

Possible Brownfield Sites in the MCEDD Region



**Old Fire
Department
in Topsham**

**Former
M.W. Sewall
Bulk Oil
Facility in
Bath**



Waterfront Market in Thomaston

**Also, Gas Stations, Auto Shops,
Junkyards, Dry Cleaners, Mills,
Industrial Buildings, Schools,
Churches, Waterfront/Marinas, Sites
with underground fuel tanks
Any site with an environmental
stigma!!!**



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BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION



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**The Hathorn Block in
Richmond holds great potential for
redevelopment, and is a prime example
of a potential Brownfield Site which
may be eligible for assessment through
the MCEDD Brownfields Program**

<http://www.mceddme.org/brownfields/>



Brownfields: An Eyesore No More

Step 1: Identify Brownfields Sites

Brownfield properties are a blight on the community, and can be a danger to human health and the environment.



Step 2: Site Assessment

Once a Site has been entered into the Brownfields Program, environmental assessments will be performed to determine what, if any, contaminants are present.

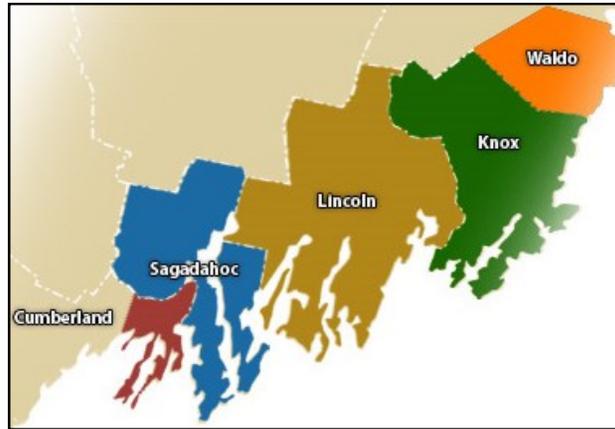


Step 3: Cleanup/Remediation

If contamination is found, redevelopment can't occur unless the Site has been cleaned up to appropriate standards. This can be accomplished through supplemental Brownfields Grants.



The Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD) is an economic/community development organization which serves all of Sagadahoc, Lincoln and Knox Counties, as well as the towns of Brunswick, Harpswell, Lincolnville, Searsmont, Belmont and Northport.



For more information on the Brownfields Program, or to nominate a Site for inclusion in this program, please contact:

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I have some questions...

What is a Brownfields Site?

A "Brownfield site" is any property where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or perceived presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Basically, any site that sits undeveloped and/or underutilized because a potential site purchaser or developer has questions or concerns about past environmental practices is a Brownfield.

What is a Brownfields Assessment Program?

In order to promote economic development, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) through the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, provides tools and funding for the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of identified Brownfield sites. Municipalities, regional planning commissions (like MCEDD), government agencies, and other groups submit applications to the U.S. EPA for funds to assist in Brownfield Assessments. Based on need, the U.S. EPA awards the various Brownfields grants.

How will this program benefit us?

Many Brownfield sites are blights on the community, and can have negative affects on property values, human health and the environment, and public safety. Although many sites have limited contaminants, some are contaminated with constituents ranging from petroleum to heavy metals to volatile compounds. When one of these sites is redeveloped, there are benefits to individuals (no more contact with contamination or unsafe structures), the community (increase in tax base and jobs), and the region (increased tourism and sustainable economic development).

What is a Brownfield Inventory?

We are preparing an inventory of potential Brownfield Sites in the MCEDD region by reviewing state and local databases, conducting interviews with local officials and property owners, and conducting windshield surveys of the City. **In addition, we are looking for input from YOU.** No thorough inventory would be complete without input from the citizens who live, work and play in the area. If you are aware of a potential Brownfield Site that is in need of environmental assessment, redevelopment, and reuse planning, we want to hear about it. Please contact us or fill out a Site Nomination Form!