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December 18, 2015

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***RE: Lakes Region Brownfields Assessment Grant Application***

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Enclosed please find the Lakes Region Planning Commission's (LRPC) application for Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment grant funding under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Assessment Grants Program. We are requesting a total of \$400,000 to continue to provide environmental assessment services that evaluate Brownfields sites throughout the 30 municipalities in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, beginning with the target communities of Franklin and Laconia.

We hope to build upon and continue our current work of the Lakes Region Brownfields Program by continuing to assess Brownfields sites identified as high priority sites in our region. It is critical to emphasize that our current grant funds are allocated to other Brownfields projects, which shall be fully expended by the first quarter of 2016. LRPC has successfully managed our previous assessment grants by completing 15 Phase I ESAs, 12 Phase II ESAs, and reuse planning at four sites to date. These assessments have leveraged over \$3.2 million in both private and public funds.

Additional funding is essential to complete the assessment work that is currently in progress and continue to address the high priority Brownfields sites in the region. If we continue to have success in our target communities and breathe life into the once vibrant community, the ripple effects in neighboring communities (i.e. more local jobs, better/more affordable housing, etc.) could be astounding and the entire region will benefit.

<b>Applicant Identification:</b>	Lakes Region Planning Commission 103 Main Street, Suite #3, Meredith, NH 03253
<b>Applicant DUNS#</b>	780925640
<b>Funding Requested:</b>	
<b>Grant Type</b>	Assessment
<b>Federal Funds Requested:</b>	\$400,000 (\$200,000 pet. & \$200,000 haz.)
<b>Contamination:</b>	Both Petroleum and Hazardous Substances
<b>Area:</b>	Community Wide

**Location:** The Lakes Region Planning Commission jurisdiction is comprised of 30 municipalities in north-central New Hampshire

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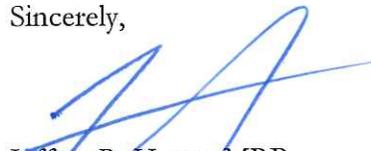
**Date Submitted:** December 18, 2015

**Project Period:** October 2016 to September 2019

**Population:** The 2010 US Census lists the Lakes Region population at 112,735

Thank you for your consideration of the Planning Commission's application. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey R. Hayes, MRP  
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Michael McCluskey, NH DES Brownfields Coordinator

# ASSESSMENT OTHER FACTORS CHECKLIST

Name of Applicant: Lakes Region Planning Commission

Please identify (with an X) which, if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the section process.

	Other Factor	Page #
	Community population is 10,000 or less	
	Federally recognized Indian tribe	
	United States territory	
	Applicant will assist Tribe or territory	
	Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land	
<b>X</b>	Project is primarily focusing on Phase II Assessments	7
<b>X</b>	Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation	10
	Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption has occurred with community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.	
	Applicant is one of 12 recipients or a core partner implementation party, of a “manufacturing community” designation provided by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (ICMP)	
	Applicant will serve an area designated as a federal, state, or local Empowerment Zone or Renewal Community.	
<b>X</b>	Applicant is the recipient or a core partner of a HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant that is directly tied to the project area, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant has or will benefit the project area. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation which demonstrates this connection to a HUD-DOT-EPA PSC grant.	8
	Applicant is a HUD Promise Zone Community.	
	Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant	

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### RANKING CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT GRANTS

#### 1.Community Need/1.a.Target Community&Brownfields1.a.i.Target Community Description

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is located in the geographic center of New Hampshire (NH) and serves 30 member communities in Grafton, Belknap, Carroll, and Merrimack Counties. The majority of the region's communities grew around the newly developed industrial mills of the 1800s. As such, the historic mill buildings that still remain command a remarkable physical and cultural presence in the downtown centers of our target communities of Franklin and Laconia. Unfortunately, the majority of these valuable resources now sit vacant, underutilized, abandoned, or in some cases condemned.

The target community of Franklin, NH is located in the southern Lakes Region at the confluence of the Pemigewasset and Winnepesaukee Rivers to form the Merrimack River. The resulting Merrimack River watershed is the water source for 60% of NH's population. As is typical of cities along rivers, Franklin got its economic start by using power from the rivers to run manufacturing processes in the industrial mills that lined its riverbanks. Sawmill operations were prevalent throughout Franklin from the late 1700s to the mid-1800s when textile and paper mills began popping up along the Winnepesaukee River including the Acme Knitting Machine and Needle Company and the G. W. Griffin Hack Saw Factory. The City was prosperous throughout the age of the mills; however, as the mills began to close in the 1970s, the City began a prolonged period of decline and disinvestment in its historic downtown buildings. Central Street, which forms the main downtown, used to be lined with furniture stores, drug stores, grocers, hotels, entertainment venues, and other specialty shops and services. These are mostly gone from our downtown and replaced by national retailers located in strip malls away from our downtown.

The target community of Laconia is the county seat of Belknap County and is situated between Winnisquam Lake and Lake Winnepesaukee. It has a similar industrial history to Franklin which began with the construction of the Belknap Mill textile manufacturing mill in the mid-1880s. Other local industry produced lumber, textiles, shoes, hosiery, knitting machinery and needles, and the city's largest employer, the Laconia Car Company, manufactured rail, trolley, and subway cars. These industrial facilities are long gone, negatively affecting the once thriving city.

#### 1.a.ii. Demographic Information:

Criteria	Franklin's Downtown Mill District <sup>3</sup>	Downtown Laconia <sup>4</sup>	County <sup>5</sup>	NH	National
Population <sup>1</sup>	187	1,931	146,849	1,323,459	308,745,538
Unemployment <sup>2</sup>	NA	NA	NA	3.4	5.1
Poverty Rate <sup>1</sup>	19.7	18.3	8.9	8.4	11.8
Percent Minority <sup>1</sup>	14.4	5.9	6.3	8.4	26.7
Median Household Income <sup>1</sup>	\$33K to 55K	\$30k to \$33k	\$65,487	\$64,925	\$51,371
# of Housing Units	95	1,1012	63,348	616,537	132,802,859
Bachelor degree & up	15.6 (citywide)	23.1	33.4	33.4	28.5

<sup>1</sup>Data is from the 2010 U.S. Census 2008-2012 American Community Survey and is available at <http://quickfacts.census.gov>  
<sup>2</sup>Data from Sept. 2015 is from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is available at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/>  
<sup>3</sup>Data is a compilation of data for census blocks 043001-2-002, 043001-2-001, 043001-2-000, 043002-4-007, and 043002-4-005 available at <http://www.usa.com>, which constitute the target area.  
<sup>4</sup>Data is a compilation of data for census block group 966100-1 and 966000-3 available at <http://www.usa.com>, which constitute the target area.  
<sup>5</sup>County data based on US census data for LRPC communities in Grafton, Belknap, Carroll, and Merrimack Counties

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**1.a.iii. Brownfields:** According to our existing Brownfields Inventory and NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) records, there are over 200 potential hazardous substance and petroleum Brownfields sites in the region. Under our current Brownfields grant, LRPC identified at least 68 Brownfields sites in serious need of assessment and redevelopment. Of these 68 sites, 23 are within our Target Communities of Franklin and Laconia. These Brownfields sites in the target community are a mixture of former heavy and light manufacturing sites and auto repair and gasoline retail facilities like the former Franklin textile mill and the abandoned Sunoco station. LRPC is currently completing EPA-funded Brownfields Assessments on three high priority sites in Franklin, including the Ferrari Mill, the R&D Paving site, and the Macosco site; and the Colonial Theater and Madeira sites in Laconia; however, additional funding is needed to complete the assessment work on two of these sites.

