

## CHAPTER 365

AN ACT concerning identification of brownfield sites, supplementing P.L.1997, c.278 (C.58:10B-1.1 et al.), and making an appropriation.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.58:10B-23.1 Findings, declarations relative to redevelopment of brownfield sites.

1. The Legislature finds and declares that the redevelopment of brownfield sites provides an alternative to the development of undeveloped land; that the redevelopment of brownfield sites would reinvigorate the surrounding areas, provide additional tax revenues to municipal government, and create jobs; and that it is vital that State, county and local governments concerned with the economic growth in the State have available an accurate and comprehensive list of known brownfield sites so that growth can be directed away from sensitive areas and into already developed areas or currently underutilized areas. The Legislature further finds and declares that landowners should be encouraged to list their property on the State's inventory of brownfield sites in order to enhance opportunities for reusing brownfield sites to the benefit of all redevelopment stakeholders and to promote a cleaner environment, a more robust economy, and a better quality of life.

C.58:10B-23.2 Preparation of inventory of brownfield sites; definitions.

2. a. In accordance with section 5 of P.L.1997, c.278 (C.58:10B-23), the Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force shall continue to prepare an inventory of brownfield sites in the State, and shall expedite its efforts to compile a State inventory of brownfield sites for listing on the New Jersey Brownfields Site Mart. Within 12 months after the effective date of this act, and annually thereafter, the Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force shall submit a progress report to the Senate Environment Committee and the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, summarizing the efforts employed during the past 12 months toward compilation of an inventory of known brownfield sites in the State.

b. The inventory of brownfield sites shall include a list of known brownfield sites in the State, and at least the following information for each site:

- (1) the street address, lot and block number, municipality and county;
- (2) the size of the site;
- (3) the last known municipal zoning classification for the site;
- (4) the name and address of the owner of record of the site;
- (5) an assessment of the contaminants known or suspected by the Department of Environmental Protection to have been discharged at the site;
- (6) the extent and status of any remediation known by the Department of Environmental Protection to have been performed on the site; and
- (7) the planning area designation and any center designation as shown on the State Plan Policy Map prepared by the State Planning Commission pursuant to P.L.1985, c.398 (C.52:18A-196 et seq.).

c. As used in this section, "brownfield site" means any former or current commercial or industrial site that is currently vacant or underutilized and on which there has been, or is suspected to have been, a discharge of a contaminant and "New Jersey Brownfields Site Mart" means an interactive database accessible on the Internet that provides information to developers, property owners, and State and local planners and officials, about brownfield sites in order to facilitate the sale and redevelopment of those properties.

3. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Affairs the sum of \$285,000 from the General Fund for the Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1997, c.278 (C.58:10B-23) to expedite and continue its inventory of brownfields sites and other functions as provided in section 5 of P.L.1997, c.278, including efforts to promote the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites. Use of these moneys shall be memorialized by formal Task Force Resolutions, which shall be a matter of public record.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 12, 2006.