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### **California Communities Get New Parks, Homes and Open Space Your 2012 Taxpayers' Dollars at Work.**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced that, in 2012, it provided more than \$1.5 million in grants and loans to help clean up and develop communities in California. The funding was given through DTSC's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund.

In addition, DTSC helped complete a number of projects in 2012 which created new homes, parks and shopping areas, from underdeveloped and contaminated land. More than 130 jobs were created or safeguarded in the process.

"DTSC is very excited to work with each and every one of these communities to make these projects become a reality," said Stewart Black, DTSC's Deputy Director Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program. "They are a shining example of how, if we all work together during these hard economic times we can create green local jobs and transform contaminated sites into thriving communities. Under the leadership of Director Raphael and Governor Brown, DTSC will remain committed to cleanup of contaminated sites throughout our state."

The communities that received grants/loans from DTSC's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund include:

- **City of Sacramento:** Received a \$150,000 grant for the [Powerhouse Science Center Project](#) to help clean up the site of a planned science, space and technology museum;
- **City of Sutter Creek:** Received \$200,000 grant to help convert the [Central Eureka Mine](#) in Amador County into a tourist attraction; And
- **City of Los Angeles:** Received \$500,000 a grant to turn approximately six acres of the former Albion Dairy into a community park, known as the [Albion Park Site](#) along the Los Angeles River.

Click [here](#) for video of that explains DTSC's statewide cleanup activities.

Sites where cleanup was completed in 2012 include;

## Northern California:

- [The Orvieto Family Apartments](#): This contaminated site in Santa Clara County was developed into a 92-unit apartment complex and created approximately 130 jobs.
- [Cooley Landing](#): This 9-acre site in East Palo Alto was a former county dump. It has now been cleaned up and converted into a nature park and open space.
- [Mare Island](#): This 230-acre landfill, at the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, has been cleaned up and converted to wildlife refuge and recreation area that includes four miles of a public trails and prime vantage points for watching local wildlife.
- [485 South Monroe](#): This site, near Santana Row, in San Jose was cleaned up and is ready to be developed into residential condominiums, a public park and commercial buildings.
- [Riverside Cleaners](#): This 4-acre site, in the City of Campbell, has been cleaned up and is ready to be developed into townhomes and retail space. The cleanup consisted of excavating and removing more than 229 tons of contaminated soil.

## Southern California:

- [Pilipino Workers Center \(PWC\) Family Housing Project](#): This Los Angeles site, near Historic Filipinotown, has been cleaned of hazardous waste and has been converted into 45 units of affordable family housing.
- [Cleanup of Los Alamitos Elementary School](#): In Orange County DTSC helped to remediate elevated levels of arsenic in surface soil found at this school. This includes the excavation and removal of about 4,238 cubic yards of contaminated soil.
- [Playa Vista Elementary School](#): The Los Angeles Unified School District opened a new elementary school after DTSC helped clean and excavate soil contaminated with a variety of chemicals including petroleum hydrocarbons. The school, which opened on August 14, 2012, includes 50,000 square feet of building space and will serve 650 students from kindergarten through fifth grade.

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***The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.***