



**CITY OF JANESVILLE**  
*Wisconsin's Park Place*

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**You're Invited!**

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**What:** Interactive public meeting to guide Janesville's Comprehensive Brownfields Program

**When:** Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 6:00pm

**Where:** Municipal Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Council Chambers Room #417  
18 N. Jackson Street, Janesville, WI 53548

**Questions:** Contact Al Hulick, City of Janesville, 608-755-3059

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The City of Janesville cordially invites you to an important and interactive meeting to help guide our new brownfields program. A "brownfield" property is one where expansion, redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence, or potential presence, of contamination or pollution. As a result, brownfield properties often sit vacant or are underutilized and can begin to take on a blighted appearance. To help combat these problems, the City was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency to create an inventory of potential brownfield sites and to conduct environmental assessments on those deemed to be a priority.

**This is where you come in.** To help ensure that our Brownfields Program provides the greatest benefits to the community, we need you and your neighbors to help us identify the primary community issues that should be addressed by the program. Community issues may include concerns related to the natural or physical environment, or social and economic concerns. The meeting will include interactive exercises where community members will work individually and with each other to identify and prioritize community issues.

The issues identified at the meeting will be used to help the City select properties for environmental assessments to determine whether contaminants are present and, if so, to what extent. This is a critical first step toward their ultimate clean-up (where necessary) and redevelopment. Further, our newly-established Health Monitoring Committee will develop tracking mechanisms to measure how the redevelopment of brownfield sites is actually impacting the identified community issues.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and hearing your ideas. Additional information about our Comprehensive Brownfields Program can be found on our website at [www.ci.janesville.wi.us](http://www.ci.janesville.wi.us). From the homepage, click on "Departments & Services" and select "Community Development" from the pull down menu. Then from the menu on the left-hand side of the page, click on "Redevelopment Program."

# **Janesville Comprehensive Brownfields Program**

Public Meeting Agenda

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm

Janesville City Council Chambers

## **Agenda**

1. Introduction
  - a. Brief overview of the brownfields program
  - b. Brief, general description of the focus areas
  - c. Description of how the community issues relate to the program
  - d. Definition of what community issues are/could be
2. Individual identification of primary community issues
  - a. Participants will individually review list of community issues, add to them, and select their priorities
3. Group determination of primary community issues
  - a. Participants will sit in small groups, and jointly determine 6-7 primary community issues
  - b. Groups share back their results with all meeting participants
4. Narrowing of primary community issues
  - a. Small group rankings will be placed for everyone to see and select from according to their preference. The top 5-6 issues will be the focus for grant efforts, HMC efforts. The PMT and City staff will score brownfield sites according to primary community issues

## **Supplies needed:**

- Individual selection sheets
- Pencils/pens
- Large post-it paper
- Dots
- Ppt presentation including previous Plan covers, definition of brownfields, and basic program information
- Markers and pencils
- Comment box