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RT Environmental Services, Inc. Announcement

BUSINESS OF BROWNFIELDS PRESENTATION ON APRIL 20th & 21st IN PITTSBURGH WILL FEATURE RT RAYMARK INDUSTRIES/MANHEIM DEVELOPMENT SITE PROJECT

One of the leading Regional conferences on Brownfield sites is the "Business of Brownfields" Conference held by the Engineer's Society of Western Pennsylvania, each year in Pittsburgh. Regarding the session titled "Success Stories", RT's Regional Manager, Justin Lauterbach, will be presenting information on the Raymark Industries/Manheim Redevelopment site project, which RT successfully completed over a decade, under the award winning Act 2 Land Recycling Program.

This project is of interest to many, because in the waning days of Raymark Industries, two bankruptcies, and potentially, Superfund involvement, could have easily caused the former Raymark Industries site in Manheim, Lancaster County, to go to abandonment. In fact, the Trustee was prepared to recommend abandonment, which did occur for one old landfill area.

Due to the availability of a liability release under the Act 2 Land Recycling Project, Raymark's Trustee, working with Manheim Borough officials, found a way to use funds previously escrowed for a hazardous waste landfill closure, to be appropriately used to begin the Act 2 Land Recycling process for the lower mill. Later, the site was sold, bringing money in to help fund a more orderly bankruptcy termination. Over a period of years, the upper mill was also taken through the Act 2 process, asbestos releases to a wetland area were addressed and groundwater and soil were comprehensively studied and remediated.

Sections of the mill where there was no future use were demolished, and other buildings at the mill were upgraded, one by one, until today, the overall site is about 80% redeveloped. Complicating factors started with the back to back bankruptcies, community distrust, compliance issues under State and Federal Consent Decrees, and exposed waste materials. However, commitments by the bankruptcy Trustee, Pennsylvania DEP, and Manheim Borough, allowed the site to be turned around, until it became Lancaster County's top candidate site for State Redevelopment Program Funding.

RT's presentation will provide information on how the environmental issues at the site were addressed to facilitate

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redevelopment, even though parts of the site were in a floodplain. During the latter stages of the project, innovative stormwater measures were incorporated into the redevelopment, including "retrofit" urban stormwater management approaches.

The conference will be held on April 20th and 21st, at Pittsburgh's Sheraton Station Square. To learn more information on this conference you can go to http://www.eswp.com/brownfields/index.htm.

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