

# Brownfields Advisory Committee Monday December 19, 2022, 6-7pm

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Physical Location - 29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier (Facial coverings required for in-person participation)

AGEN	DA	
page	6:00pm <sup>2</sup>	Adjustments to the Agenda
		Public Comment
Pg 2	6:05pm	Enrollment and Funding Requests
		Consideration of the following properties for enrollment into the brownfields program:
		<ul> <li>11 North Main Street, Northfield for Phase II Environmental Site Assessment</li> </ul>
Pg 16	6:45pm	Project Updates
		18 South Main Street, Barre City for Phase II ESA
Pg 18	6:55 pm	Minutes Approve March 21, 2022 meeting minutes
	7:00 pm	Adjourn

Brownfields Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6pm on an as needed basis

Next Meetings: January 16<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>\*\*

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# CENTRAL VERMONT BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM Site Selection Criteria Review

Projects nominated to receive Brownfields funding are reviewed by the CVRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee. The review examines the projects potential to achieve the mission of the program and result in successful re-use of the site. The Advisory Committee uses the criteria below to guide its evaluation of the overall strength of the site and redevelopment proposal. Sites will be selected for the program based upon its responsiveness to the criteria, other demonstrated strengths toward achieving reuse, and the amount of grant funds available.

CVRPC staff will provide recommendations on each criterion based upon information provided by the program applicant, as well as independent research. Criteria are evaluated in light of what is appropriate for the proposed redevelopment. Certain criteria are more applicable to some projects than others. Not all criteria are requisite, but all will be viewed favorably when addressed by a project.



Site Name: <u>11 North Main St. (RT12), Northfield (Centrangolo Property)</u>
Nominated By: Tom Davis, Northfield Economic Development Director

Project Description: <u>Redevelopment of empty 1.3-acre parcel once occupied by a granite cutting shed.</u>
Prospective purchaser intends to build multi-unit residential building.

Work Requested:	☐ Phase 1 ESA	☑ Phase 2 ESA	☐ Phase 2 Supplemental ESA
	☐ Corrective Action	n Feasibility Investigation	☐ Corrective Action Plan

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Cost Estimate: approx. \$ 25,000

Review Prepared By: Clare Rock, Senior Planner Date of Review: 12/15/2022

## **Threshold Criteria**

Criteria	How does the project demonstrate potential for successful re-use in response to this criteria?
1) Does the applicant have site control?	Recommend asking applicant if there is a Purchase
	and Sale agreement and if the property owner would
	be willing to grant site acess for a Phase II
2) Is there a prospective purchaser?	Prospective Purchasers are Hugh McLaughlin and
Things to consider: What is the background,	Michael Babyak Jr. II. Tom Davis, Economic
expertise, and/or redevelopment track record	Development Director is helping to facilitating the
of the owner and/or developer? Is the owner	project revelopment.
the developer? An owner-developer	The completed Phase I Environmental Site
partnership? Is the owner-purchaser	Assessment (ESA) was prepared for prospective
relationship developed to a place appropriate	purchaser Hugh McLaughlin.
for the proposal and timeline? Are	
negotiations going well so far? Is the property	Mr. McLaughlin's <u>Ballybreen Ventures</u> is a real
listed at an unrealistic price?	estate development firm. The website contains
	examples of previous redevelopment projects.
3) Is the property owner/prospective	The applicant expressed intention in enrolling in
purchaser enrolled in BRELLA?	BRELLA.
	Recommend asking applicant about when or if the
A) In the control of the control of	BRELLA application has been submitted.
4) Is the property owner/prospective	Yes
purchaser willing to be enrolled in BRELLA?	
5) Is there a redevelopment plan for the	Prospective purchasers envision a 4-story multi-unit
site?	residential building with potentially up to 30 units.
a) Are conceptual site plans	a) Not at this time
available?	b) The site is located within the Village Center
b) Does redevelopment conform to	Zoning District where multi family housing is
local zoning regulations?	a Conditional Use. Current regulations may
c) Will the site facilitate the use or	not allow for this level of density; however,
reuse of existing infrastructure?	the Northfield PC is currently undertaking
d) Other:?	revisions to the regulations and there is local
	support to increase housing density,
Things to consider: What level of investment	especially in the Village/downtown area.
has the owner/developer put into planning for	c) The site is located near downtown and is
the project? Is there a risk the project would	served by municipal sewer/water, sidewalks.
be denied permitting?	

