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EPA announces grants to serve Huntington sites, southern W. Va. counties environmental job training

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams addresses the room during Tuesday’s press conference in Foundation Hall at Marshall University.
JOCELYN GIBSON | THE PARTHENON

EPA Regional Administrator Jane Vincent, State Senator Jim Womack and Congressman David Scott announce the EPA’s grants to the city of Huntington and other West Virginia counties.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the city of Huntington two broadband grants to provide environmental property assessments and another grant to the Coalfield Development Corporation for environmental job training in four southern counties. The counties benefiting from the grants are Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mingo.

Representatives in attendance were EPA Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Administrator Janice Vincent, State Senator Rich Pucillo, Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, Marshall University President Gary White and Coalfield Development Corporation Executive Director Brandon Donelson.

“We, living in the area, have become all too familiar with these properties that have just been sitting vacant for years. After a while we start to drive by and we don’t see them with the clarity that someone new does coming in. Our greatest opportunity in this city is to repurpose these properties, find ways to bring green infrastructure into the area.”

“These grants underscore the EPA’s priority of making a visible difference in environmentally distressed and economically underserved communities by providing real value that aligns with local priorities to produce positive results. EPA’s brownfield programs empower, educate, engage communities like Huntington and other stakeholders to work together to assess, safely clean up, sustainably redevelop and reuse brownfield sites.”

The two grants to the city of Huntington amounted to $400,000 to provide environmental assessments on sites contaminated by petroleum and other hazardous substances. In 2008, Huntington was awarded a $200,000 brownfield assessment grant, enabling them to complete 33 site assessments by September 2011. The property assessed under that grant is being transformed into a hub for creative arts, including a workshop space open to the public.

The EPA awarded $192,300 to the Coalfield Development Corporation to provide environmental workforce job training throughout southern West Virginia.

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"Like anyone else who is dealing with addiction, my son needs help," Kessler said. "His arrest in December has proven that the equal opportunity destroyer," Kessler said. "Being an elected official makes me no different than any other West Virginian who is dealing with a family member's addiction. Anyone who has faced the illness of addiction in a loved one can re
te to what's happening with my son and the toll it has taken on my family. Nevertheless, I remain today what I've always been first and foremost and that’s Jacob's father. I love my son."

The senator said he will continue fighting for his son and all other West Virginians who are suffering from addiction. For more information on Drug abuse and ways to help call the Drug Abuse Information & Referral hotline at 1-800-662-4357. Brittany Morgan can be contacted at morgan230@mar
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In 1999, there was a small but powerful group of women's rights advocates who believed that the United States Women's soccer team could win the World Cup. They were wrong. The team lost 2-1 to China in the final. But the loss inspired the team to work harder and come back stronger. In 2015, the team won the World Cup, becoming the first U.S. women's national team to do so. The victory was a moment of celebration for the entire country, but especially for the players and their families. The victory was also a moment of recognition for the many women who have fought for gender equality in sports and in society. The United States Women's soccer team is an example of how women can achieve great things when they work together and support each other. The victory was a moment of hope for the future, and a reminder that anything is possible with hard work and determination.
Firefly Festival Recap

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