

Community Organizations
Letters of Support

Appendix A



November 3, 2008

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RE: *Support for EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal*

Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

On behalf of the Broad Street Regeneration Initiative, this letter is being provided to confirm our commitment to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the communities of Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland in their proposal for a FY 2009 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. We put the full weight of our support behind RIDEM and the other members of the Coalition by providing the services described below.

In 2007, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council began working with Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Cumberland to develop regional cooperative solutions to some of the issues plaguing Broad Street. With the awarding of a Preserve America grant from the National Park Service, the Broad Street Regeneration Initiative (BSRI) was formed. This planning project helped to develop an action plan which charts the course for the larger effort to revitalize the Broad Street corridor, a three-mile ribbon that spans the three communities and links downtown Pawtucket with the northern Blackstone Valley. The BSRI is a community-led vision and action program that has spurred tens of new programs and initiatives ranging from façade improvements, entrepreneur training classes, youth leadership programs and historical, cultural and environmental tours. The BSRI is unique not only because it is strongly rooted in participatory planning, but also relies on the strength of its numerous municipal, non-governmental and social organization partnerships. It is sustainable because it comes from a vibrant and diverse grassroots effort of creating voice and pride within the community and its action items are broken into numerous interconnected cells.

The Broad Street Regeneration Initiative will help provide the following services:

- Help identifying potential sites

- Talk to our neighbors and business owners about specific sites and the role of Brownfields redevelopment in our communities
- Host and coordinate public meetings
- Helping to post community outreach material on web and/or in newsletters
- Public education/outreach about Brownfields & their risks
- Provide translation services

The awarding of this grant will provide opportunities for the integral assessment work in the three communities of Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland. The story of industrialization has left numerous properties throughout our communities polluted, underutilized and ultimately underserved. With the grant funding, the RIDEM will be able to assess the degraded conditions of these sites so that risks to contamination will be determined and ultimately remediated. Assessment of these sites is a crucial first step in bringing properties back to beneficial reuse and revitalizing the distressed Broad Street area in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland.

This much-needed assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency will provide the decisive resources that will help support the very visible, ongoing local efforts to redevelop these communities in environmentally sound ways and to bring additional properties back into productive reuse, generate jobs and revenue. We intend to work cooperatively with RIDEM, the Coalition Partners and other community based organizations to identify properties in need of assessment and bring about the type of change the Broad Street corridor so badly needs.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,



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RE: *Support for EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal*

Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

On behalf of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, this letter is being provided to show our commitment to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the communities of Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland in their proposal for a FY 2009 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. We will work alongside RIDEM and the other Coalition members to provide the most assistance in our capacity.

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council has developed a legacy of sustainable community development for over 20 years and the Council has become a true economic driver for the nine communities of Northern Rhode Island. Our international accolades such as the World Travel and Tourism Council's "Destination Award", United Nation's .SBest Certification and the Ulysses Prize, speak volumes about our dedication to sustainable development and leadership within the industry. The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council is one of the few regional planning organizations in the state and is able to approach issues with a holistic view that results in positive action and results. The Council works closely with public and private partnerships, works as an interpreter and educator of the history and ecology of the Blackstone River, initiates ongoing international relationships of major importance to the region, works closely on community development projects with cities and towns, provides input on future riverfront and economic development, and develops various recreational activities.

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Re: Support for US EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal

Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

On behalf of the National Park Service and the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission (the Corridor), I am pleased to confirm our support for, and commitment to, the application by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the communities of Central Falls, Cumberland and Pawtucket to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant in FY 2009.

The Brownfields Assessment Grant will provide funding for much needed assessment work in Central Falls, Cumberland and Pawtucket. Historic industrial use of numerous properties throughout these communities has resulted in many distressed and underutilized properties with actual or potential environmental contamination. With the grant funding, RIDEM will be able to assess the environmental conditions at sites so that exposure risks to contaminated media will be determined and ultimately remediated. Assessment of these sites is a crucial first step in bringing properties back to beneficial reuse and revitalizing the distressed Broad Street area within the three communities. The Corridor has had a long involvement in efforts to restore historic, cultural and environmental resources in this urban environment. Most recently, the Corridor has been a participant in the exciting Broad Street Revitalization initiative, which has brought together a broad range of stakeholders from the three communities and produced a joint, comprehensive strategy as well as a detailed action plan. Assessment, remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites is a high priority element of both.

Assistance from EPA will provide the critical resources needed to help implement this very visible, ongoing, community-based initiative. The funding will allow for environmentally sound, economic development in the three communities, bringing underutilized land back into productive use, generating jobs and generating revenue. This is consistent with the vision developed by the Corridor and its community partners for sustainable economic development that helps preserve community character as well as the Blackstone Valley's natural and cultural resources. Successful brownfields redevelopment in the Broad Street area will not only benefit the three communities, but also the Blackstone River Valley as a region.



The Corridor looks forward to working cooperatively with RIDEM, Coalition partners and other community organizations to help make this project a success. Using our experience and expertise in planning for redevelopment, resource protection and community processes, as well as resources such as web sites, newsletters and community networks, we hope to assist in identifying properties in need of assessment, planning for appropriate reuse, providing effective public outreach and ensuring public participation, and facilitating interagency collaboration.

We believe we have a unique opportunity at this time to actually bring about the type of change we so often talk about, in an area that needs it badly and that is ready for it (a strong coalition is already in place), and in a manner that will serve as an example for similar efforts elsewhere. We urge you to provide the requested funding.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions I may be able to answer.