Criteria	How does the project demonstrate potential for successful re-use in response to this criteria?
6) Will the site assessment assist in addressing:  a) Identification and reduction of threats to human health; and the environment associated with exposure to hazardous materials, pollutants, or contaminants b) Furthering local and regional land use goals	a) The Phase I ESA, identifies a six Recognized Environmental Concerns (REC's) which may impact groundwater and human health (arsenic, petroleum and fuel oils in soils.) A Phase II ESA would verify the existence of the REC's and identify the extent of contamination. Development would be required to reduce expose of these elements to human health and the environment.  b) Development of a multi-unit residential building in a village/downtown area, within walking distance to other services is supported by local and regional goals.
7) To what degree does the site assessment and redevelopment have:  a) Community/neighborhood support  b) Municipal support  c) Other public or private commitments  Things to consider: Is the community likely to oppose the project or approve, volunteer and make financial commitments toward achieving	a) Unknown b) Tom Davis, Site Nominator serves as the Municipal Economic Development Director c) Prospective purchasers anticipating investing in the project and will also require bank financing
project success? How has this support/commitment been demonstrated?	
8) Will redeveloping the site offer public benefit, such as: a) Housing b) Job creation/retention c) Parkland, greenspace, greenway, outdoor recreation opportunity d) Other:?	<ul> <li>a) Proposed redevelopment will result in the creation of new housing units</li> <li>b) Development of the site will require the purchase of materials and skill labor</li> <li>c) No</li> <li>d) n/a</li> </ul>
9) Does the applicant demonstrate a willingness to provide financial support/in-kind help for cleanup, if it is needed?  Things to consider: Is there documentation of their ability to finance clean up?	Prospective purchasers anticipating investing in the project and will also require bank financing.  Recommend asking applicant about the ability to finance any potential clean up.

Criteria	How does the project demonstrate potential for successful re-use in response to this criteria?
10) Are results achievable?	Prospective purchasers anticipate property purchase
a) Is the project financially feasible?	on or by 6/1/2023.
b) Is the timeline realistic?	
c) Is there commitment from	Recommend asking applicant about the
necessary partners (public &/or	redevelopment timeline and financing of the project.
private)?	
d) Other?	
Things to consider: Is the plan for how each stage and component of the redevelopment will be financed realistic? Is the timeline realistic in terms of securing financing, permitting, property acquisition? How does proposal demonstrate each of these criteria?	

### **Staff Recommendation**

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upon:

Gathering additional information from the applicant about site control and feasibility of the
redevelopment plans to demonstrate a commitment to the redevelopment

- $\square$  A positive review of project information by DEC
- ☐ Signed Owner Participation Agreement Form (by the current owner)
- ☐ Signed Agreement for Property Access Form (by the current owner)

#### **Enrollment Determination**

If the Committee agrees with the staff recommendation, the Brownfields Advisory Committee may consider the following motion: to recommend enrollment of the property into the CVRPC Brownfields program contingent upon those items identified by staff and to recommend the CVRPC Executive Committee authorize funding for the expenditure to cover a Phase II ESA based upon the Phase I findings and recommendations from VT DEC.



# CENTRAL VERMONT BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM Property Nomination Form

The Central Vermont Brownfields Program offers grant funding and technical assistance to property owners and prospective purchasers to assess potential contamination for the purpose of property re-use or re-development. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the State of Vermont through the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Economic Development.

	omination & Contact Information Thomas G Davis
1)	Person/Organization Nominating the Property:
	Nominator Address, Phone, and Email: Northfield Economic Development Director
	51 South Main Street
	Northfield, Vermont 05663
	tdavis@northfield.vt.us
	802-485-9835
	Relationship of nominator to site: ☐ Owner ☐ Prospective Purchaser ☒ Other (please describe)
	Application liaison for prospective purchaser of the property.
2)	Property Owner Name (if different than nominating party): Nick Cetrangolo  Property Owner Address, Phone, and Email: 2540 Goldsby Drive Goldsby OK 73093 d.l.cetrangolo@gmail.com 405-326-1803
3)	Briefly describe the past/current use of the property and the planned or intended re-use of the property.  The property's last commercial use was as a granite-cutting facility. It has been

If the applicant is not the owner or prospective purchaser, please include a letter of agreement or other documentation showing the applicant is authorized to act on behalf of the owner or prospective purchaser.

