

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 6, 2009 1:00 – 3:00pm
SCEC Conference Room, Machias Telebusiness Center, Machias

In Attendance:

Lou Esposito, The First
Dick Fickett, Cherryfield
Roger Clapp, Addison
Nick Hodgkins, Maine DEP
Billy Howard, Due East & Downeast LNG
Harold Clossey, Sunrise County Economic Council
Blaine Jones, Bangor Savings Bank
Betsy Fitzgerald, Town of Machias
Rick Tanney, Trescott

Staff:

Judy East, WCCOG
Jeremy Gabrielson, WCCOG
Todd Coffin, GEI

I. Tour of WCCOG Brownfields Website

Todd gave a quick tour of the WCCOG Brownfields site. The website has basic information including the Fact Sheet, Press Releases and Site Nomination forms. It is intended for internal use and public information. The committee suggested several revisions which Todd will incorporate.

The website is www.wccogbrownfields.com

II. Summary and feedback on Draft Community Outreach Plan

Todd circulated a draft Community Outreach Plan prior to the meeting (attached). The dual aims of the outreach are to inform/educate the public about the project and to get people thinking about Brownfields as a way to generate feedback and suggestions.

The committee made several suggestions. In particular the committee suggested focusing the community outreach efforts on professional and membership organizations (e.g. Rotary, Chamber's "Egg and Issues," et cetera). The committee suggested keeping outreach in school limited and targeted and combining with other efforts to the greatest extent practical.

Judy also noted including the Brownfields Program in the WCCOG's Annual Letter to municipalities that is included most town reports. Judy also noted that Machias Valley News Observer has expressed interest in writing an article on the Brownfield's project.

III. Review of site nomination forms (and follow up before next meeting)

To date, we have not received any site nominations through the website.

Billy brought forward a site in Calais. He has made initial owner contact and will see if there is interest in proceeding.

Lou brought forward a site in Eastport. Both Judy and Lou have made initial owner contact. Todd will follow up to see if a review of their existing Phase I report is acceptable.

Betsy brought forward two sites in Machias and one site in Jonesboro. She has made initial owner contact with the one in downtown Machias and will follow up with securing landowner permission for site access.

Jeremy brought forward a site in Addison and site in Harrington. Owner contact has not yet been made. Jeremy will follow up with the site in Harrington.

Roger indicated that Dwayne Shaw had some sites that could be of interest and will follow up with him to get more details.

Rick brought forward a site in Lubec. No owner contact has been made to date.

Nick brought forward a site in Pembroke. No owner contact has been made to date. Judy will follow up with Milan Jamieson.

Harold brought forward a site in Baileyville. Initial owner contact had been made. Harold will follow up the landowner.

Judy brought forward a site in Eastport. No owner contact has been made to date.

Dick brought forward a site in Addison and a site in Milbridge. No owner contact has been made to date. Dick will follow up with the owner in Milbridge and Roger will follow up with the landowner in Addison.

Committee members agreed to complete Site Nomination forms on the sites brought forward with the goals of ranking sites at the next meeting.

IV. Ranking of sites using the updated ranking form

Roger suggested a change to the ranking form where the word "Unknown" is replaced with "Unlikely" for the Near Term Marketability Criteria.

The committee felt that we only had sufficient information to move forward with ranking one site in Machias at the present time. The Machias site received a score of 23. Betsy made a motion to move forward with a Phase I for the site pending land-owner agreement. (Second: Roger. Unanimous).

V. Next meeting date

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Conference Room at the Calais City Building.

Respectfully submitted: Jeremy Gabrielson and Judy East, January 7, 2009