Sincerely,

Jan H. Reitsma
Executive Director

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BARTON STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

November 5, 2008

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RE: *Support for EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal*

Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

On behalf of the Barton Street Neighborhood Association (BSNA), this letter is being provided to confirm our commitment to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the communities of Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland in their proposal for a FY 2009 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. We agree to work cooperatively with RIDEM and the other members of the Coalition to provide the type of assistance highlighted below.

The BSNA is a neighborhood association comprised of residents and business owners in the Barton Street neighborhood of Pawtucket and Central Falls. We work closely with Pawtucket Citizens Development Corporation (PCDC) in operating an After School Program and a Summer Activities Program for youth between the ages of 6 and 14 who live in the neighborhood. The BSNA also sponsors an Annual Block Party and an Earth Day clean-up in the area.

The BSNA can provide the following services in the communities of Pawtucket and Central Falls if the Brownfields grant application is approved:

- o Help identify potential sites.
- o Talk to the BSNA area constituency about specific sites or the role of brownfields redevelopment in their community.
- o Help post community outreach material on the community bulletin board at the Barton St. Tot Lot and distribute material at community events.
- o Provide outreach about brownfields & their risks

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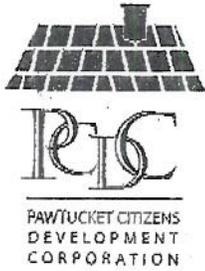
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Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Elizabeth Smith".

Wilma Smith
BSNA President



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Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

On behalf of Pawtucket Citizens Development Corporation (PCDC), this letter is being provided to confirm our commitment to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the communities of Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland in their proposal for a FY 2009 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. We agree to work cooperatively with RIDEM and the other members of the Coalition to provide the type of assistance highlighted below.

PCDC is a non-profit, community based corporation which develops and manages safe, affordable housing for rental and ownership for low to moderate income residents in Pawtucket and nearby communities which may include commercial uses. PCDC also revitalizes targeted neighborhoods by working with residents to affect change in their own communities and offering programs that promote skill development, community improvement and economic opportunities.

In May, 2008 PCDC was selected by RI Housing as one of four KeepSpace sites in the state to develop and implement a community plan for good homes, strong commerce, sensible infrastructure and a healthy environment with positive community impact that also integrates arts, culture, recreation and religion. As part KeepSpace, PCDC expects to develop a mixed use project at the corner of Broad and Barton Streets in Pawtucket and has also been participating in the Broad St. Regeneration Initiative.

PCDC can provide the following services in the communities of Pawtucket and Central Falls if the Brownfields grant application is approved:

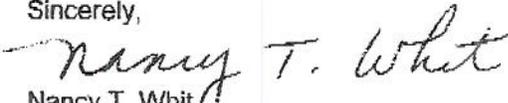
- o Help identify potential sites.
- o Talk to the KeepSpace area constituency about specific sites or the role of brownfields redevelopment in their community.
- o Host public meetings in the KeepSpace target area.
- o Help post community outreach material on the community bulletin board at the Barton St. Tot Lot and distribute material at community events.
- o Provide outreach about brownfields & their risks

If awarded, this grant will provide funding for much needed assessment work in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland. Historic industrial use of numerous properties throughout our community has resulted in many distressed and underutilized properties with actual or potential environmental contamination. With the grant funding, the RIDEM will be able to assess the environmental conditions at sites so that exposure risks to contaminated media will be determined and ultimately remediated. Assessment of these sites is a crucial first step in bringing properties back to beneficial reuse and revitalizing the distressed Broad Street area in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland.

Assistance from EPA will provide the critical resources that will help support the very visible, ongoing local efforts to redevelop these communities in environmentally sound ways and to bring additional properties back into productive reuse, generate jobs and revenue. We intend to work cooperatively with RIDEM, the Coalition Partners and other community based organizations to identify properties in need of assessment and bring about the type of change the Broad Street corridor so badly needs. This grant would help in the KeepSpace work that PCDC is doing and we are pleased to be able to offer our support and services in for the funding it will provide.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,


Nancy T. White
Executive Director



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RE: *Support for EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal*

Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission this letter is being provided to confirm our commitment to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the communities of Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland in their proposal for a FY 2009 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. We agree to work cooperatively with RIDEM and the other members of the Coalition to provide the type of assistance highlighted below.

Broad Street, an economically depressed area, runs through the heart of Central Falls, Pawtucket and the Valley Falls section of Cumberland. The historic communities of Central Falls/Pawtucket/Cumberland have already successfully collaborated and formed a strong coalition formally called the Tri-Communities Coalition and the Broad Street Regeneration Planning Initiative, the later of which is supported by a National Park Service grant and culminating in the development of the Broad Street Action Plan. Historic preservation is one of 6 "key issues" identified in the Broad Street Action Plan. If awarded, this grant will provide funding for much needed assessment work in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland. Historic industrial use of numerous properties throughout our community has resulted in many distressed and underutilized properties with actual or potential environmental contamination. With the grant funding, the RIDEM will be able to assess the environmental conditions at sites so that exposure risks to contaminated media will be determined and ultimately remediated. Assessment of these sites is a crucial first step in bringing properties back to beneficial reuse and revitalizing the distressed Broad Street area in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland.

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission is the state office that identifies and protects historic buildings, districts, and archaeological sites. The Commission conducts statewide surveys of historic sites and buildings; nominates significant properties to the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register; administers programs of financial aid

including grants, loans, and tax credits; enforces federal and state laws to protect cultural resources

Examples of the types of commitments RIHPHC might provide as we move forward include: helping identify sites for assessment; talking to our constituency about specific sites or the role of brownfields redevelopment in Central Falls/Pawtucket/Cumberland; hosting and/or participating in public meetings; helping to post community outreach material on our website; providing advice on brownfields redevelopment issues.

