

# BROOKE HANCOCK JEFFERSON BROWNFIELDS NEWSLETTER

## Weirton receives \$300,000 in federal funds to develop master plan for Frontier site



On Oct. 11, the U.S. Economic Development Administration announced that 1,100 acres of former ArcelorMittal property in Weirton was among eight projects in West Virginia to receive a total of \$8.3 million in federal funds. The Business Development Corp. of the Northern Panhandle will receive \$300,000 to prepare a development plan to repurpose the property, which was purchased by the Frontier Group of Companies earlier this year. U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Economic Development Administration Acting Head Dennis Alvord attended the presentation ceremony, which was held in Elkins.

The BDC, in partnership with the City of Weirton, will collaborate with the Frontier Group to prepare a master planned development for targeted industry clusters.

According to estimates from the group, the efforts could create anywhere from 500 to 2,500 new jobs and spur between \$50 million and \$2 billion in private investment.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Nov. 8 – Ohio River Corridor Development Conference (WV-OH-PA), East Liverpool (OH) Country Club. Columbiana Port Auth. [ccpa-ohioriver.com](http://ccpa-ohioriver.com)**
- **Nov. 14 – 2017 BAD Buildings Summit, Brownfields Asst. Center, Morgantown [wvbrownfields.org](http://wvbrownfields.org)**
- **Dec. 5-7 – National Brownfields Training Conference, David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh [brownfields2017.org](http://brownfields2017.org)**

## Hatfield McCoy recreational trail wins award at WV-Central Appalachia Brownfields conference

Jeffrey Lusk, Executive Director of the Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority received a WV Brownfields Award for Economic Development at the September WV and Central Appalachian Brownfields Conference. The Hatfield McCoy trails are open 365 days a year, attracting ATVs, dirt bikes, and utility vehicles tourism to nine coal-impacted Southern WV counties.

At the end of the event, the Office of Land and Emergency Management Grants and Funding released the FY18 Guidelines for the Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund Grants. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 16.

## Task Force Meeting Update

The Brownfields Task Force met Oct. 11 at the BHJ office, with Barb Zimnox presiding. Ms. Zimnox reported that RFPs have been accepted and interviews for engineering consultant services for the BH FY2017 brownfields assessment grant will be held Monday, Oct. 30.

The task force also reviewed the status of 10 existing cleanup sites in the BDC Coalition grant. Jefferson Co. Port Authority Executive Director Evan Scurti plans to submit for another brownfields cleanup grant for this fiscal year. He also reported two

cleanup updates: the former Hancock Manufacturing in Toronto is almost finished, and the Yorkville property is moving along with possible Jobs Ohio Asbestos cleanup.

Marvin Six of the Business Develop Corp. said the BDC will be applying for additional West Virginia cleanup grants, with help from Anna Withrow of the Brownfields Assistance Center. The BDC will be applying for three grants in three different locations, and each grant can consist of multiple parcels. The next meeting will be held at noon Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the BHJ office.