

City of Auburn Downtown Brownfield Assessment Program
Public Meeting #1
Meeting Minutes

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2011
PLACE: Underground Cafe
TIME: 6:00-7:30PM

PURPOSE: To inform the community about the Brownfield Assessment Program and get input on additional sites within the City to be investigated.

MINUTES:

- A brief presentation was given by Mary Burgoon, CHA Consulting Inc. Copy of presentation is attached.
- Those in attendance were asked to identify brownfield sites they felt should investigate for environmental contaminants.
- Sites indentified included the following:
 1. Former P&R Macaroni factory site. Located directly south of the prison. It was noted that this site is considered a Superfund site.
 2. Former International Harvester Complex site including Hercules building. It was noted that that its location at the crossroads and the North St. connector make it a complete redevelopment site.
 - a. Grant Kyle stated that his family owns the Spark Plug Factory as well as the old flour factory where their goal is to rebuild it into loft apartments. Grant went on to say that there is a problem with water loss in the industrial area.
 3. Former Bargain Center located in the vicinity of Seymour Street and Cottage Street.
 4. Former Carpet Factory located on Columbus Street near the hydroelectric plant. This site is unsafe because of dangerous slopes, underground canals and the dam located nearby. It was noted that the property is owned by Creative Electric.
 5. Vacant lots on Clark Street.
 6. Bombardier Plant site.
 7. Site north of Bombardier Plant
 8. Roundhouse site.
 9. Parking lot south of Bombardier Plant.
 10. Former Fostek Factory Site.
 11. Former Sewage Treatment Plant which is owned by the City. Provides scenic overlook of the dam.
 12. Former Auburn Flooring Site- previously identified and is listed as 10 Genesee Street.
 13. West Middle School. It was noted that it has had issues with mold.

14. Chet's Dry Cleaning, 202 & 204 State Street (corner of Pulaski) located in the middle of a residential area.
15. Wink's Gas Station located on Owasco Street. Once was a mansion and carriage house redeveloped into a gas station.
16. Gas Station located at State and Garden Street. Station was demolished in 2010.
17. Consideration should be given to the entire vacant space south of the prison and adjacent to the Owasco River.
18. Former Holy Family Convent located near the Holiday Inn and Central High.

Discussion continued about the industrial area located between York Street, North Street, Seymour Street and State Street. It was noted that the York Street connector project is not moving forward because of property ownership issues and the unknown solutions to crossing the rail line. The railroad runs through the area 4 times a day. A new siding for use by NuCorr is being considered.

It was also noted that the site selection criteria should consider the potential interest of businesses surrounding a brownfield for future redevelopment or expansion of current business.

Meeting ended at 7:30 PM