Southern Windsor County
Brownfields Reuse Project

SWCRPC
SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

What is a Brownfield?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a 'brownfield site' is:

> ***Real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contamnant.***

What is SWCRPC's Brownfields Reuse Project

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) offers two programs for assisting property owners and prospective purchasers of brownfield properties in the Region:

- Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), and
- Cleanup Grants and Loans

Since SWCRPC received its first Pilot Assessment Grant from the EPA in 1999, it has been assisting towns and property owners throughout the Region with the process of revitalizing brownfields. The purpose of this program has been to bring these properties back to productive use and back onto town tax roles. Many large former industrial properties are left from a time when the Region was a hub of manufacturing activity. These forgotten properties have not been redeveloped or sold because of the real or perceived presence of hazardous materials. Today many are considered to be eyesores in many of the villages and downtowns.

Current Grants

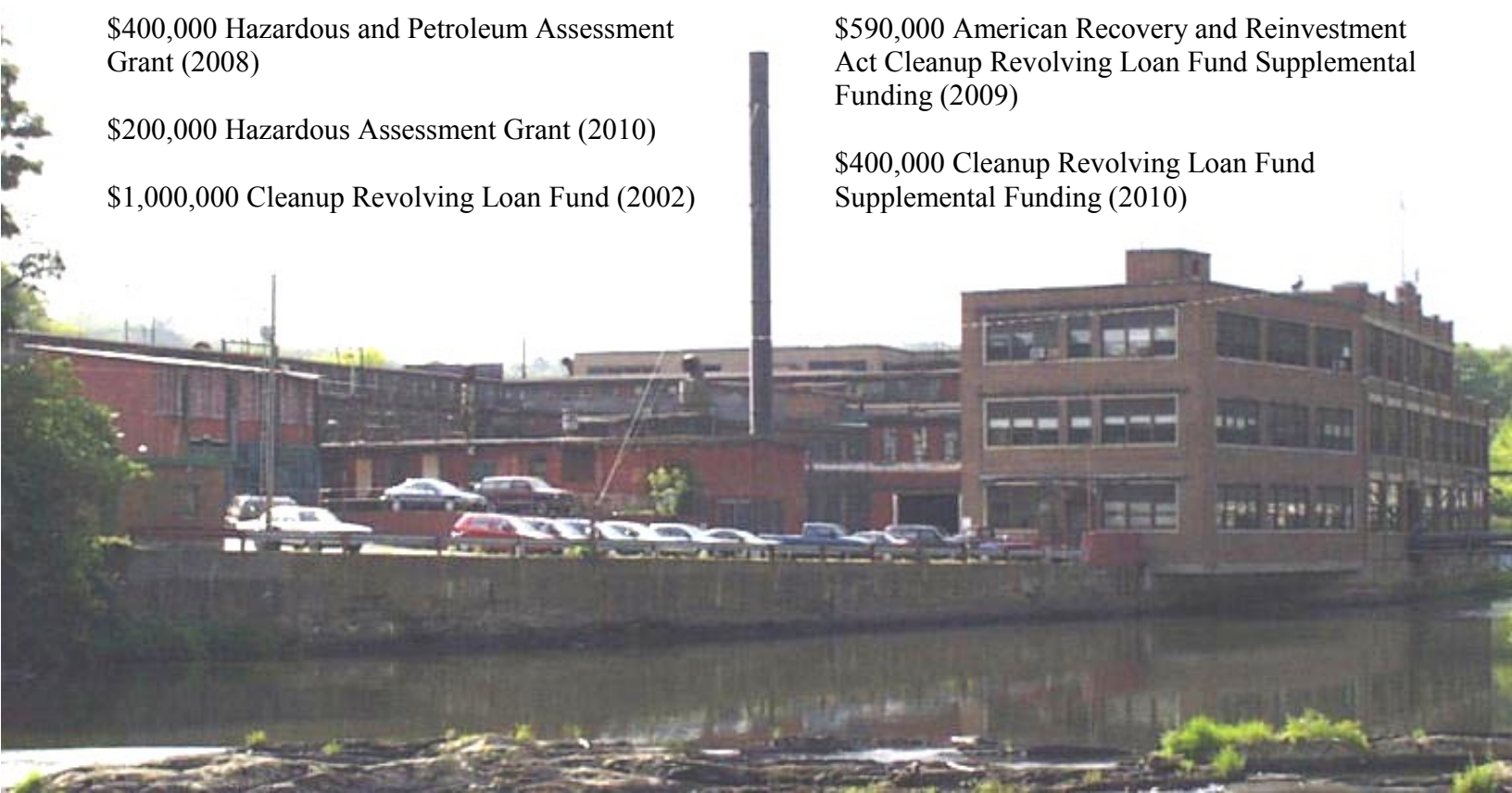
$400,000 Hazardous and Petroleum Assessment Grant (2008)

$200,000 Hazardous Assessment Grant (2010)

$1,000,000 Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (2002)

$590,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Funding (2009)

$400,000 Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Funding (2010)



Success!

During the fall of 2002 the Town of Windsor Vermont chose to pursue the redevelopment of a former Foundry in their downtown area. This building was known to be a brownfield site and the Town of Windsor approached the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) for assistance. SWCBRP was able to fund the required assessment, which determined that cleanup measures were also necessary. The Town was unable to fund the cleanup and applied to the SWCBRP for a grant under the Revolving Loan Fund. The application was approved and they received a grant of $100,000. The site, which is located near the train station, has since been fully cleaned up and serves as a meeting house and the Windsor Welcome Center

Current Grant Projects

2008 Hazardous and Petroleum Assessment Grant

- 3 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs)
- 2 BRELLA Applications
- 3 Phase II ESAs
- 1 Underground Storage Tank closure
- 1 Corrective Action Plan

2009 ARRA Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund

- $400,000 subgrant for cleanup at the Jones and Lamson plant in Springfield, VT. Cleanup is scheduled for summer of 2011.
- $80,000 subgrant for cleanup at 100 River Street Site in Springfield, VT

Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund

- 4 Subgrants totaling $345,000
- 3 fully redeveloped properties
- $519,000 loan for cleanup at 100 River Street Site

2010 Hazardous Assessment Grant

- Phase I ESA

Jones and Lamson Site, Springfield VT

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