

BCRC Brownfields Redevelopment Program

The Bennington County Regional Commission carries out a variety of planning and community development work on behalf of the seventeen municipalities within our region. For the past several years, the Commission has maintained an active “Brownfields Redevelopment” program, funded through environmental site assessment grants that have been awarded by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of the program is to identify properties that are either vacant or underutilized because of known or perceived contamination, to conduct environmental assessments, and to develop remediation and re-use plans that will lead to redevelopment meeting identified community objectives.

Our funds allow us to conduct assessments on properties that may be subject to contamination from either petroleum or hazardous substances. Numerous properties in towns throughout our region have benefited from the program. Projects have been completed at historic industrial buildings, vacant automobile dealerships and service stations, old mill buildings, dams and former hydroelectric generating facilities, and other properties, often located in or near economically important downtowns and village centers.