

# STATE and FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BROWNFIELDS and MassDEP's BROWNFIELDS ROLE

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# Brownfields Funding

- Federal and State Agencies
  - EPA
    - Yearly Brownfields Grant Cycle
      - Assessment Grants \$200K - \$350K, Cleanup Grants \$200K, Revolving Loan Fund \$1M
      - EPA provides extensive outreach each year
      - Strict guidelines/competitive
    - Targeted Brownfields Assessments (on going)



# Brownfields Funding, cont.

- MassDEP role in EPA Funding Opportunities
  - Letters of Acknowledgment for Brownfields grants

- <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/request-a-state-acknowledgement-letter-from-massdep>

- Petroleum Eligibility Determinations (PEDs)

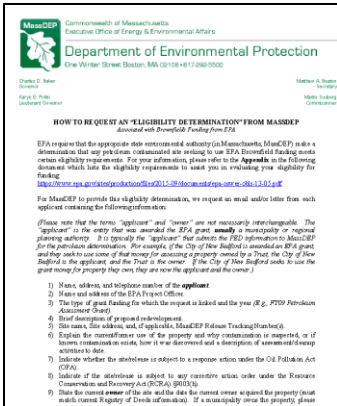
- Sometimes required during the EPA grant process

- Required for petroleum-only sites after grant money is awarded

- EPA guidelines are used to make determination

- Liability and viability evaluations are important components for current and immediate past owners

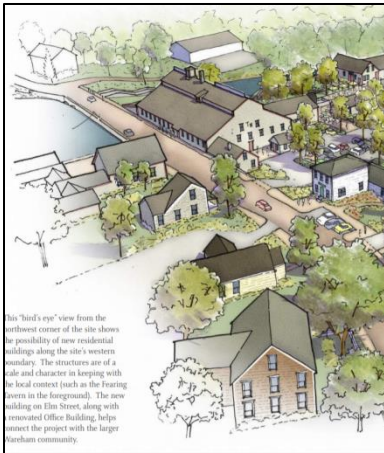
- Contact MassDEP for “How To” letter



# Brownfields Funding, cont.

## – MassDevelopment

- Still actively seeking projects
- Several financing (loans, “grants”) options available that can be used together
  - » Brownfields Redevelopment Fund



This "bird's eye" view from the southwest corner of the site shows the possibility of new residential buildings along the site's western boundary. The structures are of a scale and character in keeping with the local context (such as the framing tower in the foreground). The new building on Elm Street, along with renovated Office Building, helps connect the project with the larger Yarmouth community.

- Brownfields Site Assessment “Recoverable Grants” (municipalities and Community Development Corporations) and Remediation Loans
  - “Recoverable” through tax revenues resulting from redevelopment. 15% incremental revenue annually up to 30 yrs.
- Eligibility Requirements
  - Site located in an EDA
  - Borrower meets certain requirements

- Peer review of scope of work for both cost and technical issues



# Brownfields Funding, cont.

## – MassDEP

- Limited funding availability
- MassDEP has been awarded EPA grants in the past
- State money (SARSS) is not typically used for Brownfields specific projects
- Regional Brownfields Coordinators are **key** points of contact and information:
  - Technical and compliance assistance to regulated community
  - Recommendation to have LSP review work
  - May participate in meetings with developers and/or municipal officials
  - May participate in regularly scheduled meetings for large development projects (BST initiative)
  - Acts as point of contact when multiple bureaus are involved



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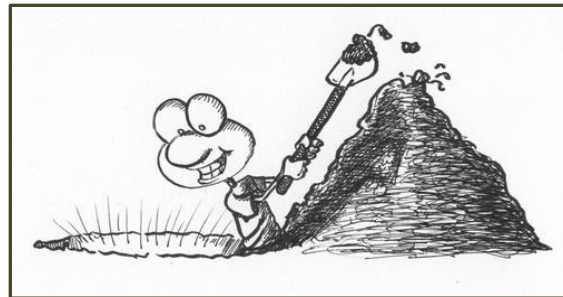
- MassDOR Brownfields Tax Credits
  - Must fill out BCA - Contact DOR for most recent version.
  - Must have RTN
  - Eligible Person under Chapter 21E
  - Located within an EDA
  - Capitalized through 2018
    - » Cleanup must begin on/before 8-5-2018
  - 50% for PSS or ROS
  - 25% for AUL



# Brownfields Funding, cont.

## – MassDOR, cont.

- MassDOR has G.L. c. 63 Section 38Q “Environmental Response Actions/credit” law
- MassDOR contacts MassDEP with questions
  - Biggest issue: Was soil removed for construction or for remediation purposes? Have a good plan in place prior to soil removal activities.