For example, the Ferrari Mill in Franklin was a former Stanley hacksaw blade manufacturer. Our current assessment work identified that they disposed of the waste saw blades along with other hazardous wastes as fill material behind the building along the banks of the Winnepesaukee River causing chlorinated solvent contamination in the soil and groundwater. Additional assessment is required to determine the nature and extent of this contamination. It is planned to be redeveloped by PermaCity Life incorporating both education and retail related uses, however, this has stalled due to the unknowns associated with this contamination. In addition, the City of Laconia has been in negotiations with the State for several years to acquire and redevelop the vacant 237-acre former State correctional and mental health campus located adjacent to Lake Winnisquam. This site was previously assessed using both LRPC Assessment and EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment funds. These assessments were not completed due to funding limitations and the redevelopment has stalled due to unknowns associated with three waste disposal areas, hazardous building materials, and petroleum concerns from former storage tanks.

Other high priority sites for assessment include the Riverbend Mill that is adjacent to City Hall (PAH and lead concerns), the former J.P. Stevens mill located on the bank of the Winnepesaukee River (petroleum and asbestos concerns), the Suldenski property that is a former dry cleaner (chlorinated solvent concerns), and the vacant Sunoco gas station (petroleum concerns) in Franklin; as well as, the former Belknap Mill located adjacent to Laconia City Hall (lead paint concerns), and the Colonial Theatre (additional assessment required around an abandoned fuel oil UST) in Laconia.

### **1.a.iv. Cumulative Environmental Issues:**

The Winnepesaukee River flows through Laconia and Franklin alongside most of the brownfields sites within the downtown district and accepts stormwater runoff from both downtowns. The Winnepesaukee River flows into the Pemigewasset River immediately outside downtown Franklin, which is the drinking water source for over 30,000 people in the region. In addition, the resulting Merrimack River watershed is the water source for 60% of NH's population. The Upper Merrimack River Watershed Assessment Study (US Army Corp. of Engineers, Draft 2014) confirms that the Merrimack Watershed is impacted by the following cumulative environmental issues: (1) non-point source runoff, (2) natural sources, (3) municipal point sources, and (4) combined sewer overflow (CSO) discharges. This study identified elevated bacteria levels, low dissolved oxygen concentrations, and high nutrient levels. The primary sources of non-point source pollution in the watershed include: urban and non-urban stormwater runoff, atmospheric deposition, natural sources (such as wildlife and waterfowl populations), pet waste, in situ contaminants, agricultural runoff, failing septic systems, illicit connections, and groundwater plumes from sites regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and from landfills [*and Brownfields*]. According to EPA's Envirofacts system, 998 facilities are regulated in the region,

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including 927 facilities reporting hazardous waste activities, 27 facilities that reported toxic releases and 37 facilities with permits and discharges into area rivers.

In addition, another threat to the Merrimack today is the loss of forested land along the river's edge. The blight caused by the vacant and underutilized downtown buildings has resulted in decreased attraction to the Main Street area of Laconia and Central Street area of Franklin, causing many businesses and residents to leave the downtown. With the decentralization of businesses and housing from the downtown, both Franklin and Laconia have witnessed increased sprawl near the City edge that has resulted in the development of vast areas of previously undeveloped land within the Winnepesaukee River watershed, the majority outside the area containing centralized wastewater treatment and in many cases overtaxing the capacity of subsurface sewage disposal systems (Winnepesaukee River Basin Program, 2007). The US Forest Service has ranked the Merrimack River, the most threatened river in the country in terms of loss of privately owned forested land due to housing pressures, 4th for associated impacts to water quality, and 7th for loss of species-at-risk.

### **1.b. Impacts on Targeted Community:**

The Brownfields sites in the LRPC region represent hazards to human health. The vacant mills and industrial facilities, have left behind contaminated soil and groundwater, which have the potential to expose nearby residents and workers through vapor intrusion and impacted drinking water sources. For example, trichloroethylene was found in soil, groundwater and soil vapor at the Ferrari Mill in Franklin. Trichloroethylene is strongly linked to Kidney, liver and blood cancer. These types of impacts threaten area groundwater, the adjacent rivers, and the health of our population, as approximately 50 community-scale water supplies are present within the Target Communities. Furthermore, while occupying only 13% of NH's land area, the NHDES estimates that the Lakes Region has 42% of the state's surface water resources, and it is also home to one of the largest sand and gravel aquifers in New England ultimately servicing 60% of NH's population. Therefore, our Brownfields sites present a significant health risk not only for the residents of our target communities, but also for the hundreds of thousands of citizens who rely on the water resources in the region.

Our Brownfields sites present a major challenge to future community revitalization due primarily to environmental concerns about their industrial past. Developers in the region tend to avoid Brownfields because of financial and environmental uncertainties. This has exacerbated sprawl and loss of scarce agricultural and forest soils. The downtowns of Laconia and Franklin are of greatest social and public health concern. These areas contain several abandoned historic buildings that are in a state of disrepair and represent a public health hazard as many are confirmed to contain hazardous building materials, which trespassers would be exposed to and adversely impacted by, such as asbestos (lung cancer risk), lead-based paint (developmental and brain damage risk), PCBs (liver cancer risk), and other materials relict of prior industrial operations. Unfortunately, the discarded sawblades mixed with chlorinated solvents on the riverbanks next to the Ferrari Mill is likely typical of other sites in the area, leading to significant health and safety concerns to its area residents. In addition, the other abandoned/vacant commercial buildings and sub-standard housing also attract illicit or undesirable activities such as vandalism, arson, clandestine drug use, drug manufacturing, and sale of drugs. In fact, a meth lab was discovered in downtown Franklin in 2010 and others are suspected in the downtown area as covered by local and statewide newspapers.

Brownfields sites go hand-in-hand with poorly maintained and lower income housing that is prevalent in the core of our target areas. This leads to significant environmental justice concerns for the area as some of the most affordable housing in the area is located in the historic buildings along Main Street in Laconia and Central Street in Franklin. These buildings have seen little upkeep over time and likely contain hazardous building materials, especially lead and asbestos. The health and welfare of sensitive populations (primarily infants and children, older citizens, and women of child-

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bearing age) are unfortunately adversely impacted by residing in or near these identified brownfield sites.

