

**Chittenden County Brownfields Program
Site Nomination / Assistance Request Form**

*For information on types of assistance available and
CCRPC's protocol for deciding if, and to what degree to assist a request, see:
<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/economic-development/brownfields/>*

Site Name: _____

Site's Street Address/Town/Zip Code: _____

Parcel Tax ID #: _____ Property Size (Acres): _____

Zoning District: _____

Describe current use(s): _____

Describe former use(s): _____

Are there plans for acquisition and/or redevelopment? Yes No

If yes, attach a separate one to two-page document describing the anticipated benefits of the redevelopment such as housing units, commercial development, jobs, economic impact, recreation, etc. (see Site Evaluation Criteria at link above for the types of information to provide).

Have studies been conducted to identify or assess contamination? Yes No

If yes, please identify the title, author and date of the report, and if available, send us a PDF: _____

Potential contaminants include: Petroleum Other contaminants

What type(s) of site assessment or cleanup planning assistance are you seeking? Circle all that apply

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

Phase II Environmental Site Assessment

Soil Monitoring during Construction

Archeological Site Assessment / Recon

Historic Preservation issues

Cleanup / Corrective Action Planning

Other

Property Owner Information:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nomination Submitted By:

Name or Office: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please Return Site Nomination Form (via PDF is preferred) to:

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MEMO

Date: October 7, 2016
To: CCRPC, Dan Albrecht, Senior Planner
From: Jesse Bridges, Director
RE: Alden Waterfront Site Nomination

Project Background

The City of Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront is seeking funding of \$30,000 from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission for the completion (and implantation) of a State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Alden Waterfront/Waterfront Park. Based on preliminary figures we've received, this will cover approximately half the cost, and we will pay for the balance with available TIF funds. We believe this project is eligible as a hazardous site and the City is prepared to participate in a program requirements. The project is not proposing any change to the current use which is permitted under current zoning.

Anticipated Benefits

Preserving and enhancing the existing public use of the City of Burlington's Waterfront Park, and the Burlington Bike Path that runs through it, is imperative to the recreation economy of the city and surrounding region. Recognizing that, BPRW has invested \$1 million in improvements to the section of the Burlington Bike Path that forms the eastern boundary of the park, as well as sidewalks, electric infrastructure, irrigation and other elements that support intensive use of this park. Should the Chittenden County Brownfield program support this request it would leverage an additional \$250,000-500,000 for infrastructure upgrades (lighting, electrical, etc.) and the implementation of this QAPP dedicated in the City's Capital plan.

The site is located in a designated State of Vermont Downtown, a program that "supports the preservation and enhancement of Vermont's distinctive landscape of compact centers surrounded by rural land," Burlington not only focuses on the viability and density of housing and business redevelopment, but also on increasing capacity, resiliency and recreation opportunities within existing downtown open spaces such as Waterfront Park.

The Alden Waterfront/Waterfront Park site is located in a HUD Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). As of the 2000 Census the NRSA contains a composite low/mod percentage of low- and moderate-income residents of 71.1%. The census data has not been updated. However, the poverty level data for the NRSA, using the 2005-2009 American Community Survey shows that of the total population in the target area, 31% are living below poverty level. For children under 18, 40.8% are living below poverty level. For the adult category ages 18-64, 37.5% are living below poverty level. For the category of seniors over the age of 65, 29.4% of the population is living below poverty level. The overall project will directly benefit the minority and low-income populations which surround the project area as well as residents across the city and region. Under the 2010 Census (the most recent information available), 58% of Burlington residents are low/moderate income.



The site is also adjacent to three housing developments, one affordable, one mixed income and one market rate – many of these residents utilize Waterfront Park as their front yard to recreate and socialize. Also adjacent to the site are several mixed use commercial buildings, including the headquarters of Seventh Generation one of the larger employers in Burlington with over 160 employees. The ECHO Center is also adjacent to the site and has ~100,000 visits per year. Public access and use of Waterfront Park supports all of these uses and the community at large.

As a pillar of Burlington’s recreation economy, Waterfront Park and the Burlington Bike Path must be improved and maintained to overcome the legacy of decades of industrial use and contamination in a way that maximizes human safety and does not have a detrimental impact on the ecology of Lake Champlain. The City has already invested, or plans to invest, over \$1.5 million dollars to ensure this incredible park maintains its status as Burlington’s premier events grounds. It is estimated that our Waterfront Park events, such as the Vermont City Marathon, July 3rd Fireworks and Grand Point North Festival, generate between \$1 – 4 million of economic activity each. The park hosts up to 13 events annually.

Request

Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront requests the CCRPC provide funding for the [design | implementation] of the DEC mandated QAPP to ensure the important economic, cultural and recreational impact of Burlington’s crown jewel open space, Waterfront Park is maintained and enhanced for future generations.