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Brownfields Steering Committee

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Meeting Notes

A meeting of the CMRPC Brownfields Steering Committee was held on November 9, 2011 at the CMRPC offices. The meeting started at 5:15 PM.

Present: Kristen Garza (Worcester) Adam Burney (Auburn)
Terry Cummings (Oxford) Roberta Brien (WBDC)
Arnold Lanni (Southbridge)
Bruce Nickelsen (Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce)

Staff members present: Megan DiPrete, Ryan Lundergan

Also present: Fuss & O'Neill – David Foss

Program Overview:

Ms. DiPrete provided a review of the CMRPC Brownfields program to date. Originally, CMRPC anticipated completing up to 20 Phase I ESA's and up to 4-6 Phase II ESA's. Currently the program has 14 Phase I ESA's, 13 of which are completed and one is in process. Additionally, the program has 3 Phase II ESA's in process.

An update was given regarding the upcoming EPA Brownfields grant application process. CMRPC has been preparing a grant application that is due November 28th. The grant, if awarded, will help continue the efforts of Brownfields Program for years to come. The future of the CMRPC Brownfields Program was discussed in the context of other CMRPC program activities.

Public outreach was discussed by the committee in the context of what might be factored into the next funding round. Suggestions were made to explore possible cable television commercials and advertising in the Telegram and Gazette. A map of the region depicting an overlay of site locations for all projects completed or in process was reviewed. CMRPC has yet to do an Assessment in a community within our northeast sub region.

Minutes: MOTION by Kristen Garza to approve Minutes of the meeting held on September 28th, 2011. Seconded by Adam Burney, the motion carried unanimously.

Review of Work in Progress:

a. Mr. Foss reviewed the **nominations** pending before the Steering Committee.

- Brookfield: Parcels and 3 and 5 Prouty Street, and 6 Central Street – The Town has requested that these properties be advanced to Phase II assessment. The Town intends to pursue development of the land for municipal purpose. The Committee reviewed the request in light of the evaluation criteria they had begun preparing early in the program. After review and discussion, motion by Mr. Burney to submit a request for determination of eligibility to EPA and pursue a Phase II ESA for the site. Seconded by Ms. Brien, the motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Foss reviewed the Phase I ESA's in process.
- Hardwick – 307 Main Street is awaiting MassDEP Determination of Eligibility.
 - Southbridge – 236 Main Street has a draft ESA ready for review.
 - Uxbridge – 35 South Main Street was finalized November 8, 2011
- c. Mr. Foss reviewed the Phase II ESA's in process.
- Brookfield - 15 Post Road - The sampling is complete and a draft Phase II assessment is expected by the end of the month.
 - North Brookfield - 185 North Main Street – sampling has been completed, and a Draft Phase II is expected by the end of the month.
 - Northbridge - 2040 Main Street – A request for EPA's determination of eligibility for Phase II work is being prepared. If eligibility is approved, then a QAPP will be finalized for submittal to EPA.

Schedule

The Steering Committee agreed to meet in January and March. Next meetings are anticipated to be held at 5 pm on January 11 and March 14, 2012.

MOTION by Ms Brien to adjourn at 6:30. Seconded by Ms. Garza, the motion carried unanimously.