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# ***CCRPC Board Training Brownfields***

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# ***Brownfields***

- ***Brownfield*** –  
“Real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”
- In most cases, the property owner is liable for clean up



## ***Brownfields Activities***

- EPA grant funded: 2006 to 2014
- Assessment grants to conduct environmental studies of sites with known/suspected contamination
  - FY2006 - \$200K for petroleum sites
  - FY2008 - \$200K for hazardous sites
  - FY2010 - \$200K petroleum; \$200K hazardous
- Assessment grants don't pay for clean up!

## ***What do we do?***

- Voluntary program
- Hire qualified environmental consultant to:
  - ✓ Review site history to identify concerns (Phase 1).
  - ✓ Sample to determine what, if any, contamination actually exists (Phase 2).
  - ✓ Determine appropriate clean-up actions and costs for planned redevelopment (Clean up plan).
- Help identify funding sources for clean up.
- Get idle/underutilized properties ready for redevelopment to productive use.

## ***Achievements***

- 0 Browns Court: Permit recently approved for construction of 104-unit apartment complex.
- 27, 35-37 and 47 Bright St. Champlain Housing Trust broke ground on 44-unit affordable housing complex in 2015.
- 237 No. Winooski Ave. Developer completed construction of mixed use building with 28 apartments and 1,500 SF commercial space in 2015.
- 28 Archibald St.: established existing community garden as permanent use.

## ***Achievements***

- 157 So. Champlain St., Decayed structure removed; site planned for residential development.
- Urban Reserve: Assessment data gap analysis; City ramping up for public planning process to turn this former fuel storage yard into public greenspace.
- Waterfront North: construction of new skate park, constructed wetlands, bikepath upgrades and public parking.
- Moran Electric Plant: Public-private partnership process now underway to finalize building re-use.

## ***Achievements***

- City of Winooski Underground Storage Tank Inventory; Essex Junction Village Center Area Assessment: GIS databases showing the location of all identified historic tanks, current underground storage tanks, hazardous waste generators, etc.
- Richmond Creamery, Richmond: private developer now seeking obtain cleanup loans.
- 3 Maple St., Village of Essex Junction: Mixed-use planned





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Instead of a ribbon cutting, community gardeners did an inaugural planting to celebrate the grand reopening of the Archibald Neighborhood Garden in the Old North End on Thursday. From left: Mayor Miro Weinberger, Chris Howell, Dan Cahill and Jess Hyman.

# Community garden grand reopening

## Dozens of Old North End residents celebrate with inaugural planting



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What was once a used car lot in Burlington's Old North End has been transformed into a neighborhood garden space.

The Archibald Neighborhood Garden is home to 24 spaces for community members young and old. Flowers and vegetables line the raised beds that make up the space next to Dot's Market on Archibald Street.

The sun was shining bright Thursday

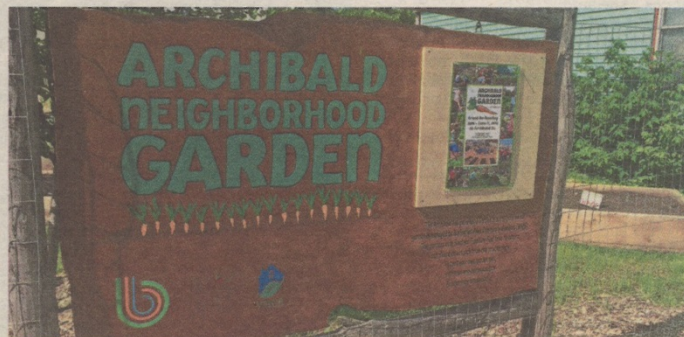
when nearly 30 people, including Mayor Miro Weinberger, gathered to celebrate the garden's grand reopening.

Gardeners have waited a several years for the space's transformation, said Jess Hyman, executive director of the Vermont Community Garden Network.

The city recently purchased the land after the space had been leased from the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties.

The garden was established in 2007 by the community group Grow Team ONE.

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City officials and community gardeners Friday celebrated the grand reopening of the Archibald Neighborhood Garden. The garden has raised garden beds for 24 neighbors.



# Maiden Lane Apartments ( Old Q-Tees )





# Bright Street Housing Cooperative



***<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xi0fhzwJE8k>***



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# ***CCRPC Board Training Water Quality***

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## **VCWA Outreach Contract from ANR**

- 1) Municipal Education
- 2) Support: River Corridor Planning, SW Master Plans, Bylaws, Road Inventory
- 3) River Corridor Map Updates
- 4) Tactical Basin Plan Update: Lamoille River
- 5) Tactical Basin Plan-Project Tracking, Winooski River

## **FY 17 and beyond**

- continued contract with ANR
- road erosion inventory assistance due to Municipal Roads General Permit, effective 2018