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To: CMRPC Community Officials, Community Groups, Regional Agencies, Property Owners, Concerned Citizens, and Others

From: Ryan Lundergan, CMRPC Brownfields Program

Re: **EPA Brownfield Assessment Program**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded a \$400,000 grant to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to conduct site assessments for the presence of hazardous substances and petroleum within CMRPC's 40-community region in southern and central Worcester County. The purpose of the grant is to identify and assess properties that have known or perceived environmental contaminants and to seek methods for clean-up or management that will lead to exciting redevelopment projects.

CMRPC staff work collaboratively with the region's communities, local chambers of commerce, MA Department of Environmental Protection, as well as other regional and state organizations, to identify candidate sites for assessment that have the greatest potential for redevelopment. Selected sites will be assessed by our Fuss & O'Neil, an environmental engineering firm, hired by CMRPC to conduct the include Phase I assessments (background research of site) and Phase II assessments (in-depth site testing).

Nominations are reviewed on a rolling basis by CMRPC's Brownfields Program Steering Committee. One of the major criteria for selection will be the potential for redevelopment.

Often an assessment is the first step needed if a commercial property owner wishes to sell or transfer their property. Property owners wishing to take advantage of this program should work through their municipal government offices to submit their site for consideration for environmental assessment.

For more information about this program, should contact Ryan Lundergan, at: 508-459-3336, or email: [rlundergan@cmrpc.org](mailto:rlundergan@cmrpc.org).