One critical health and welfare issue for sensitive populations is lead poisoning. Franklin has the second highest percentage of housing stock (50.9%) constructed prior to 1950 in New Hampshire. Residential units of this age are more likely to create higher health related problems due to environmental conditions such as lead paint. Many homes also require investment and upkeep, but are poorly maintained in the target communities due to blight in surrounding area caused by our Brownfields. This is exacerbating the impacts caused by lead paint. The percentage of screened Franklin children with elevated lead in blood (>10 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ )) has fluctuated from 7.4% in 2006, to 2.9% in 2007, to 3.9% in 2008, to 2.0% in 2012, which is the second highest rate in the state second to Claremont and equal to Newport. The City of Laconia is right behind Franklin in the top 5. The combination of the age and poor quality of the housing stock and the percentage of individuals living below the poverty line (see the discussion on financial need below), results in the both Franklin and Laconia being designated by the state's Department of Health and Human Services' Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program as Universal Testing Cities, meaning that all children at ages one and two must be tested.

### **1.c. Financial Need/1.c.i. Economic Conditions:**

LRPC receives dues from its member communities that represent only 15% of our overall operating budget of over \$800,000. Therefore, we must rely on other sources of funding to implement projects within our region. LRPC has conducted much needed assessments of downtown sites in the target communities using the Brownfields funds awarded by the EPA in 2009 and 2013. However, these funds will be exhausted by spring 2016 as all funds are allocated to existing sites in the program. Several key projects will either remain unassessed or partially assessed, including the Lakes Region Facility, Colonial Theatre, and Belknap Mill in Laconia, and the Riverbend Mill, Stevens Mill, and former Sunoco gas station in Franklin. Absent additional funds, the LRPC will be unable to build off the successes of our existing Brownfields program, thereby hindering the positive drive for change that has already occurred within our Target Communities.

In addition, property values and associated property tax revenues have been severely decreasing in our target communities. According to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, net valuations, or the taxable assessment on both land and buildings used to establish the tax rate, decreased or remained relatively stagnant from 2009 to the present within the region. However, operating costs reported by each of these communities have increased, including the added cost to maintain aging infrastructure and the need to respond and adapt to the global climate change. According to FEMA, there has been 15 major disaster declarations in NH including Hurricane Sandy and Tropical Storm Irene since 2006 (as opposed to only 17 from 1953 to 2006) causing over \$100 million in damage to the state and region. For example the City of Franklin increased property taxes 20% from \$20.59/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2009 to \$24.60 in 2013 while the overall tax commitment from taxpayers only increased 9% over this same period. This is due to the decrease of overall property values within the City causing more tax burden on the lower valued properties in the City. These situations limit our and the target community's ability to draw on other funds to complete needed environmental assessments.

### **1.c.ii. Economic Effects of Brownfields:**

As evidenced by the demographic data provided in **Section 1.a.ii**, the target communities both have a very high poverty rate relative to the county, state and national averages. It is even increasing. The percent of the population below the poverty line grew in Franklin from 12.8% in 2000 to 19.7% in 2010. Poverty is elevated by the lack of accessible jobs and decent, safe housing. This statistic is the primary line of evidence for the downward spiral of the target communities. The

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target communities also have a low median household income relative to the county, state, and national averages. This is further evidence for that lack of quality jobs in and around the target communities. Regarding job loss, Franklin has seen a decrease in available private and governmental jobs from 3,270 to 2,609 from 2002 to 2012. Several high priority manufacturing firms have closed down or had significant layoffs in recent years. This includes the Freudenberg-NOK Manufacturing Plant which closed with a loss of 151 jobs in the city of Laconia and Northfield; the Aavid Thermalloy facility in Laconia (163 jobs lost); and the Hostess Brands in Tilton (25 jobs lost). It is estimated that things will continue to get worse. The New Hampshire Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau estimate that the future goods-producing job force will shrink at a rate of 7.0% between 2008 and 2018, suggesting that the regional job market is bleak. This recurring loss of jobs continues to weaken the economy of the target communities, underscoring the need for actions that will stabilize the economic downturn and stimulate positive and innovative economic growth.

The presence of these Brownfields has brought significant releases of hazardous substances in this area and surrounding neighborhoods, creating a lack of investment in our target communities, and ultimately thwarting revitalization efforts. Developers in the region are avoiding Brownfields and the areas immediately surrounding Brownfields because of financial and environmental uncertainties, creating a lack of quality jobs and income for the target community and substandard housing. Both Laconia and Franklin have recently developed downtown master plans, however, the lack of investment in the downtown and the presence of Brownfields has been identified as key roadblocks to implementing these plans, leaving the remaining sensitive populations to be adversely affected.

### **2. Proj Description and Feasibility of Success/2.a. Proj Description/2.a.i. Proj Description:**

The goal of the LRPC Brownfields Assessment program is to conduct environmental assessments that will lead to the removal of the threat human health and stigma associated with Brownfields so that investment in the downtown can be made, redevelopment can occur, jobs can be created, and water resources can be protected. The creation of the LRPC Brownfields Assessment Program in 2009 has enabled LRPC to add a critical service to our member communities. LRPC is applying for additional Brownfields Assessment grant funds to continue the tremendous momentum already underway in our target communities due to our recent efforts. Our current projects have allocated all available funds and additional assessment and cleanup planning is critical to achieving revitalization of the downtowns in our target communities. If we continue to have success in our target communities and breathe life into the once vibrant community, the ripple effects in neighboring communities (i.e. more local jobs, better/more affordable housing, etc.) could be astounding and the entire region will benefit.

The highest priority for this new assessment funding will be to complete environmental assessments and cleanup planning for sites already enrolled in the LRPC Brownfields Program, and to complete assessment and cleanup planning for the remaining distressed properties in the target communities. LRPC and the City of Franklin are currently working with the non-profit PermaCity Life), the non-profit Franklin Business & Industrial Development Corporation (FBIDC), and several private property owners on various projects to redevelop and cleanup the downtown area. As a testament to the progress and current success being achieved in Franklin, PermaCityLife currently has purchase and sale agreements with several properties including the former armory and mill that is currently undergoing assessment. The FBIDC recently acquired a former mill property recently used by the R&D Paving Company with plans to redevelop the property into a transportation hub or public parking to support the mill district, and negotiations are underway for the PermaCity Life to acquire a portion of the adjoining former J.P. Stevens mill that is severely underutilized. In support of the restoration of a vibrant downtown, the City of Franklin has established a Downtown

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Revitalization District, leveraging its dedicated funding sources and a tax increment financing district to support the planned redevelopment of the mill district once the assessments and cleanup planning are complete. These projects are all in line with the City's master plan and are in agreement with public consent as observed from the outcome of the Franklin Falls Historic District Revitalization Design Charrette conducted in June 2006.

Similarly, the Belknap Economic Development Corporation is also spearheading aggressive steps to facilitate change in downtown Laconia including acquiring and redeveloping both the Belknap Mill and the Colonial Theatre in downtown Laconia. The LRPC Brownfields assessment program will play a key role in assessing and supporting the redevelopment of all these sites.

Beyond these existing known opportunities, we will continue and build upon previous Brownfields assessment work by concentrating our efforts on addressing the other remaining identified high priority sites located within the targeted communities.