Assistance from EPA will provide the critical resources that will help support the very visible, ongoing local efforts to redevelop these communities in environmentally sound ways and to bring additional properties back into productive reuse, generate jobs and revenue. We intend to work cooperatively with RIDEM, the Coalition Partners and other community based organizations to identify properties in need of assessment and bring about the type of change the Broad Street corridor so badly needs.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Yours very truly,



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RE: *Support for EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal*

Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

On behalf of Grow Smart Rhode Island this letter is being provided to confirm our commitment to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the communities of Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland in their proposal for a FY 2009 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. We agree to work cooperatively with RIDEM and the other members of the Coalition to provide the type of assistance highlighted below.

Grow Smart is a statewide coalition of business interests, non-profit organizations and government agencies that have come together to address the issue of sprawl in Rhode Island. Our purpose is to make Rhode Islanders aware of the environmental, economic and social impacts of sprawl and to promote policies and practices that direct future growth toward urban and town centers while reducing development pressures on our farming and forest land.

A centerpiece of our work over the last eight years has been promoting the connection between Rhode Island's State Historic Tax Credit program and its resulting and successful impact on brownfield clean-up. A 2007 study by Grow Smart found that the tax credit program has provided the necessary financial support to clean up contamination found on many of the historic sites being recycled into use. Based on data from the Rhode Island DEM and the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, 65% (or slightly over \$1 billion) of the total investment in completed and planned projects is going into contaminated sites that are being cleaned up in the process. And these environmental gains are occurring in urban, suburban and rural communities throughout Rhode Island.

The RIDEM's Brownfields Assessment Grant has provided and hopefully will continue to provide funding for assessment work that needs to be conducted in Rhode Island communities. Assessment of these sites is the first step to revitalizing the community and bringing properties back to beneficial reuse.

Grow Smart stands prepared to leverage its communication resources and network of more than 2,500 civic leaders, state & local officials, development professionals, journalists and active citizens to promote the brownfield remediation opportunities should this grant be awarded. We are also committed to participating in public meetings to help promote the many advantages that brownfield reclamation offers to communities.

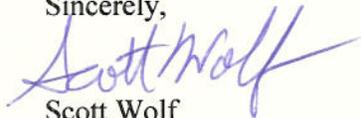
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If awarded, this grant will provide funding for much needed assessment work in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland, a corridor of communities that have come together to collaborate on an exciting community revitalization initiative. With the grant funding, the RIDEM will be able to assess the environmental conditions at key sites so that exposure risks to contaminated media will be determined and ultimately remediated. Assessment of these sites is a crucial first step in bringing properties back to beneficial reuse and revitalizing the distressed Broad Street area in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland.

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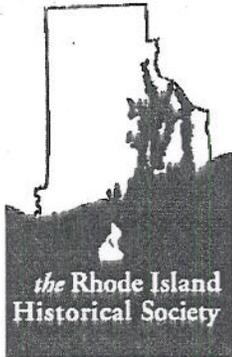
Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



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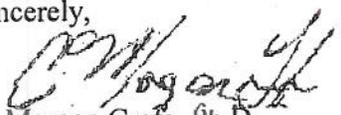
As the Director of the Goff Center for Education and Public Programs I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of the Rhode Island Historical Society. We are committed to assisting the communities of Cumberland, Central Falls and Pawtucket as they seek funds from the RIDEM for a Fiscal Year 2009 Brownfield Assessment grant. We believe that this corridor is rich with some of the most fundamental history in our state: the stories of industrialization and immigration in the Blackstone Valley, both of which continue to this day. But, along with that deep industrial history comes the legacy of environmental damage wrought by years of misuse. We at the RIHS hope to help shed light on the historical functions of the corridor and to highlight them to help rally public support for this cause.

The Rhode Island Historical Society, founded in 1822, is the oldest and largest historical organization in the state of Rhode Island. As an institution, we are committed to the collection, preservation, and dissemination of all of Rhode Island's history. Our institution is comprised of a research archive, two museums (one in Providence and another in Woonsocket), and our headquarters on Providence's East Side. Our library contains vast resources, such as maps, trade journals, and perhaps most importantly for a project such as this, manufacture's business records, which can be found in our manuscript collections.

Should the RIDEM see fit to award this grant, we will assist the project by helping researchers identify materials related to potential sites and we will continue to aid in public education related to the fascinating and intriguing history of this corridor. We see grants such as this as crucial for helping to revitalize this busy streetscape in Northern Rhode Island. We have watched and participated in the very visible and inclusive activities already spearheaded by the Broad Street Regeneration Project. Funding from the DEM will support an already energized local community and will help bring a level of health and safety back to this vulnerable community. We also hope that this will help to protect the historically important structures that make these communities so unique. Assistance from the EPA is critical piece of making all of this possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,


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October 27, 2008

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RE: *Support for EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal*

Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

On behalf of NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley this letter is being provided to confirm our commitment to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the communities of Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland in their proposal for a FY 2009 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. We agree to work cooperatively with RIDEM and the other members of the Coalition to provide the type of assistance highlighted below.

NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley [formerly Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation] is an award winning nonprofit community development corporation. To date, NWBRV has developed almost three hundred units of affordable housing for low and moderate income Northern Rhode Islanders, as well as a neighborhood childcare center, a commercial center and a community arts center. NWBRV, in addition to its affordable housing mission, provides an afterschool program for children and youth living in its developments, and manages Northern Rhode Island's only 'Homeownership Center'. NWBRV's developments have ranged from new construction to historic preservation, and from brownfields redevelopment to conservation development, with several featured by Grow Smart Rhode Island in their database of notable projects.

