

## Free Environmental Site Assessments!!!

The communities of Pawtucket, Central Falls and Cumberland, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) are pleased to announce the Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program. The TBA program is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and administered through the Department's Office of Waste Management.

**What is a Brownfield?** A Brownfield Site is real property which does or *may* have the actual or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.

**Who is Eligible?** Property owners and prospective purchasers in Pawtucket, Central Falls and Cumberland with special consideration given to property owners along or adjacent to Broad Street.

**What does it Cost?** NOTHING.

**What is Paid For?** An assessment of the level (if any) of contamination of your property. There are two levels of assessment – a Phase I is the preliminary assessment based upon historic use of the property and the Phase II is a more in-depth assessment which may be conducted when the Phase I indicates that it is necessary and includes collection of environmental samples. The TBA report will also provide a cost estimate for the proposed remediation.

**Does this mean my property is subject to RIDEM oversight?** The Phase I environmental assessment does not require any further action on your part. It is for your information only. The Phase II investigation does require that if contamination is found, it be reported to RIDEM within 15 days and that remediation eventually be completed. **Completing the Phase I does not mean that you are required to move forward with the Phase II.**

**What are the benefits of having an Environmental Assessment?** This program could benefit anyone looking to sell their property, refinance or to buy property. Banks often require these types of environmental assessments before agreeing to provide financing and this program is offering those free of charge.

**How do I apply?** Applications will be available starting September 1, 2009. If you would like one please contact Susan Mara ([401-724-5200](tel:401-724-5200)/[maras@psdri.net](mailto:maras@psdri.net)). The first round of applications will be due October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. After that date, applications may be considered on a rolling basis, depending upon funding availability.

