

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** **BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION PROGRAM**, Authorization to apply for and accept \$200,000 from EPA's FY2010 Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program for funds to remediate select City Brownfields (Economic Development Administrator).

**REPORT:** 1438-28

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

Urban brownfields are parcels in urban settings that have been environmentally compromised by past uses and need remediation in order for new uses to be established. New Haven has a significant amount of brownfields which impede the redevelopment of sites where they are present. Before the Board of Aldermen is a request for authorization to apply for and accept funding in an amount of \$200,000 for cleanup grants to support environmental remediation of contaminated city development sites. This funding is available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency through its FY 2010 Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

A 20% local match is required for this grant program, or \$40,000 in this case, which is provided for in the budget allocation of the Economic Development Department, as well as other non-federal sources such as developer commitments and in kind labor and materials for selected projects. If the grant is awarded, the city will apply the funds to hire environmental clean experts to test, clean, and report on contamination on select brownfields at 10 Wall Street. The application for remediation funds does not alter the landscape of the City. If the remediation requires any action by the City Plan Commission, that action will appear before the commission separately.

### ADVICE

It is highly advantageous to receive funds from outside sources to remediate sites as opposed to using municipal economic development funds. The City Plan Commission strongly supports this application and wishes the City much success in pursuit of this funding.

**ADOPTED:** March 17, 2009  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director