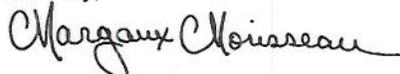
NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley will be able to provide the following support: help identify potential sites, talk to your constituency about specific sites or the role of brownfields redevelopment in the community, host public meetings, and provide translation services

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Margaux Morisseau
Community Building Director

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RE: *EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal*

Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

The RI Economic Development Corporation's *Every Company Counts* is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (RI DEM) FY 2009 application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant.

RIEDC's *Every Company Counts* is a public/private partnership of more than 170 business development organizations that connect Rhode Island's small businesses to the tools they need to succeed. *Every Company Counts* understands the unique needs of small businesses in Rhode Island. We know that time is money and that getting the right information at the right time is critical to growth.

We believe RI DEM's Brownfields Assessment Grant will provide funding for much needed assessment work in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland, and possibly even statewide. Historic industrial use of numerous properties throughout our community has resulted in many distressed and underutilized properties with actual or potential environmental contamination. With the grant funding, the RI DEM will be able to assess the environmental conditions at sites so that exposure risks to contaminated media will be determined and ultimately remediated. Assessment of these sites is the first step to revitalizing our community and bringing properties back to beneficial reuse.

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Assistance from EPA will provide the critical resources that will help support the efforts to redevelop these communities in environmentally sound ways and to bring additional properties back into productive reuse, generate jobs and revenue. The environmental, social, and public health benefits of utilizing this funding here in Rhode Island are of key importance to business and municipal leaders.

Please attach this letter to your proposal so that EPA will give favorable consideration to your application.

Sincerely,



William J. Parsons
Deputy Director
RI Economic Development Corporation

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Dear Ms. Gianfrancesco:

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The RIDEM's Brownfields Assessment Grant will provide funding for much needed assessment work in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland, and possibly even statewide. Historic industrial use of numerous properties throughout our community has resulted in many distressed and underutilized properties with actual or potential environmental contamination. With the grant funding, the RIDEM will be able to assess the environmental conditions at sites so that exposure risks to contaminated media will be determined and ultimately remediated. Assessment of these sites is the first step to revitalizing our community and bringing properties back to beneficial reuse.

The Pawtucket Foundation works to advocate positive development in the downtown, surrounding neighborhoods and corridors of our city. The evaluation and remediation made possible by the Brownfields Assessment Grant will be critical to achieving our mission. By creating environmentally sound properties available for productive reuse, we believe this will generate much needed jobs and revenue for the community. The environmental, social, and public health benefits of utilizing this funding here in Rhode Island are of key importance to residents, business owners and municipal leaders.

I would be pleased if you attach this letter to your proposal so that EPA will give favorable consideration to your application.

Sincerely,

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Appendix B



EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, CITY OF PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

JAMES E. DOYLE
MAYOR

November 3, 2008

Ms. Cynthia M. Gianfrancesco
Principal Environmental Scientist
RI Department of Environmental Management
Office of Waste Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

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RE: *EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Proposal*
City of Pawtucket Letter of Commitment

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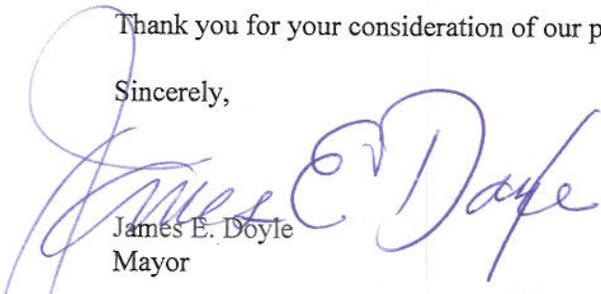
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Thank you for your consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,


James E. Doyle
Mayor

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CITY OF
CENTRAL FALLS



STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

OFFICE OF PLANNING and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

November 5, 2008

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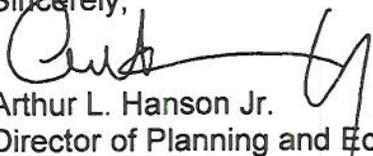
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Sincerely,


Arthur L. Hanson Jr.
Director of Planning and Economic Development

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DANIEL J. McKEE
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November 7, 2008

Ms. Cynthia M. Gianfrancesco
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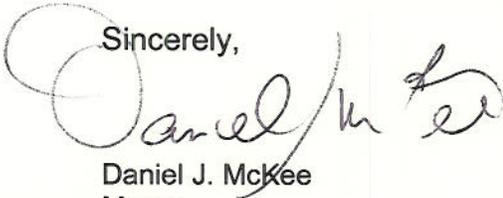
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Daniel J. McKee
Mayor

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Appendix C



**BROWNFIELDS
TARGETED SITE ASSESSMENT
APPLICATION FORM**
Use only for Sites within Rhode Island



1. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION*:

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP:

CONTACT PERSON: PHONE:

EMAIL:

* If Non-Profit, please attach support letter from municipality where property is located

For DEM Office Use Only

2. SITE NAME:

SITE ADDRESS:

ASSESSORS PLAT AND LOT:

CITY STATE ZIP:

3.a CURRENT SITE OWNERSHIP:

NAME

CONTACT

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE: EMAIL:

3.b AMOUNT OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES (if any) : \$

ASSESSED VALUE \$: APPRAISED VALUE \$:

3.b.
0 – 10 points

3.c IF PROPERTY OWNED BY APPLICANT, ACQUISITION BY:

FORECLOSURE EMINENT DOMAIN PURCHASE PRICE: \$

OTHER DATE OF ACQUISITION:

IF "OTHER", EXPLAIN:

3.d IF PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY APPLICANT, DOES APPLICANT ENVISION DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING LEGAL PERMISSION TO ENTER THE PROPERTY TO CONDUCT SITE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES? YES NO

EXPLAIN:

4.a IS APPLICANT OR ANY OTHER PARTY UNDER ORDER FROM EPA OR STATE AGENCY TO CONDUCT SITE ASSESSMENT AND/OR CLEANUP?

