

## WORCESTER BROWNFIELDS PROJECT EARNS THE 2007 EPA PHOENIX AWARD

CDW Consultants, Inc. announces that its 55-acre Gateway Park project in Worcester, MA, is the recipient of the 2007 EPA Phoenix Award for Region 1 (New England). Between 1999-2006, the Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC) completed the investigation and remediation of the derelict former industrial site, located within the visually striking I-290 transportation corridor to the City of Worcester. The development is now home to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) Life Sciences and Bioengineering Center, which opened in September 2007.



Created in 1997, the prestigious Phoenix Award honors individuals and groups who are working to solve the critical environmental challenge of transforming blighted and contaminated areas into productive new uses. The Phoenix Awards are widely recognized as the outstanding award for achievement of excellence in Brownfields redevelopment, and often are called “the Brownfields equivalent of Hollywood’s Oscar.” Criteria for The Phoenix Awards focus on the magnitude of the project, innovative techniques, solutions to regulatory issues, and impact upon the community.

The multi-acre Gateway Park was the location of one of the original boom industries in Worcester, MA, the Washburn & Moen Wire Manufacturing Plant. After over 100 years of economic enterprise, and the founding of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the metals manufacturing industry declined, the buildings fell into disuse, and the area became a visual reminder of the economic ruin of post-industrial Worcester. Further-



more, contamination from underground storage tanks, plating wastes, urban fill and metal slag restricted its marketability and useability. Through creative public/private partnerships, the transformation of Gateway Park has succeeded in bringing both economic and aesthetic rebirth to the City of Worcester.

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