4)	What type of assistance is being requested?
	a. 🗆 Phase I ESA
	b. 🗵 Phase II ESA
	c. 🗵 Supplemental Assessment:lf necessary
	d.   Site Specific Quality Assurance Project Plan (SSQAPP) (not a required task)
	e.   Hazardous Building Materials Assessment (HBM)
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<b>E</b> \	h.   Other. If other, please explain:  Argue able to attend a Brown fields Advisory Committee most instance discussion and a committee of the
3)	Are you able to attend a Brownfields Advisory Committee meeting to discuss your project?  The Committee meets on the third Monday of each month from 6-7:30 pm at the CVRPC
	office and/or via virtual meeting platform (Zoom).
	a. ⊠ YES □ NO
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	ion or site maps depicting the property are available, please provide copies with this application.
	ormat map reproductions are not necessary. 11 x17 or smaller prints are acceptable.  Property Name: Cetrangolo Property
	Property Address (E911), City/Town & Zip Code: 11 North Main St.
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3)	Property Size (Acres):1.3 Acres
5)	Infrastructure: Is the site served by municipal sewer and water, public transportation, sidewalks
	and/or other infrastructure? Please describe: Sewer and water access at the site
	Sidewalk in front
6)	Describe any existing structures (type, age, square footage, # of stories, etc.):
	Four large cement pillars left from previous structure
7)	Are the structures utilized or abandoned?abandoned
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9)	Have the structures been recognized to have historic qualities, such as by the local Historical
	Society, the Vermont Dept. of Historic Preservation? Is it in or near a Historic District?
	No
10\	Describe any other prominent site characteristics: None
10)	Describe any other profilment site characteristics.
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11)	Zoning District: Village Center
	Is the proposed use permitted in this district, a conditional use, a prohibited use, or other?
,	Please describe: Yes,permitted
13)	Describe any communication you have had with the municipality regarding this project.
,	Initial discussions with zoning administrator and DRB chair

7.1	Describe the current use of property: Vacant Lot
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2)	Describe the former uses of the property (please list all):  Granite Cutting Business
3)	Acquisition Date (by current owner):n/a Proposed purchaser est. 6/1/2023
4)	Acquisition Type (purchase, foreclosure, donation, etc.): Purchase
5)	When the property was acquired, was environmental due diligence for the property transaction conducted according to the accepted standards and practices of the time? ☐ YES ☐ NO
6)	Immediate Past Owner Name and Contact Information (if known):
7)	Current owner is listed - past owner is unknown  Next Past Owner Name and Contact Information (if known):
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	vironmental Information
1)	Describer the environmental concerns: See attached Phase 1 report
	Has a site investigation of potential contaminants previously been performed?   ✓ YES □ NO  If yes, list the type of investigation(s) conducted and the year(s) it was conducted.   Please
3)	provide any previous environmental investigation reports completed. Parcel was subdivided by a
	Adjacent parcel went through Phases I, II and remediation.
4)	Vermont Sites Management Section Site Number (SMS #) 20124284
5)	Dept. of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) Site Manager
6)	Is the project site eligible to participate in VT DEC Brownfields BRELLA program?
7)	✓ Yes □ No □ Unsure □ Already Enrolled #
8)	Does the property now, or in the past, contain above ground or underground storage tanks
	(UST's)? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ Unknown
	If yes, where are/were they located and what do/did they contain?
9)	Did the current property owner cause or contribute to the contamination?
	i. ☑ YES ☐ NO ☐ Unknown
10)	Did the current property owner generate or transport any waste brought to the site?
	i. ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ Unknown
11)	Please provide further detail on the assistance needed, if possible. If a cost estimate or work
	proposal is already available, please provide a copy. <u>Initial assistance needed is for</u> Phase II ESA - first proposal was for \$24,000
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	Redevelopment What is the Proposed Future Use for the site? (Include conceptual site plans, if available):

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describ	e proposed reuse involve expansion or improvement of the use or property? Please yes - apartment complex on vacant lot
What v Please	vill be/is the funding strategy(s) for site remediation (clean up) and redevelopment?  describe in detailPurchaser will fund with possible help from brownfield grain
Descrik	be the municipal and/or community support for redevelopment of this property Yes
Please	describe the project timeline. Goal is to be complete by Fall 2023
How w	ill this project benefit from receiving brownfield assessment grant funds?
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a.	Identification and reduction of threats to human health; and the environment associated with exposure to hazardous materials, pollutants, or contaminants:  Site does not appear to be hazardous, but remediation will be
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b. How w creatio	Identification and reduction of threats to human health; and the environment associated with exposure to hazardous materials, pollutants, or contaminants:  Site does not appear to be hazardous, but remediation will be beneficial  Furthering local and regional land use goals:  More housing projects.  Ill redeveloping the property offer other public benefit, such as providing housing; job in/retention; or Parkland, greenspace, greenway, outdoor recreation opportunities?