YES (describe below) NO UNKNOWN

4.b BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ANY HISTORICAL OR CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/ROLE OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IN ENFORCEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OR FUNDING OF ASSESSMENT/CLEANUP OF CANDIDATE SITE:

Max 10 points page 1

5. SITE ZONING:
(attach site map, or plat map)

TOTAL ACREAGE OF SITE:

5.
0 - 10
points

6. BUILDINGS ON SITE SQUARE FOOTAGE CONDITION (e.g., usable, partially razed, gutted by fire, etc.)

6.
0 - 5 points

Is demolition of any building needed? If so, explain:

7. PAST SITE USES (type of manufacturing, etc.)

APPROXIMATE DATES

7.
0 - 5 points

8.a **PRIOR SITE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES:** NONE UNKNOWN

ASTM PHASE I DATE:

8.b **TYPE OF CONTAMINATION:** PETROLEUM ONLY
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

DESCRIBE CONCLUSIONS OF PRIOR SITE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES (or attach "conclusion" section of report(s)). IF REPORTS ARE UNAVAILABLE, IDENTIFY CONSULTANT, CLIENT, AND APPROXIMATE DATE OF STUDY:

9. **SITE ASSESSMENT NEEDS:**

DESCRIBE SITE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES BEING REQUESTED AND ESTIMATED COSTS:

9.
0 - 5 points

Max 25
points
page 2

10.a ANTICIPATED FUTURE USE: RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL /OPEN SPACE
COMMERCIAL/RETAIL INDUSTRIAL

10.a.
0 - 5 points

10.b DESCRIBE APPLICANTS PROPOSED **REUSE PLAN**. PROVIDE COPIES OF PERTINANT SECTIONS OF APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS (I.E. TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANS, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLANS, ETC.):

10.b.
0-10 points

10.c DESCRIBE INCLUSION OF SUSTAINABLE REUSE IN APPLICANTS PROPOSED REUSE PLAN:

10.c.
0-10 points

10.d DESCRIBE ANY FINANCIAL INCENTIVES PLANNED BY APPLICANT TO SPUR DEVELOPMENT (tax incentives, etc):

10.d.
0-10 points

10.e DESCRIBE PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS FOR SITE CLEANUP. PROVIDE COPIES OF PERTINANT SECTIONS OF APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS AS SUPPORT. (This application is for site assessment only, no cleanup money is being offered as part of this program):

10.e.
0-10 points

10.f PROVIDE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR SITE CLEANUP AND REDEVELOPMENT. PROVIDE COPIES OF PERTINANT SECTIONS OF APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS AS SUPPORT.

10.f.
0-10 points

11. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ANY PUBLIC INTEREST AND/OR **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** IN SITE REUSE PLANNING ACTIVITIES TO DATE. IF PUBLIC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD, PROVIDE DATES, AGENDAS AND OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

11.
0-10 points

As a result of the Small Business Liability and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-118,1/11/02), certain changes were made in the Brownfields program. Petroleum, controlled substances & mine scarred lands are now eligible for funding. Additionally, certain sites are no longer eligible for funding and other sites can only be awarded funding after EPA makes a "Property Specific Determination for Funding". The following page contains a number of questions that need to be answered as part of the evaluation process. Please call the number below with questions.

Max 65 points
page 3

Total
0 - 100 points

Instructions

Complete application as completely as possible. Attach additional sheets and backup documentation as necessary. Application will be prioritized based on the point score assigned during RIDEM review. Questions not listed below under the "scoring" section do not incur any points.

Scoring

Maximum total point score is 100 points. Please provide backup documentation when available. Scoring for each question is as follows:

Question 3.b Amount of delinquent property taxes (if any):

If no taxes are delinquent = 0 points
Less than \$100,000 in taxes delinquent = 5 points
Great than \$100,000 in taxed delinquent = 10 points

Question 5. Site Zoning/Total Acreage of Site:

Greater than 50 Acres = 0 points
10 – 50 acres = 5 points
Less than 10 acres = 10 points

Question 6. Buildings/Demolition needed:

Demolition needed: = 0 points
No demolition needed = 5 points

Question 7. past Site Uses:

No past industrial use or use unknown = 0 points
Past use was industrial = 5 points

Question 9 Site Assessment Needs/Estimated Costs:

Site Assessment Costs greater than \$50,000 = 0 points
Site Assessment Costs less than \$50,000 = 5 points

Question 10 a. Anticipated Future Use

Not recreational/Open Space = 0 points
Recreational /Open Space = 5 points

Questions 10 b. Proposed Reuse Plan:

No reuse plan available = 0 points
Informal reuse plan available = 5 points
Formal reuse plan available = 10 points

Question 10 c. Sustainable Reuse Proposed:

No sustainable reuse planned or unknown = 0 points
Sustainable reuse considered = 5 points
Sustainable reuse planned = 10 points

Question 10 d. Financial Incentives available:

No financial incentives available = 0 points
Not applicable (Town or non-profit to develop) = 5 points
Financial Incentives available = 10 points

