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Meeting seeks public input for county brownfield grant

Representatives of city and county government and a Champaign environmental company met with residents Wednesday, seeking input on sites that might benefit from a \$400,000 US EPA grant.

Vermilion County Health Department was one of five agencies in Illinois to receive a \$400,000 brownfield grant in 2010.

US EPA awarded a total of \$78.9 million last year, for 188 assessment grants, 17 revolving loan fund projects and 99 cleanup grants. "This is the one program in the federal government that sill has money," said Tammy Bennett, lead environmental engineer for Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC.

The grant will be used to determine sites that meet the definition of "brownfield": abandoned or underutilized industrial or commercial properties that have actual or perceived contamination and could be an active potential site for redevelopment.

Bennett explained examples of possible brownfields, including junkyards, abandoned buildings, closed dry cleaner facilities, former gas stations, abandoned landfills and others.

Under the grant, officials will identify such sites in the county. Already, 200 sites have been suggested, and more are sought.

Suggested abandoned sites may be owned by government bodies or by companies or individuals, Bennett said, adding it is easier to work with sites owned by governments. If a private owner says no, "there's nothing



Tammy Bennett, lead environmental engineer for Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC, talks about previous brownfield projects at a meeting in Hoopeston Wednesday. Vermilion County has received a US EPA brownfield grant to help identify possible cleanup sites in the county.

ing we can do about that," she said. "We have to respect their choice."

The list will be whittled to 40 for further investigation. Twenty will make the cut for a Phase 2 study and eight will be selected for a remedial action plan. Sites not making the final list will be placed in a database.

The form to nominate a site is available online at <http://clientunsecured.foth.com/Foth/VermilionCountyBrownfield/default.aspx>. At the home page, click on "Nominate a Site" on the left. Forms are also available at the water department at city hall.

September 1 is the deadline for submitting potential sites.

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Animal control officer explains pet laws
School's out, school's out, please don't unleash your dogs and let them out!
With summer full in progress it's the time of year where more kids are playing outdoors and we as a community and pet owners need to be more responsible than ever on ensuring the safety and protection not only of the pets, but of these children.
I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know so many of you and your pets as the Animal Control Officer for the city but have a few reminders I would like to put out there.
City pet owners are required to register them at city hall to ensure they have proper ID tags. This protects you from an ordinance violation and protects your animal if it were to run off, so that when they are found there is a way to track them back to you as opposed to "I lost a black cat/dog, etc, it's mine if you see it."
There are about 6,000 people here and there are fewer than 20 who actually have their pets registered with proper identification. I am certain there are more than 20 animals in Hoopeston, as I have taken in 17 in one day on one particular occasion and the next day, had completely different ones that were found. If pets' names and vaccination tags are not on their collars, it's impossible for me to effectively return them to you. Also, if you are going to let your pet outside, it is mandatory that it remain on your property via the leash law, unless you are taking it on a walk. Then it needs to be on a leash. This protects you from losing your animal if it were to see a rabbit, stray cat or squirrel and take off chasing it.
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this as a reminder because if I find your pets off your property and are able to locate you, they are required by law to be up to date with vaccinations along with the city tag before I can return them, and if there are no records in the system, there is a fee through the county to have them get up to date before they will be released. Just as children are not allowed to go to school without a physical and up to date shots/doctor records, it is true in the case of our animals. Having them properly vaccinated also protects you if they were to get spooked and bite or scratch someone or another animal. You can know your pet does not have rabies, is current on shots, etc...and if, as a community, we ALL work on taking care of this, along with having our pets spayed and neutered it will decrease the amount of nuisance strays leaving "presents" in our lawns, scratching up our screens, hiding underneath decks and houses, giving birth to more litters, thus continuing the cycle.

Webster's Dictionary defines a pet as any domesticated or tamed animal that is kept as a companion and cared for affectionately. "Affection" is defined as fond attachment, devotion, or love. If we are going to be pet owners, we need to DEVOTE our LOVE and time to properly caring and looking out for them.

If we can't afford proper care, then in all honesty, we can't afford to be a pet owner and we do them more harm by allowing overpopulation along with the possibility of neglect when money gets tight.

Neglect is also a violation of a city ordinance and can result in your animal being taken away. With the heat as high as it has been and will continue to be this summer, it is imperative that your outside pet has water, food and adequate shelter from the sun, along with ensuring they have a clean area to move around/rest in. I know personally I would not want to be tied to a tree all day and only be fed and given one drink early morning and one before bed, so please take the extra step to be loyal and

Weather



Mostly cloudy today and tonight. High 73, low 57. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of storms late. High 76, low 62. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High 78, low 67.
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.



devoted to your family pets and treat them as the companion Webster himself states that they are!
Just as there is the saying "Click it or Ticket," I will add my own and say "Love & lease 'em or lose 'em."
Erica Green
City of Hoopeston Animal Control Officer

Classifieds

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713 Trego Dr., Hoopeston. 3 BR ranch. 2 full baths. Approx. 1550 sq. ft. All new windows on sun porch. Most appliances stay. Shown by appointment, (217) 283-7627

LOST & FOUND

Lost: female declawed dark orange cat, Kiki. Wearing turquoise collar w/bell. Last seen last weekend at 716 E. McCracken. If found, please call 283-4250

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RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 1024 w. Young. Fri. & Sat., 7-? Lots of girls clothing 12 mos-3T (all seasons), Pack & Play, toys. Women's & men's clothing, lots of misc.

HOOPESTON: 801 E. Judson. Fri. & Sat., 7:30-2. Bedding, crafts, appliances, ladies clothing 2X & 3X, tools & lots more!

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