to remediate the contaminated sites. The nonbinding agreement, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), allows the Township to establish the scope and schedule of remedial activities. Additional benefits include access to various grants from the NJDEP up to \$5,000,000 per year and coordinated remediation oversight from a single NJDEP case manager.

For further information regarding Brownfields or the BDA Initiative please visit the following resources:

http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/brownfields/ or http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/brownfields/bda/

If you still have comments or questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact:



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