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***Editor's Note:** Reporters should call Linda Oros at (614) 644-2160 if interested in attending the workshop and/or covering the story.*

**Ohio EPA Workshop to be Held in Canton Oct. 2:  
State, Federal Help Available to Redevelop Blighted Properties**

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is offering a free workshop to inform communities of the state and federal resources available to help redevelop brownfields or blighted properties. The workshop will be held Oct. 2, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, 2121 George Halas Drive, NW, Canton. [Registration information](#) is online.

Speakers from Ohio EPA, Ohio Development Services Agency, U.S. EPA, JobsOhio, Great Lakes Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) and Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) program, which provides assistance to small communities through a U.S. EPA grant, will address the following topics:

- U.S. EPA Brownfield Grants and Technical Assistance to brownfields program;
- Great Lakes RCAP programs;
- Ohio Development Services Agency's brownfield program;
- JobsOhio's revitalization program;
- Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation (BUSTR) Revolving Loan Fund; and
- Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program (VAP), Small and Rural Community Brownfield Assistance and Targeted Brownfield Assessments.

Workshops can be scheduled for other Ohio communities by contacting [Megan Oravec](#) at (614) 728-1749.

In the past 19 years, Ohio EPA has helped revitalize more than 8,800 acres of blighted land at nearly 450 sites across the state.

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*The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1972 to consolidate efforts to protect and improve air quality, water quality and waste management in Ohio. Since then, air pollutants dropped by as much as 90 percent; large rivers meeting standards improved from 21 percent to 89 percent; and hundreds of polluting, open dumps were replaced with engineered landfills and an increased emphasis on waste reduction and recycling.*