### **2.a.ii. Project Timing:**

Both the Cities of Franklin and Laconia are eager to begin new projects and are aggressively pursuing access agreements for those sites. Where LRPC has already worked with two assessment grants, formed an Advisory Committee, previously gone through QEP selection twice, compiled a Site inventory, and have projects in progress, we anticipate that a seamless transition will be made into executing the new assessment grant. Within 60 days of finalize the cooperative agreement with EPA, LRPC will reconvene the Advisory Committee and will hire a qualified environmental professional (QEP) by Fall 2016 who will immediately complete the environmental assessments already in process. We will then meet with the Advisory Committee to update the inventory of sites and priorities for assessment in the winter 2016/2017. Access agreements will then be sought and environmental assessments will be completed on additional high priority sites in the spring and summer of 2017.

### **2.a.iii. Site Selection:**

Most, if not all, of the sites selected for assessment under this grant would be drawn from our existing inventory of contaminated sites located in the region. To continue LRPC's brownfields success, the inventory will continue to be reviewed, added to, and prioritized using nominations from the Advisory Committee, municipalities, non-profits, and citizen groups within the region. Our site selection process includes working with the Advisory Committee to first evaluate the likelihood of a project's success and/or successful redevelopment by gauging the interest and commitment of the developer or other project stakeholders, the support of the municipality, and the benefit to the community and environment. If a project appears to have substantial potential to complete the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment process it will then be ranked based on the following criteria: (a) level of threat to human welfare; (b) level of impairment of community welfare; (c) level of threat to the environment; (d) transportation and infrastructure access; (e) potential for addition of greenspace or other environmental best management practices (e.g. stormwater control features); and (f) buy-in from other stakeholders (i.e. the City, community groups, etc.); and (g) the commitment and availability of other funds, tax credits, incentives, etc. to successfully clean up and complete the project. High priority will be given to sites that have defined redevelopment plans, support downtown investment, create jobs, and/or protect water quality.

### **2.b.i. Task Description:**

Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight: This task will involve LRPC staff working with the Advisory Committee and selecting a qualified environmental professional (QEP). Once contracted, we will continue assessments already in progress, update the existing inventory, conduct quarterly Brownfields Advisory Committee meetings, develop additional priorities for the region, and work with member communities to enroll additional priority sites. LRPC will ensure that Assessment,

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Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) reporting, and EPA quarterly reports are completed and submitted in a timely manner. Select staff and Advisory Committee members will also participate in available training opportunities, such as the National Brownfields Conference, to ensure the continued implementation of an effective Brownfields program. We anticipate that two staff and/or Advisory Committee members will attend the National Brownfields Conference in the Fall of 2017 and Fall of 2019 at approximately \$1,250/person. LRPC personnel will expend 100 hours at \$85 per grant (split evenly between hazardous and petroleum sites) for this task. Environmental professional services will be 60 hours at \$120 per hour per grant. Outputs will include the hiring a QEP, an updated hazardous substances inventory, Advisory Committee meeting minutes, quarterly and ACRES reports, and attendance at the National Brownfields Conference.

**Task 2: Phase I ESAs:** Phase I ESAs will be conducted on the highest priority sites. The reports will be completed in accordance with ASTM E1527-13, as well as the EPA All Appropriate Inquiry rule. LRPC will share the assessment reports with the municipalities and interested parties in which the sites are located. The outputs from this task will be four (4) hazardous substance and five (5) petroleum Phase I ESA reports at an average cost of \$4,000 each. Staff review of reports will be provided as an in-kind service.

**Task 3: Phase II Environmental Site Assessments / ABCAs:** Phase II subsurface investigations will be completed to confirm or dismiss the presence of environmental contamination at selected sites. This will include environmental sampling and/or completing hazardous building material surveys. This work will provide the basis for remedial action plans as part of redevelopment. The Phase II report will be completed in accordance with ASTM E1903-11. Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs) will also be conducted at four sites (2 each per grant) in accordance with applicable EPA and NHDES rules. The outputs from this task will be four (4) hazardous substances and five (5) petroleum Phase II ESAs at an average cost of about \$33,200 each for hazardous substance and \$25,760 each for petroleum sites and four (4) ABCAs for about \$5,000 each for a total cost of \$10,000 per grant. Cost estimates are based on our previous grant experience. Staff review of reports will be provided as an in-kind service.

**Task 4: Outreach & Community Involvement:** The Advisory Committee will continue to work with each of the target communities to increase awareness of the Brownfields Program. LRPC will solicit regular community input during the site inventory and selection process, during the assessment and reporting phases, as well as during the development of any remediation plans. LRPC staff will spend 150 hours at a rate of \$85 per hour and \$100 in supplies for copying and advertising per grant. The QEP will also spend 85 hours at a rate of \$120 for this task per grant. Outputs will be the organization and attendance at public meetings, outreach materials, meeting minutes, assistance in developer outreach and redevelopment planning, and up to two remedial action plans (RAPs) per grant.

### **2.b.ii Budget Table:**

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<b>Hazardous Substances Site Assessment Budget &amp; Project Tasks</b>					
Budget Items	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	TOTAL
	Cooperative Agreement Oversight	Phase I Site Assessments	Phase IIs / ABCAs	Outreach & Community Involvement	
Personnel	\$8,500	\$0	\$0	\$12,750	\$21,250
Travel	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Contractual	\$7,200	\$16,000	\$142,800	\$10,150	\$176,150
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$18,200</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$142,800</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

<b>Petroleum Site Assessment Budget &amp; Project Tasks</b>					
Budget Items	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	TOTAL
	Cooperative Agreement Oversight	Phase I Site Assessments	Phase IIs / ABCAs	Outreach & Community Involvement	
Personnel	\$8,500	\$0	\$0	\$12,750	\$21,250
Travel	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Contractual	\$7,200	\$20,000	\$138,800	\$10,150	\$176,150
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$18,200</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$138,800</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**2.c. Ability to Leverage: (See Letters in Attachment IV)**

Success of our Brownfields efforts largely depends on our ability to provide follow-up support to communities or other stakeholders to pursue sustainable reuse and redevelopment after the assessment phases are concluded. Sources of current and future funding include the following:

- *HUD Sustainable Communities Grant* – LRPC is a core partner in New Hampshire’s **\$4.57 million** HUD Sustainable Communities Initiative. This Program enables communities in the region to create fully-integrated, place-based, sustainable development plans according to state and federal Livability Principles and gives us preferred status for HUD, and USEPA grant programs. (copy of Assistance Award attached)
- *Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds* – LRPC recently used a **\$50,000** EDA grant to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a strategic roadmap for future business and industry) that includes a significant emphasis on Brownfields Redevelopment (award letter attached).
- *Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) Revolving Loan Fund for Hazardous Substances* – **\$1.8 million** Brownfield RLF cleanup fund for which Merrimack County municipalities (the City of Franklin) are eligible (commitment letter attached).
- *City of Laconia* – The City of Laconia has committed **\$2.16 million** for the acquisition of the Lakes Region Facility (commitment letter attached).
- *Belknap Economic Development Corporation* – The BEDC Board has voted overwhelmingly to invest its time and **\$3 million** revolving loan fund in some downtown properties which have documented or suspected contamination. BEDC needs LRPC’s assessment funding to move forward with their investment plans (letter of commitment attached).