## F. Signature

I attest by my signature that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge; and that if enrolled in the program I understand the Owner Participation Agreement Form and the Agreement for Property Access Form will have to be completed prior to the commencement of any site assessment work.

**Nominating Party Signature** 

Thomas G Davis Economic Development Director - Town of Northfield

Nominating Party Name and Title (please print or type)

Return to: Clare Rock, Senior Planner | Phone: 802-229-0389 | Email: rock@cvregion.com

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Wilcox & Barton, Inc. has completed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the property located at 11 North Main Street in Northfield, Vermont, in conformance with the scope and limitations of American Society for Testing and Materials Standard E 1527-21. The following findings are drawn from the information developed during the course of this assessment.

The subject of this assessment is one 1.3-acre parcel identified by the Town of Northfield Assessor's Office as Parcel ID 923023000 (SPAN: 441-139-10312). The property is located in a mixed-use area of Northfield, Vermont, and is currently vacant. The property was historically used for granite processing and finishing between approximately 1897 and 1942 and then again between 1986 and 1999. A gasoline filling station, automotive repair facility, and machine shop occupied the property from as early as 1960 until at least 1976. The property has been vacant since 2000, when the former structures associated with the granite processing and finishing facility were demolished. Portions of concrete building foundations and structural columns remain at the property.

Recognized environmental conditions (RECs), including historical recognized environmental conditions (HRECs), controlled recognized environmental conditions (CRECs), and de minimis conditions were evaluated by a site inspection and area reconnaissance, review of local, state, and federal records and databases, interviews with the current property owner, review of historical reports, and review of historical aerial photographs, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, topographic maps, and city directories. Certain conditions that raise a potential concern but that do not meet the definition of a REC are identified herein as "other environmental concerns." The conditions identified as "other environmental concerns" are presented for User awareness but do not appear to pose a threat to the subject property. The evaluation identified no RECs or "other environmental concerns" with the exception of the following:

- 1. Historical underground storage and documented release of petroleum at an adjacent property. An undocumented 500-gallon No. 2 fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) was encountered during excavation on the northern portion of the existing Dollar General property at 108 North Main Street on October 24, 2012. The UST was inadvertently damaged during excavation and approximately 100 gallons of oily water were released to the subsurface. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) assigned Spill #2012WMD529 to the release condition. Response actions implemented to address the release of No. 2 heating oil included removal of the UST, recovery of oily water from the excavation, excavation and offsite disposal of impacted soil, and postexcavation soil sampling and analysis. Post-excavation soil sampling did not identify contaminant concentrations exceeding applicable standards. The damaged UST contents were reported to have impacted groundwater; however, groundwater sampling was not performed as part of or following UST closure activities. The VTDEC Spill Project was closed on December 12, 2012. Based on the regulatory status of the Spill Project, this finding would typically be considered an HREC; however, based on the absence of postrelease groundwater analytical data and the location of the release area, immediately adjacent to the subject property, this finding is considered a REC.
- 2. <u>Historical underground storage of petroleum at an undocumented location on the subject or adjacent property.</u> The 11 North Main Street property is identified as UST Facility ID 4855711 for one 10,000-gallon UST containing No. 2 or No. 4 fuel oil that was removed in 1998. At this time, the subject parcel and southerly abutting parcel (108 North Main



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Street) were both identified as 11 North Main Street. No records documenting the location of the former 10,000-gallon UST or an associated UST closure assessment were identified; therefore, the UST may have been located on the subject parcel or on the adjacent 108 North Main Street parcel. The historical underground storage of petroleum at an undocumented location on the subject property or adjacent property is considered a REC.

