

Chittenden County Brownfields Program Guiding Principles for Site Selection
Working Draft for Brownfields Advisory Committee Review
New text in blue compared to 2016-2022 version

Eligibility Requirements

- The site is nominated for inclusion in the program. The property owner is willing to sign a Participation Agreement and Site Access Agreement.
- **If using EPA funds,** the site meets DEC eligibility criteria for petroleum sites and EPA eligibility criteria for hazardous sites.
- **If using ACCD funds, the property is enrolled in BRELLA or has submitted an application for enrollment.**
- **The proposed end use of the project is generally consistent with municipal zoning.**

Guiding Principles for Site Selection

- Sites should be located in areas that have existing infrastructure.
- Reuse of the property should support local and/or regional goals for housing, economic development or open space/recreation.
- **Projects that create new housing units in areas planned for growth are the top priority.**

Guiding Principles for funding of Phase I Assessments

- **Applications from non-profit organizations and municipalities that meet eligibility and site selection criteria above will generally be fully funded as long as they meet a minimum score of XX on the criteria score sheet.**
- **Applications from private entities for projects that create at least X new housing units or create at least XX,000 square feet of commercial space will generally be fully funded as long as they meet a minimum score of XX on the criteria score sheet.**

Guiding Principles for Phase II Assessments and Corrective Action Planning

- **The owner/developer has at least a rough plan for reuse of the site. The owner/developer has contacted the appropriate municipal planning and zoning staff.** (This is important in determining the appropriate level of assessment and corrective action.).
- **The owner/developer is committed to community involvement in redevelopment planning.** **Too vague, strike this.**
- 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.