In addition, we have included a historic leveraging report detailing over \$3.8 million in past support for our brownfield redevelopment efforts.

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### **3. Community Engagement & Partnerships/3.a. Plan for Involving the Target Community & Other Stakeholders/3.a.i. Community Involvement Plan:**

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- Engage area developers to provide program progress updates and present the community-wide inventory to stimulate redevelopment interest in sites. This will be through direct contact with area developers with support from our community partners including the Franklin Falls Downtown Development Authority and the Belknap Economic Development Corporation
- Continue to work with environmental science students at Colby Sawyer College during assessment activities.
- Post legal notices in the Concord Monitor, Laconia Sun, and Salmon Press newspapers, and LRPC website and radio announcements.
- Convey project progress conveyed through the LRPC website, press releases, and reports to LRPC Commissioners and participating municipalities.
- Post information on municipal websites and have reports available for review by residents in order to indicate receipt of funds, solicit public comment on our proposed work plan, notify stakeholders of the meeting/forums, and make public other important events.

#### **3.a.ii. Communicating Progress:**

The Advisory Committee, public meetings, and target community organizations will be a primary venue for local participation and communicating progress. LRPC will routinely update its website to include relevant program and site-specific information in addition to outreach and Brownfields educational materials, and maintain links to the U.S. EPA Brownfields and NHDES's Brownfields websites. The website will also be used to disseminate information regarding scheduled meetings and provide e-mail contact to submit comments or questions to the Advisory Committee. Public meeting spaces will be handicap accessible. Sign language and other interpreters will be available upon request. In one of our current projects, the Ferrari Mill, communication of progress has also been combined with an educational opportunity. Funds have been committed by Colby Sawyer College to establish a satellite college campus within the former armory building in Franklin and environmental science students and professors have visited the site during the assessment activities as a learning opportunity. Where the college is a stakeholder in the redevelopment of this area,

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LRPC plans to continue this communication opportunity throughout the cleanup and redevelopment process at this site as well as assessments of other sites in the target community.

### **3.b. Partnerships with Govt Agencies/3.b.i. Local/State/Tribal Environmental Authorities:**

The Advisory Committee will be comprised of municipal officials, technical staff of the NHDES, and other community organizations from the target communities. The NHDES will be a key partner in implementing the Brownfields program. They will serve on the Advisory Committee, approve site eligibility for petroleum sites, review environmental reports, and provide technical expertise to the Advisory Committee and QEP. The NHDES Brownfields Program will continue to support our program as needed and provide support for property owner participation through its Covenant Not to Sue Program, Assessment Program, Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund, and the NHDES/grantee Partnership, the only such partnership in New England. All assessed sites are enrolled in the State's Voluntary Cleanup Program upon receipt of a Phase I ESA. Following completion of Phase II assessments, if no contamination is discovered, a Certificate of No Further Action is issued upon request. If contamination is confirmed, the site remains in the Voluntary Cleanup Program and is subject to State Administrative Rules Env-Or 600 and Env-Or 800 pertaining to Contaminated Site Management and the NH Brownfields Program.

### **3.b.ii. Other Relevant Government Partnerships:**

As part of our partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Sustainable Communities Initiatives, the LRPC partnered with the area Economic Development Councils, chambers of commerce, and regional business leaders to the "Regional Plan", the region's first comprehensive economic development plan. The Regional Plan and results from the Brownfields assessments will encourage reinvestment in Brownfields and particularly benefit communities that have suffered a decline in manufacturing and skilled jobs over the last several decades by encouraging development in the downtowns of our target communities. LRPC has a great working relationship with the EPA Region I Brownfield staff. In addition, LRPC will also utilize local health officers/departments and the NH Department of Health and Human Services to determine whether there are any readily known areas with unusually high incidences of health problems that might indicate an environmental exposure. Copies of all assessment reports will also be provided to the municipal health officer in each community.

### **3.c. Partnerships with Community Organizations/3.c.i. Community Organization**

#### **Description & Role:**

The planning commission (i.e., LRPC) closely coordinates strategic plans and brownfield priorities with its target communities, the Cities of Laconia and Franklin (Letters of Commitment Attached) Other commitments from community based organizations involved in the LRPC Brownfields Program and their roles/commitments are summarized below. These organizations serve on the Advisory Committee and will continue to be heavily involved in the site inventory and site selection process, as well as with the implementation of the project's community outreach components.

<b>Partner</b>	<b>Role</b>
PermaCityLife	Non-governmental organization working to catalyze investment in downtown Franklin by partnering with local property owners and outreach to local developers and tenants.
Belknap County Economic Development Council	Leading redevelopment efforts in Belknap Mill and Colonial Theatre in Laconia. Also provide marketing, business counseling, finance, regulatory guidance, and loan program information for support of cleanup and redevelopment. Committed to utilizing its <b>\$3 million RLF</b> for downtown properties.

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Capitol Regional Development Council	Provides financial support to businesses for redevelopment through loans including a <b>\$1.8 million Brownfields Cleanup RLF</b> .
Colby-Sawyer College	Intern & small group planning classes in sustainability and environmental sciences. Assisting with development of the City's Master Plan. Exploring potential satellite campus in Franklin.

### **3.c.ii. Letters of Commitment:**

Letters of commitment from our Target Cities, the City of Laconia and the City of Franklin and the above community organizations are included in **Attachment V**.

### **4. Project Benefits/4.a. Health and/or Welfare and Environment/4.a.i Health and/or Welfare Benefits:**

The LRPC Brownfields Assessment Program will accurately assess the threats that our Brownfields sites pose to human health and the environment, and develop cleanup and reuse plans that are consistent with the downtown master planning efforts. The Phase I and Phase II assessments will clarify and quantify the nature and extent of the contamination present at each of the sites such as petroleum, chlorinated solvents, metals, and hazardous building materials. This information will be incorporated into the site redevelopment strategies and facilitate its eventual cleanup. Site cleanup will lead to the immediate reduction and/or elimination of threats to human health posed by direct contact with contaminated surficial soil, the ingestion of contaminated drinking water, and lead to reduced incidences of associated negative health effects. Long-term benefits from redevelopment include the removal of their blighted condition, beautifying the physical landscape, and protecting long term water quality, the most critical resource for the Lakes Region. Redevelopment of these sites will lead to infill development and investment in our downtowns, and reuse of existing infrastructure.

The long-term benefits to the welfare of the target community include the reduction of blight in our downtowns and decreased sprawl resulting from successful redevelopment, the creation of housing and jobs in the downtowns, and the overall improvement in quality of life for those who live and work in the target areas. For example, the remediation and redevelopment of the Franklin millyard in Franklin and the Belknap Mill in Laconia will provide more people living, working, and congregating in the downtown, decreased vacancy rates, reduction in vandalism and crime, an increased investment in downtown buildings and infrastructure, and ultimately increased community pride. The remediation of Brownfields sites combined with the increase of job opportunities in the target area will improve the disparity between minority/low income individuals and the general population. It will also protect the water resources and greenspace within the area.