- 3. Documented arsenic contamination at an adjacent property. Elevated concentrations of arsenic were detected in soil at the adjacent 108 North Main Street property during investigation performed in 2011. VTDEC assigned Site #2012-4284 to the release condition. During redevelopment of the property, shallow arsenic-impacted soil was buried under five feet of clean fill at the property in accordance with a VTDEC-approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP). Following implementation of the CAP, VTDEC indicated that the site would be eligible for Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation following completion of monitoring well abandonment and recordation of a notice on the land record for the property. No records documenting completion of the well abandonment, recordation of the notice, or formal SMAC designation were identified during this assessment. The horizontal extent of arsenic contamination on the adjacent parcel was not fully defined and soil conditions on the subject parcel were not evaluated; therefore, the documented presence of arsenic contamination on the adjacent property is considered a REC.
- 4. Release of diesel fuel to asphalt pavement at an adjacent property. According to files on the VTDEC online database, a release of approximately 10 gallons of diesel fuel occurred at the 108 North Main Street property on September 5, 2020. The diesel was released from a vehicle to a limited area of asphalt pavement. VTDEC assigned Spill #2020WMD393 to the release condition. Response actions included deployment and recovery of absorbent materials to the impacted asphalt. No environmental media was impacted by the release. The spill project was closed on September 16, 2020. This finding is considered an "other environmental concern" and does not pose a threat to the subject property.
- 5. Current and historical underground storage and documented petroleum contamination at an adjacent property. The property located at 73 North Main Street is currently operated as a gasoline filling station. The property is located immediately west-southwest of the subject property, beyond North Main Street. According to available files on the VTDEC online database, elevated concentrations of petroleum compounds and lead were identified in soil and groundwater during investigation at the property in 2011. Available information indicates that the contaminant plume has not been defined and the responsible party is planning supplemental investigation to delineate the extent of petroleum-impacted groundwater along the eastern property line. The documented undefined petroleum contamination at the adjacent property is considered a REC.
- 6. <u>Historical underground storage and release(s) of petroleum at an adjacent property.</u> According to available files on the VTDEC online database, a 1989 site assessment identified soil contamination at the adjacent 127 North Main Street property. Available records did not indicate the type of contamination but does indicate soil was excavated and "landfarmed" on the property. The VTDEC issued a SMAC letter for the release condition on March 7, 1994. Available records also indicate one 10,000-gallon fuel oil UST was removed from the property in 1998, and one 12,000-gallon fuel oil UST was



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removed in 2017. During the 1998 UST removal, petroleum contamination was identified. The release condition was tracked by the VTDEC under Site #90-0619. A letter from the VTDEC, dated October 26, 1998, indicates that impacted soil encountered during UST removal was stockpiled at the property and the release was not likely to affect groundwater. The 1998 VTDEC letter indicates that laboratory analysis of post-excavation soil samples did not identify elevated concentrations of petroleum compounds and further investigation at the site was not warranted. No groundwater analytical data collected at the property was identified during this assessment. The absence of groundwater analytical data collected following the identified release conditions and the documented "landfarming" of petroleum-impacted soils at the property indicates that petroleum contamination may be present. Furthermore, no closure documents associated with the 2017 UST removal were identified during this assessment. Although the VTDEC database indicates the site was closed on June 21, 1999, based on the absence of groundwater analytical data and records documenting a closure assessment associated with the 2017 UST removal, this finding is considered a REC.

7. <u>Historical industrial use and underground storage of petroleum at the subject property.</u>
The subject property was used for various industrial uses beginning in the late 1800s until at least 1999. Historical property uses included granite processing, automotive repair, gasoline filling, and machining. These industrial operations would have included the use and storage of various types of oil and/or hazardous materials. A historical Sanborn Map from 1919 depicts a buried gasoline tank and an unidentified tank at the property. The long-term historical industrial uses of the property in addition to the underground storage of petroleum at the property is considered a REC.

The findings summarized above and described herein are supported by the following attachments.

