

Benefits of the Brownfields Program

The Brownsfields Program provides protection for prospective buyers of sites that may be contaminated by previous owners. In addition, it enables sites to be cleaned-up as well as the opportunity for redevelopment.

Liability for contamination can be a deterrent to potential investors. However Brownfields Programs relieves future owners from such liability.

New Hampshire's BROWNFIELDS COVENANT PROGRAM provides a "Covenant Not to Sue" from the NH Dept. of Justice to all persons who voluntarily agree to undertake investigation and clean-up measures.

The NH Dept. of Environmental Services' Brownfields Staff are experts on the Covenant Program. For additional information contact NH DES or visit the NH DES Website at:

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Rebuilding Southern New Hampshire Through Brownfields Investment




Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Program



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Property owners and businesses understand that contaminated properties pose unique risks to public health as well as environmental integrity and the economic value of a property. Possible contamination sites often remain unused or underused due to previous property use.

The Small Business Liability and Relief & Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2001 offers technical as well as financial support to aid in the redevelopment of possible brownfield locations. 

Assessment

Phase I Environmental Assessments are the first step in Brownfield redevelopment. Phase I studies examine previous use of the property as well as existing conditions. Phase II studies involve environmental studies concerning areas of interest identified in Phase I.

Remedial Action

Extensive planning is needed in the clean up and reuse of Brownfield locations. There are a number areas to be taken into consideration such as current conditions, mitigation and proposed future uses after clean-up.

Clean-Up

Several method for clean up will be considered such as removal of contaminated material, treatment of contaminated material, or containment of contamination.

Re-Use

The final goal of a Brownfields Clean-up is to restore the economic viability to the property and promote industry as well as green space within the community.

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program provides assessment grants, revolving loan funding, as well as clean up grants and technical assistance at all governmental levels.
- Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) received a Brownfield's assessment grant to locate and assess potential Brownfield Sites within southern New Hampshire.
- An advisory committee has been formed consisting of representatives from local government, as well as development interests to assist in the implementation of this grant.

GOALS

- Promote Sustainable Reuse of Brownfield Sites
- Create and Preserve Open Space
- Increase Community Awareness and Involvement
- Reduce the Threat to Human Health and the Environment
- Increasing Economic Prosperity in Southern New Hampshire's Communities
- Promotion of Smart Growth Principles in Southern NH

How To Participate

- Contact SNHPC Brownfield's Staff at (603) 669-4664
- Complete Site Nomination Form at www.snhpc.org
- Property owners must provide written consent for SNHPC to proceed with assessment work.

**Please visit the Brownfields page on the
SNHPC website:**

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