### **4.a.ii Environmental Benefits:**

The Phase I environmental site assessments will identify potential hazardous substances and petroleum products that may exist in structures, at the ground surface, in the subsurface, in groundwater, or in surface water/sediments at these sites. Properties with recognized environmental conditions will undergo Phase II assessment; which will determine if any imminent or chronic threats to public health or the environment are present and will identify and quantify the existing hazards from a broad spectrum of contaminants including heavy metals, PCBs, semi-volatile organic compounds, petroleum compounds, and solvents. As sites are planned for cleanup and redevelopment, the mitigation of any identified contaminants will be integrated with redevelopment construction activities to immediately cease any ongoing environmental impacts (e.g. source area removal, ceasing industrial fill erosion into surface water, etc.), minimize the chronic/long term impacts from identified contaminants (e.g. installation of a cover system to

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prevent contaminated stormwater runoff or leaching to groundwater), and identify any threats of future releases to the environment that require immediate attention (e.g. unsecured drums in a mill located along the river). Through successful assessment, cleanup planning, and cleanup, LRPC's Brownfields Program plans to not only provide economic benefits to the target communities, but will be an environmental steward in facilitating the cleanup of long neglected sites that have been affecting not only the environment (i.e. biota at the sites), but public health through stormwater runoff, erosion, groundwater, direct discharges to surface waters, etc. directly to the watershed of the drinking water supply to more than half of New Hampshire.

### **4.b. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse / Sustainable Reuse**

#### **4.b.i. Planning, Policies and Other Tools:**

Most Brownfields sites, including Franklin's Downtown Revitalization District, currently have utilities including municipal sewer and water facilities, as well as vehicle and pedestrian infrastructure. Redevelopment of Brownfields in downtown areas not only minimizes the conversion of woodlands and open space to commercial or industrial uses, but avoids the need to extend water, sewer, and other systems outside of downtown areas. Particularly important to New Hampshire's environmental protection strategy is the recognition of the Smart Growth principle of "Preserving Open Space, Farmland, Natural Beauty, and Critical Environmental Areas." LRPC recognizes that not only does our environment depend on this protection; our tourism and recreation business sectors rely on the sustainable use of our forests, farms, orchards, lakes, rivers, and mountain slopes. By balancing the protection of unique natural areas with more intensive use of Brownfields, and by identifying and rehabilitating such Brownfield areas through the use of this grant, we can prevent pollution and reduce resource consumption in our member communities, in particular the target communities of Laconia and Franklin. Important to note is that the R&D Paving site in Franklin is planned to be reused to support transportation infrastructure for the entire mill district and has already been acquired by the FBIDC to meet the City's master planning needs.

It is also important for the LRPC to promote the Smart Growth principles using a process that encourages community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions. Examples of the LRPC's commitment to mixed-use, sustainable development exist in our Smart Growth Assessment program. Funded by the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation, LRPC collaborates with the Audubon Society of NH to assess the likelihood of local ordinances to implement the principles of Smart Growth, as described in NH statutes. Working with the local planning board and conservation commission, the partners share findings, which include specific recommendations to amend sections of land use regulations that either inhibit or detract from creating or maintaining a livable community.

LRPC recognizes the environmental benefits of green remediation, which we have been successful at incorporating into our Brownfields program and will continue to concentrate on during future remediation and redevelopment planning efforts. For example, the Ernie's Garage Brownfields Cleanup in Tilton and the Guay's Auto Brownfields Cleanup in Franklin utilized local contractors, materials suppliers, and disposal facilities in remediation in order to reduce fuel usage, emissions, etc. These projects included high remediation waste recycling rates during cleanup and redevelopment to increase the beneficial re-use options for waste materials. In addition, green building and energy efficiency standards are becoming much more accepted and are currently being implemented in many redevelopment projects throughout the LRPC region. We expect that more projects enrolled in the Brownfields program will use green remediation standards, LEED building standards, and sustainable building methods.

#### **4.b.ii. Integrating Equitable Development or Livability Principles:**

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Smart Growth Principles are key components of all projects at LRPC. The redevelopment plan for Franklin's downtown also encompasses these principles and is already integrating equitable development and livability by the recent acquisition of the R&D Paving site, which will be turned into a transportation hub and/or public parking to support the redevelopment of the remainder of the district. A private developer has also suggested that portions of the R&D and adjoining sites be used as a "gateway" park to the mill district to include stormwater bioswales and park areas that would also increase the livability of the currently mostly asphalt paved area of the downtown. The proposed mixed-use redevelopment of the mills and buildings along Central Street also play a vital role to restoring job creation, residency, and environmental stewardship in downtown Franklin. Re-designing/re-engineering the mostly vacant downtown area will also provide a rare opportunity to address the serious concern of stormwater runoff into surface waters used for drinking water.

Our high priority sites are chosen based on the recommendations from previous planning efforts, each of which incorporate diverse needs including housing, water quality protection, and downtown revitalization. This, combined with our community outreach program, highlights our commitment to equitable development principles and can be seen in the existing Brownfields Assessment projects that we have completed and will continue with the support created by this new grant.

### **4.c. Economic and Community Benefits/4.c.i. Economic or Non-economic Benefits:**

The redevelopment of Brownfields sites in downtown areas will lead to direct and indirect economic activity associated with each project and will spur job creation and retention, increase tax revenue, and maximize the redevelopment potential of existing Brownfields sites. The EPA Brownfields grant funds will help stimulate the eventual cleanup and redevelopment of existing Brownfields sites. The reuse of these facilities will also reduce sprawl by re-using existing infrastructure, creating alternative transportation options, encouraging sustainable development, and facilitate investment in our downtowns.

The economic benefits of the cleanup and redevelopment are readily apparent. Reuse creates investment in our downtowns. This in turn creates an instant addition to the tax base (through increased real estate valuation as well as through additional valuations e.g. machinery and equipment, inventory, etc.), increased payroll in the community, and increases in retail and service sales. Lastly, a cleaned up and redeveloped site will galvanize other adjacent areas and efforts creating investments in surrounding properties, providing better housing opportunities, and in turn adding to the consumer base.

Redevelopment will strengthen existing partnerships and foster new working relationships among local elected officials, agencies, organizations and community groups throughout the region. This project will qualify municipalities and potential developers to access eligible state and federal funding resources through the economic development planning process. The project will also promote private capital investment through the removal of environmental uncertainties. Based on our previous Brownfields grant experience, we would anticipate that this project would ultimately lead to the creation of 75 jobs and 50-100 housing units, an increase to the property tax valuation of \$5 to \$10 million, and the cleanup of 10 acres of land.

The creation and/or preservation of greenspace is a priority of the LRPC Brownfields Program. By effectively redeveloping and utilizing these sites ("infill development") and creating employment opportunities and housing, the need for sprawling development of new residential, commercial and industrial centers in order to create employment opportunities within our communities will be greatly reduced. Thus, by concentrating employment centers in existing urbanized areas, there will be significantly less pressure to develop existing greenspace. The benefits of this approach are already being realized as two of our existing Brownfields projects will create greenspace. The Mica Building

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in Bristol, which was redeveloped by the Town into a waterfront park along the Newfound River, received an EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant in 2011. The project is currently moving forward to redevelopment. The former Ernie's Garage in Tilton received a Cleanup grant in 2012, and was redeveloped by the Winnepesaukee River Trails Association as a trailhead and parking facility for the adjacent Winnepesaukee River Trail.