Question 10 e. Proposed funding sources for site cleanup:

- No cleanup funding available at this time = 0 points
- Some cleanup funding acquired/all cleanup funding proposed but not acquired = 5 points
- All cleanup funding acquired = 10 points

Question 10 f. Proposed Schedule for cleanup and redevelopment:

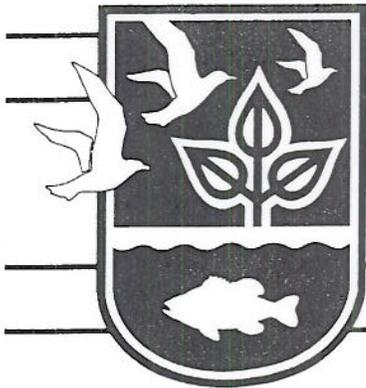
- No schedule proposed = 0 points
- To begin in greater than 2 years = 5 points
- To begin in less than 2 years = 10 points

Question 11. Community Involvement

- No community involvement = 0 points
- Informal community involvement (regular town meetings, etc.) = 5 points
- Formal community involvement (special town meetings, hearings, comment period) = 10 points

When scores are very close or tie, one factor that will be taken into consideration is if the entity (Town, City or non-profit) has previously received assessment funding from RIDEM. Those entities who have not received assessment funding in the past will take priority.

Appendix D



FACT SHEET

FESTIVAL PIER, PAWTUCKET, RI

OCTOBER 2008

Site Characteristics:

Festival Pier is located off of School Street along the Blackstone/Pawtucket River in the City of Pawtucket. Historically, the site was the location of a petroleum terminal between 1911 and 1977, after which it was dismantled and donated to the City of Pawtucket. This undeveloped pier is currently vacant and consists of a poorly paved parking lot with no improvements. Festival Pier is currently one of the few riverfront accesses in the City of Pawtucket and is the location of the annual Dragon Boat Festival put on by the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. It is also located within the John H. Chaffee Natural Heritage Corridor.

Environmental Issues

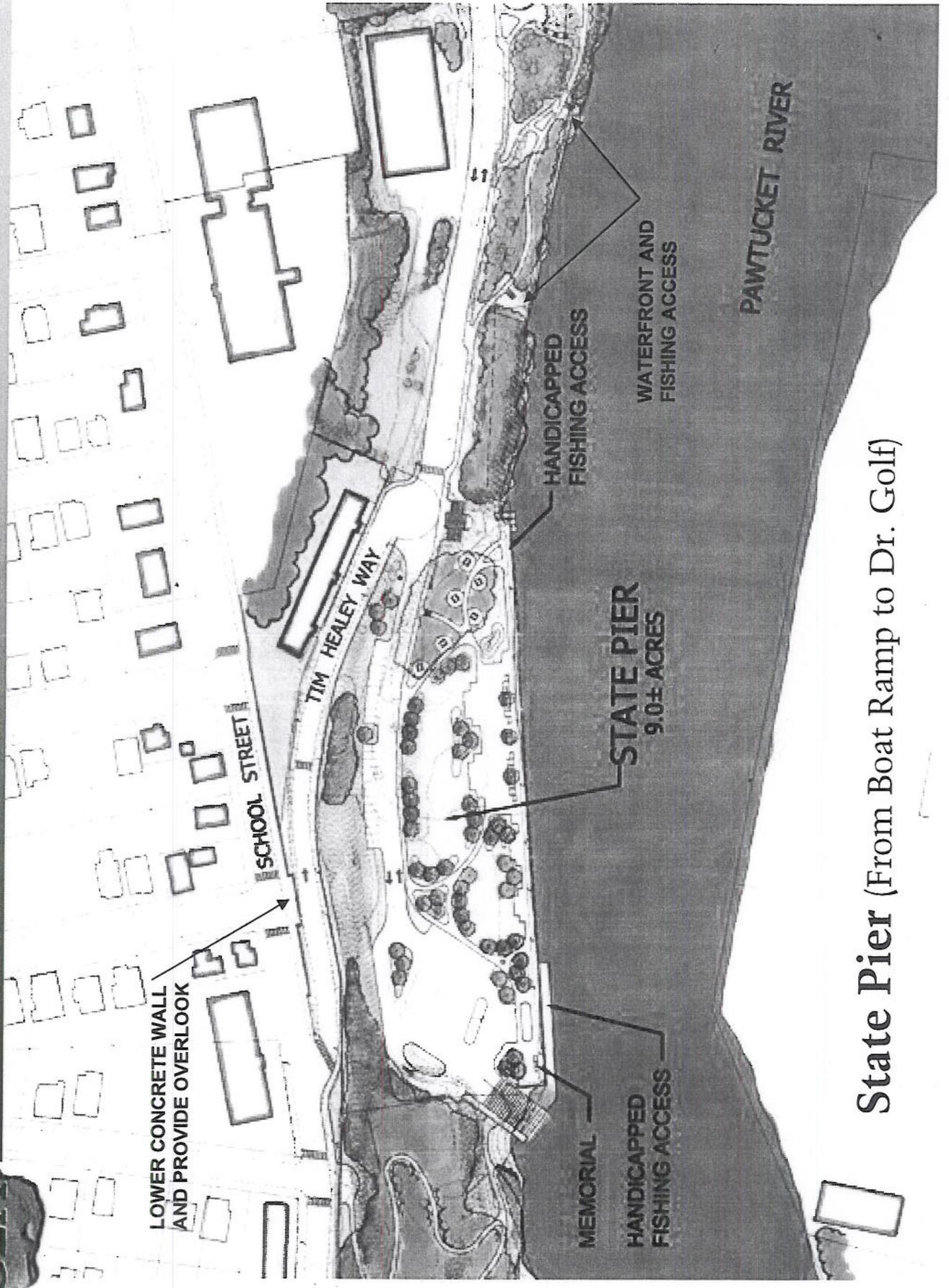
In 2004 the City of Pawtucket requested the RIDEM to conduct a Targeted Brownfields Assessment, which was completed in early 2006. Due to decades of use as a petroleum terminal, releases of petroleum have resulted in petroleum related contamination in the surficial and subsurficial soil, and groundwater, which require remediation. The current proposed remedial alternative calls for removal of heavily contaminated soils, reclamation of free product in groundwater and capping of the remainder of the site.

