

(c) "Person responsible for the discharge" has the meaning stated in § 4-401 of the Environment Article.

(d) "Qualified brownfields site" means a Brownfields site that has been determined by the Department of Business and Economic Development to be eligible for financial incentives under § 3-903 of this subtitle.

(e) "Responsible person" has the meaning stated in § 7-201 of the Environment Article.

3-902.

(a) There is a Brownfields Revitalization Incentive Program in the Department.

(b) The purpose of the Brownfields Revitalization Incentive Program is to:

- (1) Provide financial incentives for ~~ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND~~ redevelopment of properties previously used for commercial or industrial purposes;
- (2) Provide financial incentives for ~~ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND~~ redevelopment of properties within locally designated growth areas;
- (3) Prevent urban sprawl;
- (4) Encourage economic revitalization;
- (5) Expand employment opportunities; and
- (6) Provide financial incentives for qualified brownfields sites.

(C) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM BY:

(1) SUBMITTING TO THE DEPARTMENT A LIST OF POTENTIAL BROWNFIELDS SITES IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANKED IN THE ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR REDEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; AND

(2) ANNUALLY UPDATING THE LIST SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(D) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE A PERSON, INCLUDING A RESPONSIBLE PERSON, WITH A LOW-INTEREST LOAN OR GRANT FOR CONDUCTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT OF A POTENTIAL BROWNFIELDS SITE THAT IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM IF THE PERSON:

(I) HAS NOT ALREADY APPLIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE, BUT IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROGRAM; AND