



ADDRESSING PETROLEUM CONTAMINATION

Free Assistance Program for Property Owners and Prospective Developers

We have an EPA grant! The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) has received \$200,000 from the EPA to assess petroleum contaminated sites in our Region. Our goal is to help properties that are vacant or underutilized because of possible petroleum contamination get put to productive use again. We will assist property owners, prospective developers and municipalities by conducting environmental studies to find out whether a property really is contaminated, to what extent, and how to clean it up so that the property can be redeveloped.

We need your help! The Region has many properties that have, or used to have, tanks that held fuel oil or gasoline. Leaks or spills from these tanks can contaminate soil, water and even air. Our grant allows us to hire a qualified consultant in order to perform various environmental assessments of the property. SWCRPC can also provide technical assistance by navigating through state and federal regulations that may apply as well as researching state funding sources to help pay for cleanup activities.

First steps! We need to identify properties that have redevelopment potential that would benefit the public by promoting community or economic growth. Please let us know if you or your town is interested in this program, if you know of a potential petroleum site, or if you know of a developer seeking a site for redevelopment which fits this description.

For more information contact:

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Additional Information/Resources:

<http://epa.gov/region1/brownfields/index.htm>

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/sms/brownfields-home.htm>

<http://www.swcrpc.org/subpage.php?file=content/brownfields.htm>

GRANT IN ACTION!

Through our Petroleum Grant, assessment work will begin on a former 85,000 gallon, concrete fuel oil vault at the Jones & Lamson site in Springfield, Vermont. Work to be conducted will include testing and disposal of approximately 11,000 gallons of #6 fuel oil as well as testing soils directly below the tank. The RPC is working closely with the Department of Environmental Conservation's Site Management Section as well as the state's Petroleum Cleanup Fund. Completion is anticipated in early summer.

