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**SCRANTON WINS EPA GRANT AND FORMS BROWNFIELDS ADVISORY GROUP**

Scranton – February 1, 2010 – The City of Scranton has received a \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfields Program. The grant will provide funding to the City of Scranton to assist with identifying abandoned industrial properties for potential redevelopment. The City is one of 209 communities nationwide receiving more than \$74 million in Brownfields-related funding.

Brownfields generally are abandoned industrial properties where redevelopment could be complicated by real or perceived contamination. Through an informal Brownfields Inventory effort, the City has identified at least 19 potential properties that could benefit from further Brownfields evaluation. Some of these sites are abandoned, but are located in viable areas that could make them prime candidates for redevelopment under the Brownfields Program.

Duffield Associates and Shoener Environmental will be leading the Brownfields Assessment Project for the City of Scranton, Office of Community and Economic Development.

An important part of the Brownfields identification process is the formation of the Scranton Brownfields Advisory Group. The advisory group will provide information to the project team and help identify additional Brownfields sites in the City of Scranton.

The first meeting of the Scranton Brownfields Advisory Group will take place February 24, 2010 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Scranton City Hall, Governor’s Room, 340 N. Washington Avenue. Community members interested in being involved in the advisory group should contact Ed Shoener at 570-489-6920 prior to the meeting.

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