### **4.c.ii. Job Creation Potential: Partnerships with Workforce Development Programs:**

LRPC is fortunate in that there are very well qualified contractors and consultants in the region that can implement the Brownfields Program. In conjunction with green principles, our QEP also attempts to hire the most local subcontractors (i.e. drillers, excavation contractors, etc.) to perform work, which creates/maintains local jobs. Where there are no Brownfields job training programs in New Hampshire, LRPC refers employers/job seekers to the NH Job Training Program, which is available to any business and can provide 50% of the cost of training, whether at the Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) or through a specific training vendor.

### **5. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance/5.a. Programmatic Capability:**

LRPC has a 40 year history of successfully completing and managing grant-funded projects. LRPC staff includes experienced project and financial managers who routinely manage and oversee federal and state grants, and compile regular financial and work program reports. This program has been, and will be, overseen by Jeffrey Hayes, Executive Director of LRPC, and David Jeffers, Regional Planner who specializes in environmental and land use planning. Jeffrey has over 25 years of solid experience obtaining and managing similar contracts and grants and is currently overseeing the existing EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. David has over fifteen years of experience performing contractual planning work with communities and is currently supporting Jeff in the management of the current Assessment grant. By using our two-tiered approach for management of the Program coupled with similar experience of other LRPC staff, a consistent program and smooth transition in the case of employee turnover is ensured.

Some recent examples include our three previous EPA Brownfields Assessment grants (\$600,000), four EDA grants to develop and update a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) (totaling \$200,000 from 2007-present), a \$100,000 contract from NOAA for a watershed management plan (2009-2012), a \$55,000 contract with NHDES to develop a watershed management plan (2011- present), over \$1.5 million dollars of multi-year contracts with the NH Department of Transportation (1991-present), and as a certified partner in the joint \$4.57 million Sustainable Communities Initiative grant awarded to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

LRPC's programmatic capacity is substantially enhanced by the commitment of two technical liaisons from the NHDES Hazardous Waste Remediation and Petroleum Remediation and Compliance Bureaus to ensure the technical quality of the work, identify supplemental Phase II delineation needs, provide input on field-testing and approval of work plans, and have been able to clearly convey findings at municipal meetings in the context of state standards. Similar to LRPC's first two Assessment Grants, the services of a qualified environmental professional (QEP) will be retained to implement the assessment project. Similar to our last contractor solicitation, the consultant for the LRPC Brownfields Assessment program will be selected using a qualification based selection (QBS) process.

### **5.b. Audit Findings:**

No adverse audit findings have been presented during LRPC's 47-year history.

### **5.c. Past Performance and Accomplishments/5.c.i Currently or Has Ever Received an EPA Brownfields Grant/5.c.i.1. Compliance with Grant Requirements:**

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LRPC has successfully managed a Brownfields Assessment program since 2009 that has included \$600,000 of assessment funding awarded in two grants in 2009 and 2013.

FY09 Cooperative Agreement #: BF96111801 - \$200,000 Hazardous Substance and \$200,000 Petroleum – Project Period from 08/03/2009 through 08/02/2012

LRPC successfully met all objectives of the grant work plan by forming an advisory committee, selecting a QEP, performing effective community outreach, and enrolling twelve (12) sites in the assessment program, and expending the grant funds on time in an effective manner. All performance and technical reports were thoroughly completed, were submitted on time, and ACRES was updated as needed to record the accomplishments. ACRES currently reflects all up to date assessment activity information for the grant. No corrective action measures were necessary during the grant period as all expected outcomes of the grant were achieved. No funds were remaining when the grant was closed.

FY13 Cooperative Agreement #: BF96176301 - \$200,000 Hazardous Substance – Project Period from 10/01/2013 through 09/30/2016:

LRPC is currently meeting all objectives of the grant work plan maintaining an advisory committee, having selected a QEP, having performed effective community outreach, and enrolling an additional five (5) sites into the assessment program from within the grants target communities of Franklin and Laconia. While the grant is ongoing, all performance and technical reports have been thoroughly completed, were submitted on time, and ACRES is being updated as needed to record the accomplishments. ACRES currently reflects all up to date assessment activity information for the grant. No corrective action measures have been necessary during the grant period as all expected outcomes of the grant are being achieved. Based on the currently enrolled sites, LRPC has projected that all grant funds will be expended by April 2016 when Phase II ESA work is completed on the sites. Additional high priority sites are located in the target communities that can benefit from assessment.

### **5.c.i.2. Accomplishments:**

Cooperative Agreement #: BF96111801 - \$200,000 Hazardous Substance and \$200,000 Petroleum – Project Period from 08/03/2009 through 08/02/2012: Accomplishments for this grant included completing eleven (11) Phase I ESAs, eight (8) Phase II ESAs, and cleanup planning at two (2) sites. These assessment activities led to the successful cleanup and redevelopment of seven (7) sites, supplemental assessment of two (2) sites by the NH DES, and redevelopment planning ongoing at two sites. This grant leveraged a total of approximately \$50,000 in additional assessment funding, \$27,000 of cleanup funding, two successful \$200,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grants, and \$1,184,000 in redevelopment. As of this application, all outputs and outcomes for this grant are accurately reflected in ACRES.

FY13 Cooperative Agreement #: BF96176301 - \$200,000 Hazardous – Project Period from 10/01/2013 through 09/30/2016: Accomplishments for this grant will include the completion of four (4) Phase I ESAs, four (5) Phase II ESAs, and cleanup planning at up to two (2) sites depending on available funding. Assessment activities are currently ongoing and are expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2016. Due to the nature of the projects (i.e. former mills, foundry, armory), the Phase II ESA costs are elevated and additional funding is necessary to achieve outputs at additional sites. This grant has already leveraged \$1,500,000 in redevelopment funds and it is expected that the NHDES will contribute petroleum assessment funds for tanks identified during the assessments, and that developers will invest millions of dollars for the purchase and rehabilitation of the sites. One developer currently has a purchase and sale agreement on a site that is awaiting the outcome of a Phase II ESA. As of this application, all outputs and outcomes are accurately reflected in ACRES.

**ATTACHMENT I**  
**THRESHOLD CRITERIA**

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## **ATTACHMENT I** **THRESHOLD CRITERIA**

### **1. Applicant Eligibility:**

LRPC is eligible for funding as “a Regional Council or group of General Purpose units of Local Government” type of applicant as established by New Hampshire RSA 36:45 “Regional Planning Commissions.” A copy of this statute is included in this proposal in **Attachment III**.

### **2. Letter from the State:**

A letter from NHDES Brownfields Coordinator, Rebecca Williams, is included in **Attachment II**.