#### **Figures**

Figure 1 Site Location Map

Figure 2 Site Plan

#### **Attachments**

Attachment A Qualifications of Environmental Professionals

Attachment B Scope of Work

Attachment C Photographic Log

Attachment D User Questionnaire

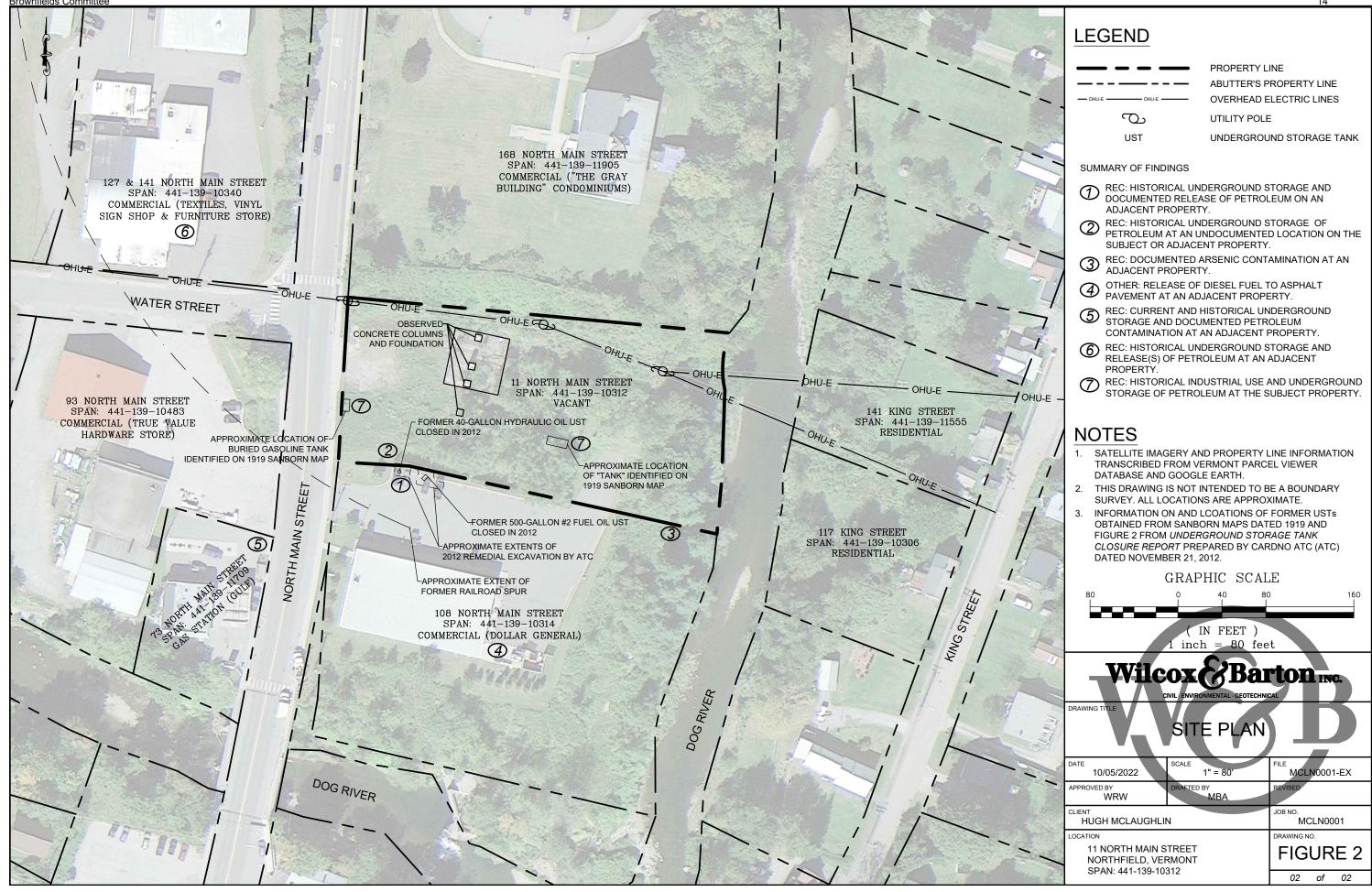
Attachment E Environmental Record Search by Environmental Data Resources, Inc.

