

Fact Sheet

Washington County Council of Governments Brownfields Assessment Program



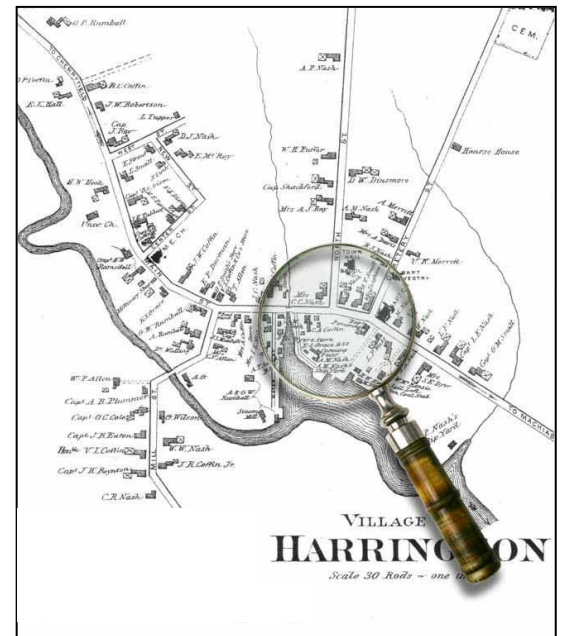
Introduction

In May, 2009 WCCOG was awarded a \$400,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Under the USEPA Grant, WCCOG will work with willing and interested property owners where an environmental assessment may lead to successful redevelopment.

WCCOG has formed a Regional Brownfields Advisory Committee that will assist with identification and selection of sites to be assessed with the grant funding. The Advisory Committee is made up of community and business leaders throughout Washington County.

Key Facts

- The assessment grant includes \$200,000 for assessment of sites impacted by petroleum and \$200,000 for sites impacted by hazardous materials.
- The grant period extends through the spring of 2012.
- The objective of the site assessments is to better understand environmental conditions at a site to promote redevelopment.
- Assessments can target sites proposed for development or open space, such as parks and scenic vistas.
- Brownfields are defined as: *abandoned, idled, or under used industrial and commercial facilities/sites where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.*



Site Eligibility

Properties owned by municipalities, non-profit organizations, developers or other private land owners are eligible. The program excludes properties owned by the federal government, sites where pollution was caused by owner activities, and sites under regulatory enforcement action.

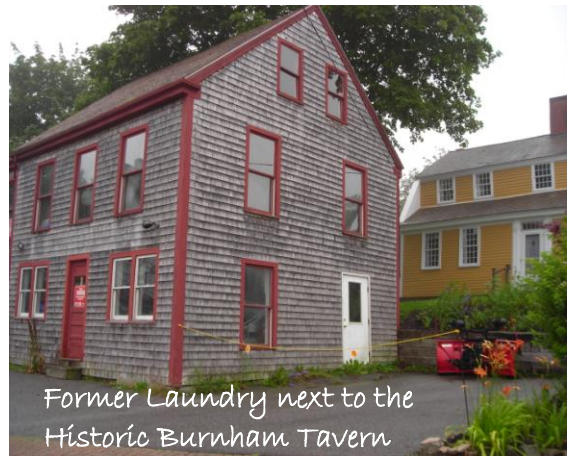
WCCOG and the Regional Brownfields Advisory Committee will evaluate eligible sites and select those for environmental assessment based on a number of factors including community benefit, available infrastructure, and redevelopment potential, among others.

For more Information

To apply for environmental site assessment funding or to learn more about the WCCOG Brownfields program, please contact:

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About WCCOG

The Washington County Council of Governments (WCCOG) is a non-profit municipal membership organization that provides a wide range of land use planning services to its member communities in Downeast Maine.

WCCOG's offices are in Calais, located on the second floor of the City Building, 11 Church Street.