The Brownfields Issue

This property is currently underutilized.

Other Issues/Economic Benefits

The City of Pawtucket is in great need of open space. The City has held a series of stakeholder meetings to determine the best future use of the property. The current plan is to redevelop it as a first-class public recreation area on the riverfront, including better access for fishing, including accommodations for boat trailers and handicapped fishermen. When finished the area will include a pleasant greenway, equipped with walkways, sitting areas, rest room facilities, and a community boating/educational center. In addition to the programmed passive recreation uses, these improvements would allow Festival Pier's expanded use for events, including continuation of the annual Dragon Boat Festival. See attached drawing.



State Pier (From Boat Ramp to Dr. Golf)

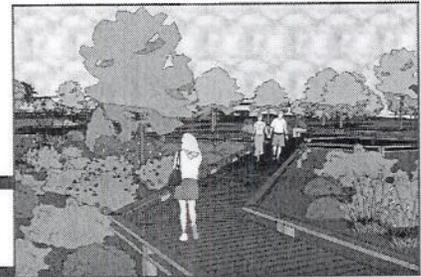


Land & Community Revitalization

BROWNFIELDS SUCCESS IN NEW ENGLAND

KNOWLES MILL

RICHMOND, RHODE ISLAND



Property Details	
Property Address:	5 Railroad Street, Richmond, RI 02875
Property Size:	Approximately 1 acre
Former Use:	Grist mill, textile mill, other various mill operations, dry storage
Contaminants Found:	Other metal, PAHs, SVOCs
Proposed Use:	Historic interpretive park; canoe portage and launch
Current Owner:	Broderick Macari c/o Tara International

Project Partners	
Town of Richmond, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM), RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, and Tribal Preservation Office (TPO)	



Drivers for Redevelopment: As the location of two of the earliest known textile mills in southern Rhode Island, the Town of Richmond has a rich history steeped in the textile industry. Knowles

Mill, a former textile mill, became a blighting influence over time and eventually vacant as the structures began to fall into ruins. In an effort to maximize the potential of the property due to its location along the Pawcatuck River and its historical significance, RI DEM selected it for an environmental site assessment.

Property History: Located on the Pawcatuck River in the village of Shannock at the Lower Falls Dam, the Knowles Mill site was the location of two of the earliest known textile mills in southern Rhode Island. Built in 1835, it was used for various mill operations including grist, textile and woolen mills for more than 100 years. The original structure burned down in 1850, but a second building was constructed on the site in 1885 so mill operations could continue. In the 1970s, the property was used for dry storage and eventually abandoned. It was also

Funding Details	
EPA Section 128(a) and Tribal Funding	\$53,060
EPA TBA Funding	\$43,220
Community Development Block Grant	\$100,000

Project Highlights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fostered successful coordination between RI DEM, the Town of Richmond, the local SHPO and TPO due to historical and Native American significance of the site Preserved the mill's stone foundation and an existing marker commemorating the Native American significance of the site. 	

the location of a fierce battle in 1636 between the Narragansett and Pequot Indians over fishing rights.

Project Results: Working in conjunction with the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, the town decided to redevelop the property into a historic interpretive park and canoe portage and launch, which meet the safe river access needs of the community; this plan includes a pedestrian footbridge extending over the river that connects the villages of Shannock and Columbia Heights in the neighboring Town of Charlestown. Through EPA Section 128(a) Grant funds, RI DEM conducted a Phase I assessment on the property in 2006 revealing various contaminants onsite. The second building became so dilapidated that it was falling into a public road and was demolished in May 2006. Expected to be complete in early 2008, the Phase II assessment revealed the granite block foundation of the original building, which in addition to a free standing chimney, will be preserved as part of the historic park. Once cleanup funding is in place, the property will undergo a combination of hot spot removal and capping in preparation for redevelopment, which is expected to be completed in September 2009.

Project Timeline	
April 2006	Phase I Assessment Completed
May 2006	Mill Building Demolished
January 2008	Phase II Assessment Expected Completion
September 2009	Expected Project Completion



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

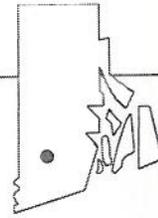
Richmond, RI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Town of Richmond was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located along the Pawcatuck River in southern Rhode Island, Richmond (population 7,222) is a small rural town. Beginning in the 1830s, manufacturing industries were attracted to the area because of the water power of the river. Shannock Village (population 307) contains a historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The village was initially developed to house and support residents working at area textile mills. With the closing of the mills, the village faced economic challenges. The village contains about 90 households, most of which are classified as low-to-moderate income. The former Knowles Mill site is an abandoned textile mill complex and an important Native American landmark. When the site is cleaned up, the town plans



Cleanup Grant

New
2008

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Richmond for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 0.6-acre former Knowles Mill site at 5 Railroad Street in Shannock Village. Industrial activities at the site and surrounding areas date back to the early 19th Century. Site soil, sediment, and groundwater are contaminated with metals and semi-volatile organic compounds. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

EPA Region 1 Brownfields Team
617-918-1424
<http://www.epa.gov/region1/brownfields>

Grant Recipient: Town of Richmond, RI
401-539-9000, ext. 6

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

to redevelop it as a public park with a recreational area and interpretive information about the industrial and Native American histories of the site, surrounding area, and Pawcatuck River. Cleanup and redevelopment of the site are expected to preserve the historic landscape.

