



FRANCES WHITEHEAD, GAS STATION BROWNFIELD PHYTOREMEDIATION SITE.

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WORK

This summer, Chicago hosts three days of speakers, tours, and poster sessions during the Soil in the City Conference on the subject of urban soils. The conference will bring together people who work, teach, design, engineer, and research urban infrastructure and landscape, and it will focus on three themes: urban gardening, green infrastructure, and greening brownfields. Among the assorted wastewater management experts and soil scientists will be Frances Whitehead, an artist and professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Whitehead's work has focused on a wide variety of environmental and "postnormal" landscapes, including projects on phytoremediation for abandoned gas stations in Chicago, seen above. At Soil in the City, she'll give a talk titled "The New Earth Work," introducing the idea of disturbed sites as cultural landscapes to the soil science community.

Soil in the City Conference: Enhancing Urban Soils for Living Landscapes and Healthy Communities

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Warwick Allerton Hotel

701 North Michigan, Chicago, IL 60611

For more information and registration and agenda, see www.iweasite.org/Conferences/SoilCity.html.