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Mr. Shaun Mulholland, Town Administrator
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RE: CNHRPC Brownfields Program Site Nomination

Dear Shaun:

As you may know, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) was recently awarded an EPA Brownfield Assessment grant to conduct assessments of potentially contaminated (brownfield) sites in the region. With these funds, site assessments, cleanup planning, and reuse planning for a number of sites in the region can begin. This can then set the stage for cleanup activities. CNHRPC is currently seeking for sites to be nominated for assessment.

Assessment activities involve a three-step process. First, a Phase I assessment is prepared. Here, general research of the site is conducted in an effort to identify potential contaminants on the site. Once this has been done, a Phase II assessment is completed in an effort to confirm or dismiss the Phase I findings. Phase II assessments often include soil and groundwater sampling and testing across the site as well as sampling and testing for hazardous building materials (asbestos, lead paint, PCBs). The final step is the development of Phase III, a Remedial Action Plan (RAP). With a RAP in hand, cleanup activities can then be initiated.

Sites can enter the program through a nomination process. Spelled out on CNHRPC's brownfield page here <http://cnhrpc.org/cnhrpc-brownfields-program/> are the criteria for nomination. In general, a site must have a willing land owner and a vision for re-use. Once nominated, a site could then be selected for assessment by the CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (BAC). **Site selection is anticipated to be completed in late June.** The BAC is made up of membership from municipalities across the region as well as a few key organizations. CNHRPC staff and three engineering firms provide technical and organizational support to the BAC as they implement this grant. The engineering contractors will assist with the technical and engineering aspects of the assessment, cleanup, and reuse planning process.

In closing, we hope that Allenstown will submit sites for assessment consideration. This grant represents an excellent opportunity to clean up contaminated sites across the region to improve the quality of life for our citizens through environmental cleanup and economic revitalization. Please feel free to contact myself or Matt Monahan at 226-6020 with more specific questions regarding the process. We look forward to beginning assessments across the region!

Sincerely,

Michael Tardiff
Executive Director

CC: Chad Pelissier, Larry Anderson; CNHRPC Representatives, Town of Allenstown