State & Tribal Success Stories

May 2008 Report

This monthly report highlights some of the state and tribal success stories resulting from CERCLA 128 (a) State and Tribal Response Program Funds.

Region 1

RHODE ISLAND: The West Warwick Senior Center Targeted Brownfield Assessment (TBA) project is located in the Town of West Warwick, RI, in the village of Artic. The Town is currently in the process of developing the property as a Community Center, becoming a centerpiece of the revitalization of the Artic Village neighborhoods.

The property, which was first developed prior to 1894, has had numerous and varied uses. These uses include residential structures, a funeral home, a furniture manufacturer retail store, and a paint store. In the late 1990s, a fire destroyed a furniture warehouse that was located at the property. Due to their overwhelming state of disrepair, the remaining buildings on-site were demolished in 2001. Since that time, the property had been used for automobile parking.

In 2005, the Town took an interest in using the property as the site of the future Community Center.

In June 2006 the application to the Environmental requesting that As part of the State's 128(a)



Town submitted an RI Department of Management (DEM) a TBA be conducted. TBA, through the grant, RIDEM

performed the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Site Investigation, which began in July 2006 and was completed in June 2007. The chosen remedy of partial soil removal and capping any remaining regulated soil was initiated during the fall of 2007. The remedy has been incorporated into the process of constructing the Center. The foundation of the new building was completed in late 2007 and the Center is on schedule to open during the summer of 2008.

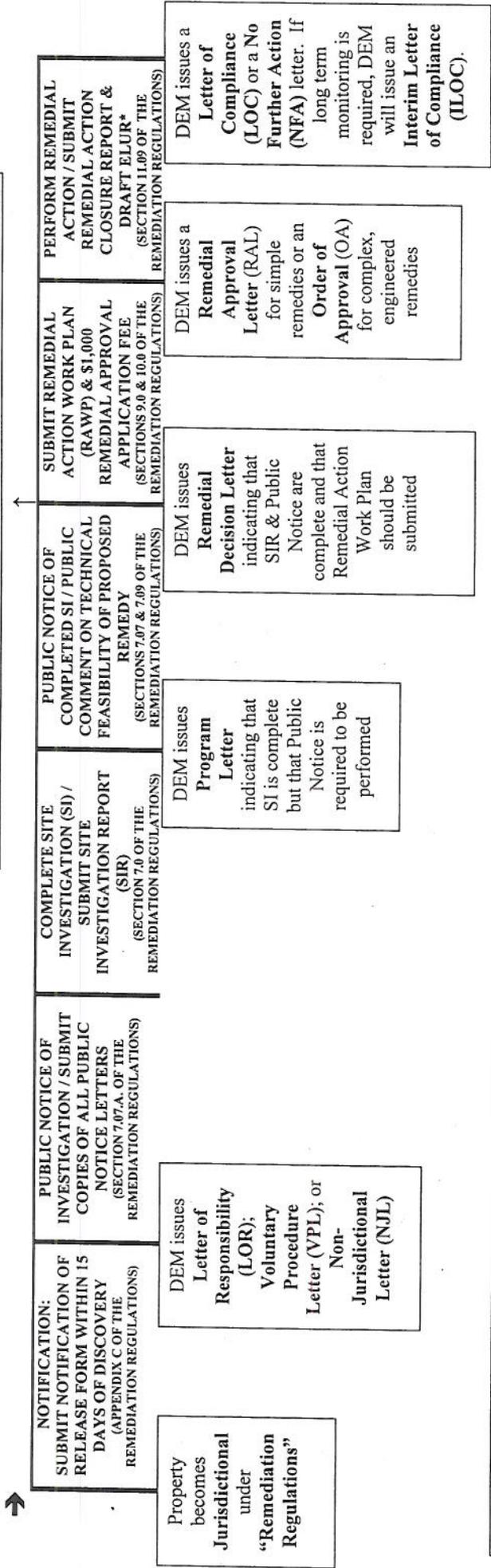
Once opened, the Community Center will house many varied programs including a Senior Center, the West Warwick Department of Human Services, the WIC program, and the federally-funded Foster Grandparent program. The Community Center will provide many valuable services to the Town of West Warwick, and be the first step in the revival of Artic Village.

UPDATE: As of 11/1/08, the new West Warwick Senior Center is nearing completion is expected to be officially open this month.

Appendix E

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM (VCP) / STATE SITE REMEDIATION SITE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

The Performing Party after receipt of a Remedial Decision Letter (RDL), may enter into a Remedial Agreement with DEM. The Remedial Agreement includes a Covenant Not To Sue, contribution protection, a description of the remedial actions, and shall be assignable as therein provided.



* ELUR – Is the acronym for an Environmental Land Usage Restriction. An ELUR is necessary if a Property is not cleaned up to residential standards and GA Groundwater standards. A draft ELUR can be submitted to DEM at any stage in the process: as an attachment to an SIR; with the RAWP; or with the Remedial Action Closure Report. The draft ELUR should always be submitted to DEM in an electronic format for review. Once approved by DEM the Property owner records the ELUR and an associated Soil Management Plan (SMP) on the deed to the Property.