

**Chittenden County Brownfields Program
Guiding Principles for Site Selection**

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Requirements

- The site is nominated for inclusion in the program.
- The property owner is willing to sign a Participation Agreement and Site Access Agreement.
- The site meets DEC eligibility criteria for petroleum sites and EPA eligibility criteria for hazardous sites.

Guiding Principles for Site Selection

- Sites should be located in areas that have existing infrastructure and provide community benefits. ~~In practice, sites are most likely to be located in the non-rural Planning Areas identified in the most current Chittenden County Regional Plan.~~
- Reuse of the property should support local and/or regional goals for housing, economic development or open space/recreation.

Guiding Principles for Phase II Assessments and Corrective Action Planning

- The owner/developer has at least a rough plan for reuse of the site. (This is important in determining the appropriate level of assessment and corrective action.)
- The owner/developer is committed to community involvement in redevelopment planning.
- The anticipated cost of the study is within the program's budget or ability to leverage other assistance programs

Site Evaluation Criteria

The Brownfields Advisory Committee shall use the attached Brownfield Site Evaluation Criteria form to “score” the relative adherence of a proposed project to the principles above.

This “scoring” shall be used as a tool by the Committee to decide first, if to provide funding and/or technical support to a project and if so, to what degree given available funds and other considerations.