# Brownfields Funding, cont.

- Tax Credits Statistics

| Year | Number of Entities Obtaining Credits | Total Credits Issued in Dollars |
|------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2011 | 83                                   | \$51,399,880                    |
| 2012 | 63                                   | \$35,079,540                    |
| 2013 | 59                                   | \$61,706,452                    |
| 2014 | 44                                   | \$26,047,125                    |
| 2015 | 46                                   | \$36,176,669                    |
| 2016 | 5                                    | \$417,718                       |

– Source: MassDOR website: <http://www.mass.gov/dor/tax-professionals/news-and-reports/massachusetts-tax-credit-transparency-reports/>





# Brownfields Funding, cont.

- Other funding opportunities
  - *Rails To Trails*
  - *Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants (yearly)* – funding for municipalities and non profits to improve urban forests.
  - *Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)* – funding to improve water infrastructure.
  - *Massachusetts Division of Housing and Community Development (Massachusetts CDBG)* – funding to municipalities for housing, community and economic development.
  - *Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities* – grants to acquire parkland or renovate existing parks.
  - *Gateway Cities Park Grants* – funding to improve recreational areas.



# Contact Information

- **MassDEP Brownfields Coordinators:**

| Region | Coordinator    | Email  | Phone        |
|--------|----------------|--|--------------|
| NERO   | Joanne Fagan   | <a href="mailto:Joanne.fagan@state.ma.us">Joanne.fagan@state.ma.us</a>         | 978-694-3390 |
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# Contact Information, cont.

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|----------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------|
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| Greater Boston<br>– Quincy | David Bancroft     | <a href="mailto:dbancroft@massdevelopment.com">dbancroft@massdevelopment.com</a>   | 617-405-5250 |
| North –<br>Lawrence        | Eleni Varitimos    | <a href="mailto:evaritimos@massdevelopment.com">evaritimos@massdevelopment.com</a> | 978-459-6100 |
| South – Fall<br>River      | Mary Ellen DeFrias | <a href="mailto:mdefrias@massdevelopment.com">mdefrias@massdevelopment.com</a>     | 508-678-0533 |
| West -<br>Springfield      | Richard Griffin    | <a href="mailto:rgriffin@massdevelopment.com">rgriffin@massdevelopment.com</a>     | 413-731-8848 |

\*MassDevelopment regions do not correlate with MassDEP regions.

Please refer to MassDevelopment website for region information.



# Useful Links

- EPA Brownfields Grant Information
  - <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields#fy08>
    - How to Request a State Letter of Acknowledgment for EPA Grants
      - <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/request-a-state-acknowledgement-letter-from-massdep>
- MassDevelopment
  - <https://www.massdevelopment.com/what-we-offer/financing/grants/#brownfields>
  - <https://www.massdevelopment.com/what-we-offer/financing/loans-and-guarantees/#brownfields-remediation>



# Useful Links, cont.

- MassDEP General Brownfields:

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2017/12/29/Brownfields%20assessment%20and%20cleanup%20funding.pdf>

- Grants

- Rails To Trails:

<https://www.railstotrails.org/policy/building-active-transportation-systems/obtaining-funding/>

- Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants (yearly):

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/urban-and-community-forestry-challenge-grants>



# Useful Links, cont.

- Massachusetts Clean Water SRF

<https://www.mass.gov/state-revolving-fund-srf-loan-program>

- Massachusetts Community Development Block Grants

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/community-development-block-grant-cdbg>

- Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/parkland-acquisitions-and-renovations-for-communities-parc-grant-program>

- Gateway Cities Parks Grants

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/gateway-city-parks-program>



# Thank you

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