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Susan McCartney, Mayor
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Re: Acceptance of West Orange Township's Brownfield Development Area Application

Susan
Dear Mayor McCartney,

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Office of Brownfield and Community Revitalization (Office) is excited to announce that West Orange's application for the Lakeside Avenue Brownfield Development Area (BDA) has been selected to work in the BDA Program. The Department and our Office is pleased happy to be partnering again with West Orange to help the township realize its brownfield redevelopment goals, as outlined in the BDA application to our Office received on July 31, 2024.

In the upcoming weeks, a BDA Manager from the Office of Brownfield and Community Revitalization will be assigned to the Lakeside Avenue BDA and will contact you to set up a BDA Kickoff Meeting with West Orange and the BDA Steering Committee. The BDA Manager will send an electronic copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for your review prior to the Kickoff Meeting. At the Kickoff Meeting the BDA Manager will explain the role of our Office and the role of the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) in the remediation of contaminated properties. Also, the BDA Manager will go over the MOU and the commitments therein that, when signed, will formalize our partnership to work on the brownfield sites in the Lakeside Avenue BDA.

We look forward to working with the Township of West Orange and the Steering Committee to move the BDA goals forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at (609) 940-4435 or by e-mail at Frank.McLaughlin@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Franklin B. McLaughlin III, Manager
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