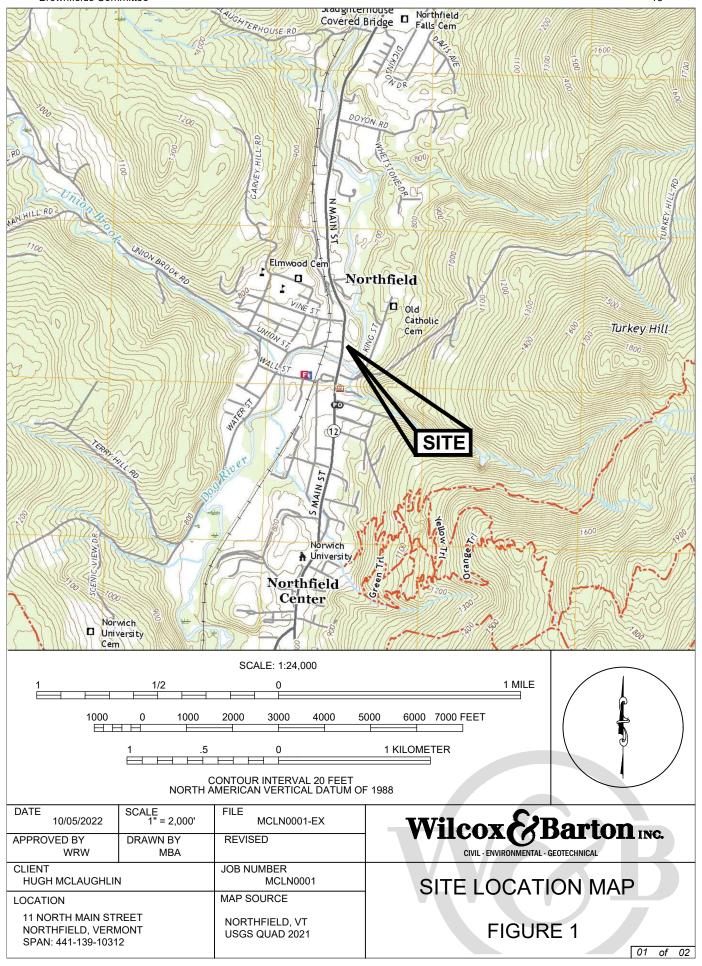
Attachment F Supporting Documents

#### **User Reliance**

This report has been prepared by Wilcox & Barton, Inc. for the use and benefit of, and may be relied upon by, Mr. Hugh McLaughlin, and his respective affiliates, subsidiaries, and assigns.









## **MEMO**

Date: December 15, 2022

To: Brownfields Advisory Committee

From: Clare Rock, Senior Planner
Re: Brownfields Program Update

#### Available Funding & Program Timeline

- \$100,000 is available through June 30, 2023.
- \$50,000 already awarded, \$50,000 available only after 75% of the initial award has been spent or encumbered.
- Status report detailing the anticipated expenditure and encumbrance of the grant funds is due by January 1, 2023.
- Remaining portion of funds may be reallocated for use by other RPCS that have requested additional funds.
- Any unexpended or unencumbered as of June 30, 2023 will be returned to the State.
- Eligible use of funds:
  - to hire Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEPs). CVRPC will contract with QEPs to undertake assessment work, funds will not be granted to the property owner or prospective purchaser to undertake the work.
  - for administrative services performed by the RPC. The maximum allowable reimbursement for these administrative services is 10% of the award.

#### Funding Status

- Enrolled Site: 18 South Main Street, Barre City Turning Point Center
  - Under Contract: Stone Environmental = \$59,599
  - CVRPC has requested and received second installment as Stone contract exceed 75% of initial award.
  - Available Funds for Site Assessments: Up to \$30,401.

#### **○** Project Update: 18 South Main Street, Barre City – Turning Point Center

Stone is actively processing the data acquired from the Phase II ESA field activities, but the lab has been delayed in reporting some of the analytical results. Stone anticipates all analytical

results by end of next week but this delay will shift reporting schedule by a few weeks. Once in receipt of all data, Stone will provide an updated reporting schedule.

Anticipate draft Phase II report in mid-late January and presentation to Committee.

## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION Brownfields Advisory Committee

#### March 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Remote Participation via Zoom

#### **Draft Minutes**

#### **Brownfields Advisory Committee Members**

Х	Ron Krauth, Middlesex Commissioner	1
Х	Peter Carbee, Washington Commissioner (Alternate Seat)	2
Х	George H Clain, Barre Town Commissioner	2
Х	Paula Emery, Plainfield CVRPC Alternate	4
Х	Janet Shatney, Barre City Commissioner	5
х	Jamey Stewart, CVEDC	6
	Tim Ross, Union Bank	7
Х	Joan Marie Misek, Department of Health	8
	Vacant, Downstreet	9
Х	Liz Scharf, Capstone	10
	Vacant, Friend of the Winooski (or similar org)	11

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13 Staff: Clare Rock

14 Guests: Jessica and Seiji Ohashi; Katrina Mattice, Stone Environmental/Turning Point Center;

15 Robert Pervis, Turning Point Center; John Alden, Project Architect/Turning Point Center; Chip

Castle, Turning Point Representative

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Chair J Shatney called the meeting to order at 6.03 pm, and called upon attendees to introduce themselves.

