

(vi) Any other factor relevant and appropriate to economic development.

[(b)] (D) During the course of evaluating potential qualified Brownfields sites, the Department shall consult with:

(1) The Department of the Environment, the Office of Planning, and relevant local officials;

(2) The neighboring community and any citizens groups located in the community;

(3) Representatives of State and local environmental organizations;

(4) Public health experts; and

(5) Any other person the Department considers appropriate.

[(c)] (E) The Department shall develop a program of financial incentives, including low-interest loans and grants, to assist persons who participate in the Brownfields Revitalization Incentive Program.

[(d)] (F) This section does not affect, and may not be construed as affecting L, the]:

(1) THE planning and zoning authority of a county or municipal corporation; OR

(2) ANY PROVISION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

SECTION 2-4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any money received by the Brownfields Revitalization Fund from a taxing jurisdiction shall only be used for Brownfields sites in the taxing jurisdictions that have enacted a Brownfields property tax credit ordinance on or before June 1, 2000.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter 305 (S.B. 783/H.B. 972) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, and if Chapter 305 does not become effective, Section 3 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly. If Chapter 305 (S.B. 783/H.B. 972) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000 takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

SECTION 2-3-6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.