

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

January 20, 2011 2:00 – 3:30
Career Center, Conference Room, Machias

In Attendance: Staff:

Jeremy Gabrielson, WCCOG
Billy Howard, Calais
Todd Coffin, GEI
Randall Perry, GEI
Nick Hodgkins, Maine DEP
Roger Clapp, Addison
Betsy Fitzgerald, Washington County
Blaine Jones, Bangor Savings Bank
By conf call: Lou Esposito, The First

1. Website update

Todd went over some up-dates to the website that he has recently made. Updates include links to newspaper and press coverage that the Brownfields program has received. Todd has also added “Project Gallery” with photos of some of the sites that have already made it through the program. The site also has links to completed Phase I reports; eventually Phase II reports will go up as well.

The website is www.wccogbrownfields.com.

2. ACRES

Randall has been working on updating the assessment records in ACRES – an online reporting tool that is used by EPA. Todd gave a quick overview of the types of information that are available to the public through ACRES.

Reporting through ACRES is a requirement of the EPA grant; it is one of the primary tools that EPA uses to communicate the effectiveness of the Brownfields program to the public at the national level.

3. Project outreach

Over the last couple of months, there have been a few articles in local papers on the Brownfields Assessment program, including coverage of the outreach event through the Machias Chamber of Commerce that is occurring tonight.

Prior to the Chamber event tonight, project partners and property owners of the completed sites were all individually contacted. Todd reported that property

owners were all very appreciative of the work that has been accomplished to date.

Todd has also been in contact with Washington Academy. The exact format has not been determined yet, but he is planning on presenting the Brownfields program to students at WA sometime in February.

Finally, Todd noted plans for Washington County representation at the national Brownfields conference in Philadelphia in April. At this point, Judy, Jeremy, Todd and Nick are all planning to attend. The national conference is a good opportunity to communicate the success of our local program.

4. Project Status

Phase II reports have been completed and accepted by EPA for Antone's Triangle (Pembroke), Sea Street (Eastport), and Machias Dry Cleaners (Machias). The Phase II report for Bridge's (Calais) is currently under review.

The Phase I reports for the O'Neil Garage and ConSea have been completed and accepted by EPA. The work plan for the Phase II at ConSea has been submitted to EPA; and work is scheduled to begin in the spring. A draft Phase I for Schoppee's garage has also been completed.

Todd & Randall started work on the Phase I for Harrington Community Center today.

Todd also reviewed the finding of the four Phase II reports that have been completed to date.

5. Review of Site list

The committee went over the list of potential sites.

Roger mentioned that he had done some outreach on the Rachel Mae Welding site and obtained a phone number for the owner. He will follow up to see if the owner is interested in the program.

Lou brought forward the Moose Island Marine site. The committee went through the ranking criteria; and scored the site at 32 – a high score. Betsy Fitzgerald made a motion that we move ahead with a Phase I assessment of the site (Second: Roger Clapp). The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jeremy Gabrielson, 1/20/2011