

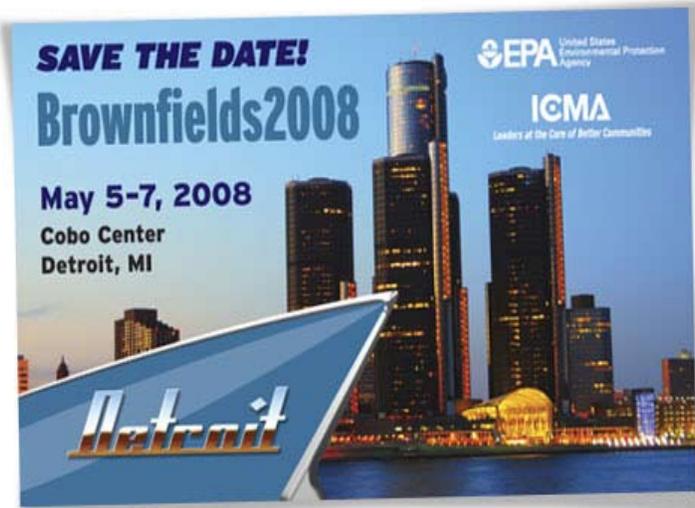


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## Brownfields 2008 Conference

More than 6,000 environmental and economic development officials, finance and insurance providers, risk managers, planners, attorneys, civil engineers and students from across the nation and Canada are expected to attend the 12th National Brownfields Conference, May 5 - 7, 2008, at Detroit's Cobo Center.

Addressing the nation's brownfields – abandoned or underutilized properties stigmatized by a past contamination – is an ongoing challenge for communities of every size. By focusing on redevelopment, brownfield properties can be put back into productive use, creating revenue and jobs for local communities, reducing pressure to develop on natural green space, and protecting our environment and the health of our families.



The National Brownfields Conference's educational program features more than 150 sessions on green development, remediation, risk management, real estate and much more. More than 250 exhibitors will display the latest technologies and services, and seven mobile workshops and a walking tour will highlight local Detroit approaches to redevelopment from the Central Business District to Detroit East's Waterfront to the Inner Ring Suburbs and Downriver areas. Numerous networking events, special training sessions and film screenings are also on the agenda.

A unique conference feature is the Transaction Forum, which brings together property owners with developers, investors and financiers to talk about specific sites available for purchase, lease and new uses. At the 2006 Brownfields Conference in Boston, 500 buyers, sellers and other stakeholders involved with redevelopment-ready properties attended the Transaction Forum, and the 2008 Forum promises to be just as exciting. The Forum will be held on the morning of the first day of the conference, May 5.

The National Brownfields Conference is managed by the International City/County Management Association, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. More than 120 organizations, including the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, have endorsed the event.

To register for the FREE conference or for more information, go to [www.brownfields2008.org](http://www.brownfields2008.org).

