

DIVERSE SUPPLIER SPOTLIGHT:

BrightFields, Inc.

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» “Turning Brownfields into BrightFields!” For Delawareans and surrounding states, there is a sense of pride and appreciation for the collective devotion of businesses, both small and large, to maintaining and restoring a high quality of environmental stability throughout the region. A particular business leading the impact through its own projects and expertise provided to clients: BrightFields, Inc.

BrightFields, Inc. is a woman-owned, environmental consulting and remediation firm with over 30 years of experience guiding clients through the wide array of technical and regulatory challenges of environmental policies. Their close-knit team includes geologists, engineers, environmental scientists, and hazardous materials managers. BrightFields is headquartered in Wilmington where it delivers expertise throughout Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

Marian Young, president of BrightFields, Inc., has spent more than 40 years as an environmental consultant and founded the firm in 2003. She and her team have led a variety of critical projects such as the remediation of the former General Motors assembly plant to an Amazon fulfillment center, indoor air quality formaldehyde investigations in New Castle County residences, and management of the South Wilmington Wetland. Young collaborates with public



and private investors as well as regulatory agencies on the remediation of brownfields in support of rapid commercial and residential construction projects.

“BrightFields is unique because it is a scientist-owned and led environmental company supported by excellent engineers,” she explains. “Our employees work on many different client projects and participate on internal committees that focus on strengthening BrightFields as a company.”

Recognized by the State Chamber in 2014 as Superstar in Business winner, BrightFields prides itself for “being invested in helping Delaware communities grow and thrive.” Brownfield redevelopment projects assist in reclaiming contaminated and underutilized properties. Additionally, BrightFields contributes to the impact of a variety of nonprofits uplifting local communities—such as Habitat for Humanity, Ministry of Caring, West End Neighborhood House, Challenge Program, Delaware Humane Association, and many more.

One of their largest commitments is 26 years of environmental investigation and remediation in support of the Christina Riverfront Redevelopment. BrightFields has also focused on various other projects across Delaware such as shoreline



BrightFields team members, Dan Hartnett, Mike Craskey, Manny Gerao, and Jason Dzedzy deploy Sedimite™ to remediate Elizabeth River sediments in Norfolk, Va.

stabilization in Dewey Beach, Mirror Lake remediation in Dover, and environmental cleanup of the old Hercules golf course. Beyond the region, BrightFields contributes to unique projects such as clearing vegetation from a military bombing range in Hawaii and environmental cleanup of the former Floyd Bennett Airfield in New York.

“I’ve loved owning our business in Delaware,” Young reflects. “The small state shines through its business community and access to work with elected officials. At the start of the pandemic, Pennsylvania closed all construction projects. I reached out to Governor Carney to explain how we could continue to work safely and so did many other construction companies in the state. We are very grateful that he kept construction projects open here in Delaware so we could continue to make a lasting impact.”

BrightFields, Inc. is working on the Christiana & Brandywine Rivers Remediation, Restoration & Resilience program (CBR4) to clean up contaminated sediments in the rivers and create new wetlands for climate resiliency and wildlife. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3yLPvZ9>.