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#### Adjustments to the Agenda

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#### **Public Comment**

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#### **Enrollment and Funding Requests:**

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#### a) 9 Main Street, Montpelier for Phase II Environmental Site Assessment

Staff gave a summary of the staff review as contained within the meeting packet. Jessica and

31 Seiji Ohashi, applicants provided the following information: they have received a cost estimate

from consultants who did the Phase I ESA of \$25,000 for the Phase II ESA. The Phase II is

envisioned to include a PCB air test, some testing has been done to date and most of the testing

has been benign, and they are anticipating that any further testing would not identify any

surprises. The site was a filling station and was a dry cleaners but did not clean any clothes on site, it was a drop off business who then sent the items to be cleaned off site.

The property has been on the market for over two years. The applicants/prospective purchasers have been invested with time and money. They had an offer accepted but then it feel through as the Phase I indicated some environmental concerns and the property owner is not willing to pay for the Phase II. In its present state no bank is willing to provide a mortgage. The applicants have the down payment on-hand are ready and willing to purchase the site. The property owner is taking responsibility to remove the underground storage tanks (USTs) and is enrolled in the state program to get those items taken care of which is outside of some of the other brownfield issues. The UST report should be complete soon.

The redevelopment plan is to focus on engaging the community with arts and children. Jessica went to art school and is an artist, as is Seiji. They want to plan to also have a bike rack, bike pump and want to create a transition area to open up to businesses along Barre Street. They plan to create a parklet with lots of plants and to create a mural on the building, along with having space for a food truck, and support other local small businesses. They also want to create a meeting space, event space and place for people to gather and to rent out. Recently elected to school board and wants to contribute to the community and be a positive impact to people and Jessica is part of a family which is a second generation local business owner.

Committee members had question about the proximity of the railroad and how they would manage or mitigate impacts from a safety stand point and from a dust and pollutants in an outdoor eating/drinking space. The applicants indicated that they have some site design and property management techniques which would help mitigate those concerns. Other committee members had questions about the applicants readiness based upon some of the responses in the applicant, such as the status of local permitting and how possible impacts from flooding would be handled.

#### b) 18 South Main Street, Barre City for Phase II Environmental Site Assessment

J Shatney disclosed that, as the Barre City Planning Director she is managing a grant for this project and would be willing to recues herself if the Committee felt it would be a conflict of interest.

Staff gave an overview of the project as contained within the meeting packet. Representatives from the Turning Point Center provided the following information: they wants to revive the building to retain its architectural history; in redeveloping the property there will be disturbance from digging a new foundation; a Phase I has been completed in July 2021 (they will send CVRPC a copy) and have submitted a Phase II workplan, prior to being aware CVRPC Brownfield's program; there are concerns about vapor intrusion and sub-slab testing should be done; and as a new requirement of BRELLA is to do indoor air testing.

They are seeking Rural Development grant funding and are prepared to put in funds for the mortgage for the property and every penny counts. The building materials have been tested,

but no on-site testing have been done. The expanded facility will result in expanded staff, but 1 2 this will be in part based upon new funding. The other aspect is to bring people in recovery into 3 the more permanent employment and has programs with the hospital and with Department of 4 Labor. 5 6 Representatives from both sites left the meeting. The Committee discussed the sites. Some 7 committee members had some concerns about the readiness to move the 9 Main Street project as the applicant does not have a formal agreement with the property owner. Discussion 8 9 followed about what would happen if the applicant does not purchase the property. Other 10 committee members added that even if that happened the Phase II would provide necessary information for the property to move, rather than continue to stay on the market, and that's 11 12 the purpose of the brownfields program. 13 14 J Stewart moved to recommend funding for a Phase II ESA for 9 Main Street, Montpelier and L 15 Scharf seconded. All in favor, motion carried. 16 J Stewart moved to recommend funding for a Phase II ESA for 18 N. Main Street and P Emery 17 seconded. All in favor, motion carried. J Shatney recused herself. 18 19 20 Minutes 21 J Stewart moved to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes. J. Ohlsson seconded. All in favor, 22 23 motion carried. 24 25 <u>Adjourn</u> 26 P Carbee made motion to adjourn and P Emery seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. 27 28

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

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