



Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Brownfields Program



Welcome to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's **Brownfields Program** web page. Since 1999, PVPC has supported brownfield redevelopment projects in the Valley through site assessment, planning and clean-up assistance programs funded by grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Currently, PVPC offers site assessment and cleanup assistance programs and is completing a region-wide brownfields plan funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the multi-agency Sustainable Communities Initiative's Knowledge Corridor project.

What's a Brownfield?

EPA defines brownfields as "real property, the expansion, redevelopment or re-use of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant." More than 4,000 contaminated or possibly contaminated sites in Hampden and Hampshire counties have been reported to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). While most of these sites have been cleaned up, those that remain have the potential to negatively impact the region's health, natural resources, and economic development.

Assessment Program

PVPC's site assessment program helps measure the type and extent of contaminants through Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments and potentially cleanup plans (Phase III). Assessments of eligible sites that are approved by PVPC's Brownfields Advisory Committee are conducted by a licensed consultant contracted by PVPC. Eligible applicants can include municipalities, non-profits, and private parties. For more information, click here: www.pvpc.org/brownfields/docs/assessment.pdf

Brownfields Advisory Committee

Meeting agendas and current members:

www.pvpc.org/brownfields/docs/bfac.pdf

Fall 2013 Meeting: *Dec. 16, 10:00AM @ PVPC*



*Phase I ESA site walk,
Westfield, June 2013*

Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund & Subgrant Program

PVPC provides low-interest loans to eligible, credit-worthy public- and private-sector entities to clean up contaminated properties. The RLF is limited to sites contaminated with hazardous substances; sites with co-mingled petroleum releases may also be eligible. Subgrants may be available to eligible entities including municipalities, redevelopment authorities and non-profit organizations. Project selection and financial terms are guided by PVPC's Brownfields Advisory Committee and its Loan Review Subcommittee. Sites must generally have completed Phase II assessment activities before receiving RLF funds. For more information, click here: www.pvpc.org/brownfields/docs/rlf.pdf

Planning Documents

PV Regional Brownfields Plan (draft final version): www.sustainableknowledgecorridor.org/site/node/162

Chicopee West End Area-Wide Brownfields Plan: www.chicopeema.gov/upload/miscdocs/217_0.pdf

Other Meetings & Events

None Scheduled



For more information about PVPC's brownfields program, contact Andrew Loew, Senior Planner at (413) 781-6045 or aloew@pvpc.org. PVPC's brownfields program is funded primarily by grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

