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ADEQ Director Steve Owens Announces \$4,000 Brownfields Grant to Show Low

PHOENIX (June 16, 2008) –Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens today announced that ADEQ is awarding a \$4,000 grant under its Brownfields Grant Program to the City of Show Low to help the city develop four land parcels for a new library.

Three of the parcels are currently owned by the city and the fourth is privately owned. The city is negotiating the purchase of the fourth parcel, subject to the outcome of its Phase I environmental site assessment of the site.

A transportation business with a garage and a bulk fuel storage facility were located on two of the four sites. The Brownfields grant money will be used for a preliminary evaluation of whether the parcels are contaminated by petroleum products or solvents. The addresses of the parcels are 181 and 201 N. Ninth Street, 1041 E. Hall Street and 180 N. 11th Street.

The assessment will be used to determine if further study or cleanup is needed. Additional funding will be made available through the ADEQ Brownfields Program to Show Low if it is determined that a more detailed environmental site assessment is required and the parcels are eligible. The city wants to build a new library on the site.

“We are delighted to assist Show Low with this very important project,” Director Owens said. “This is an important first step toward putting this property into productive use for the benefit of the community. The redevelopment of these parcels as the City’s new library will be a great asset to the citizens of Show Low. Once the environmental issues have been addressed, the City will be able to purchase the fourth parcel and construct the library.”

The grant is being awarded on behalf of the City of Show Low. ADEQ will serve as the project manager and will hire the contractor to perform the site assessment work.

A Brownfield is an abandoned or under-used property with an active redevelopment potential that suffers from known or perceived environmental contamination.