



Seneca Nation of Indians  
Environmental Protection  
Department

**SNI EPD  
Brownfields  
Tribal Response  
Program**

**WHAT ARE BROWNFIELDS?**

**Definition:** Real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

(Public Law 107-118 (H.R. 2869) - "Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act)

**HOW DO I RECOGNIZE A POTENTIAL BROWNFIELD?**

Brownfields sites can include land or buildings containing asbestos, mold or other pollutants; former industrial and commercial sites such as gas stations, dry cleaning facilities, landfills and junkyards.



**WHY ARE BROWNFIELDS IMPORTANT?**

- Reduce exposure of hazardous substances found at these sites;
- Reuse rather than waste valuable infrastructure and space;
- Revitalize neighborhoods;
- Provide opportunity for housing, commercial/industrial employment.
- Increase land values for site and nearby properties.
- Improve quality of soil and groundwater at the site.



**WHO DO WE CONTACT?**

Begin with the SNI Environmental Protection Department Brownfields Tribal Response Program!

**WHAT IS A TRP?**

The Four Elements of a Brownfields Tribal Response Program are:

- 1.) Timely Survey and Inventory of Brownfield Sites;
- 2.) Oversight and enforcement authority or other mechanisms and resources;
- 3.) To provide a meaningful opportunity for public participation;
- 4.) Approval of cleanup and verification, certification that cleanups are complete.

All identified sites are listed as "Public Record on the SNI EPD webpage. This will allow easy access to information that describes what response actions were taken in previous years and those scheduled for the coming year, and whether or not the site will be suitable for unrestricted use. The public record routinely updated and is also available at our office.



**WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE TRP?**

To work with the community for the protection of SNI natural resources. An important part of this program is inspection of illegal or abandoned sites that may contain solid or hazardous substances. Many of these site are identified through knowledge from the community and databases.

Upon identifying a potential brownfields site, the TRP works toward assessment, cleanup and redevelopment. During this process the public is encourage to participate in decision making.



# BROWNFIELDS and POTENTIAL BROWNFIELDS NEAR YOU !!!



## LOCATION:

Former Consolidated Rail Yard.  
20 Atlantic Street Salamanca, NY

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION:

Petroleum impacted soil and elevated levels of arsenic in soil.

## RESPONSE ACTION:

- Phase 1 and 2 Environmental Site Assessment Completed;
- Bioremediation cell was constructed for the petroleum impacted soil.



## LOCATION:

Former Philadelphia Furniture Manufacturing Company/ Fancher Furn.  
123-125 Rochester Street  
Salamanca, NY

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION:

Possible soil contamination from hazardous waste, asbestos, lead paint.

## RESPONSE ACTION:

Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment completed. Phase 2 ESA scheduled for spring 2013.



## LOCATION:

Buffalo Road, Loomis Site, Irving, NY

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION:

PCB and heavy metal contamination from historic transformer salvage operation

## Response Action:

Removal Assessment Sampling completed by US EPA Response & Prevention Branch.



If you would like to know more information about the Brownfields Program, please contact the SNI EPD Brownfields Program Manager.

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