### **3. Community Involvement**

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- Post information on municipal websites and have reports available for review by residents in order to indicate receipt of funds, solicit public comment on our proposed work plan, notify stakeholders of the meeting/forums, and make public other important events.

### **4. Site Eligibility (For Site-Specific Proposals Only)**

This requirement is not applicable as this is a community-wide assessment grant proposal.

**ATTACHMENT II**  
**LETTER FROM THE STATE AUTHORITY**



The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



**Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**

EMAIL ONLY

November 20, 2015

Jeffrey Hayes, Executive Director  
Lakes Region Planning Commission  
103 Main Street, Suite #3  
Meredith, NH 03253

**Subject: Lakes Region Planning Commission  
FY16 Proposal for EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant  
State Letter of Acknowledgement and Support**

Dear Mr. Hayes:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (Department) hereby acknowledges and expresses our support for Lakes Region Planning Commission's proposal for an EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant. It is the Department's understanding that LRPC is applying for a total of \$400,000 (i.e., \$200,000 for hazardous substances and \$200,000 for petroleum).

Should your proposal be successful, the Department will commit to providing a liaison to provide technical support. This assistance can include serving as a non-voting member of your advisory committee, helping vet proposed sites, and reviewing the various technical documents prepared pursuant to the grant. While the Department cannot commit to providing specific funding for future work at sites addressed under this grant, the Department currently has cleanup funds available through its Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund in the form of low interest loans and may be able to make available cleanup grants contingent upon future funding.

We look forward to our continued working relationship with LRPC. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**ATTACHMENT III**  
**DOCUMENTATION OF APPLICANT**  
**ELIGIBILITY**

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Section 36:45 Purposes.

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**TITLE III  
TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGE DISTRICTS, AND UNINCORPORATED PLACES**

**CHAPTER 36  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS**

**Regional Planning Commissions**

**Section 36:45**

**36:45 Purposes.**- The purpose of this subdivision shall be to enable municipalities and counties to join in the formation of regional planning commissions whose duty it shall be to prepare a coordinated plan for the development of a region, taking into account present and future needs with a view toward encouraging the most appropriate use of land, such as for agriculture, forestry, industry, commerce, and housing; the facilitation of transportation and communication; the proper and economic location of public utilities and services; the development of adequate recreational areas; the promotion of good civic design; and the wise and efficient expenditure of public funds. The aforesaid plan shall be made in order to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the region and its inhabitants. To promote these purposes the office of energy and planning shall delineate planning regions for the state so that each municipality of the state will fall within a delineated region and shall have the opportunity of forming or joining the regional planning commission for that planning region. In determining these regions the office shall consider such factors as community of interest and homogeneity, existing metropolitan and regional planning agencies, patterns of communication and transportation, geographic features and natural boundaries, extent of urban development, relevancy of the region for provision of governmental services and functions and its use for administering state and federal programs, the existence of physical, social and economic problems of a regional character, and other related characteristics. To accommodate changing conditions, the office may adjust the boundaries of the planning regions, after consultation with the respective regional planning commissions.

**Source.** 1969,324:1, eff. Aug. 29, 1969.2000,200:2, eff. July 29,2000. 2003, 319:9, eff. July 1, 2003.

2004, 257:44, eff. July 1, 2004.

**ATTACHMENT IV**  
**DOCUMENTATION OF LEVERAGED FUNDS**



September 29, 2015

Frank Gardner  
Brownfields Coordinator  
USEPA Region 1 – Mailcode OSRR07-3  
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100  
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The Capital Regional Development Council, CRDC, is the largest of ten non-profit regional economic development corporations in New Hampshire that deploys a variety of small business and development loan programs to municipalities and small businesses. We currently administer a loan portfolio approaching \$50.0 million originated to nearly 150 small businesses throughout the state.

CRDC deploys loan programs sourced from the US Department of Agriculture (Intermediary Relending Program); US EPA (\$1.8 million in 2012 and 2013 Brownfields RLF funds); US Small Business Administration (SBA 504 and SBA Intermediary Relending Pilot Program); US Department of Housing and Urban Development (Community Development Block Grant); and State of New Hampshire Community Development Investment Tax Credits administered by the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Agency.

CRDC also has a contractual agreement with Coastal Enterprises (CEI) of Portland, Maine, a recipient of US Department of Treasury New Market Tax Credit allocations, to source and manage New Hampshire based New Market Tax Credit projects.

We have a long and successful record of identifying and sourcing creative, non-traditional financial tools to assist growing small businesses and impactful real estate development projects.

CRDC has been successful in deploying much of our \$1.8 million in Brownfields RLF funds. To date, more than \$750,000 in sub-grants to municipalities have been approved and \$200,000 in loans funds has been dispersed. Over \$600,000 in loan funds can still be leveraged for projects throughout New Hampshire.

We strongly support the Lakes Regional Planning Commission's (LRPC's) application for a US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.



There is a direct and important relationship between Brownfields RLF funds and assessment grants. Many eligible projects will be able to take advantage of CRDC's or other Brownfields RLF funds throughout New Hampshire, allowing these partners to achieve their missions of water quality protection, job creation, property tax base enhancement, downtown revitalization, reduction of sprawl, and re-purposing of impactful projects.

LRPC's assessment grant application is important to the continued success of CRDC's Brownfields RLF program not only as it identifies critical roadblocks to redevelopment, but it provides solutions to move these properties from vision to actual remediation, reuse, and redevelopment.

Beyond our support in leveraging our Brownfields Cleanup RLF, CRDC will also utilize our capacity with its small business and redevelopment loan programs to inject substantial additional loan funds into eligible remediated properties located in the target communities to provide additional leverage. In addition, we plan on serving on their Brownfields advisory committee to ensure there is a link in funding between the site assessments being completed by LRPC, and the cleanup and redevelopment support that will be provided by CRDC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding how CRDC can add value to your application efforts.

Respectfully,

Stephen A. Heavener  
Executive Director

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October 27, 2015

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Director

# BelknapEDC

belknap economic development council

28 September 2015

To whom it may concern:

Belknap EDC has been informed of the Lakes Region Planning Commission's (LRPC) grant application for Brownfield assessment funds. Belknap EDC is committed to working with LRPC's Brownfield assessment program in redeveloping downtown Laconia properties and other under-utilized properties in Belknap County, which have suspected or documented environmental conditions. Belknap EDC is committed to using part of its \$3 million revolving loan fund to assist with redevelopment efforts in the county. Belknap EDC values the expertise and technical assistance that LRPC offers the region and in particular its' Brownfields assessment program. The Lakes Region Planning Commission is a valued partner to Belknap EDC and we strongly support their grant application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Justin J. Slattery  
Executive Director

**Assistance Award/Amendment**

U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development  
Office of Administration

1. Assistance Instrument <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Grant		2. Type of Action <input type="checkbox"/> Award <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	
3. Instrument Number NHRIP0062-11	4. Amendment Number 1	5. Effective Date of this Action February 1, 2012	6. Control Number
7. Name and Address of Recipient Nashua Regional Planning Commission 9 Executive Park Drive Suite 201 Merrimack, NH 03054-4045  Phone: 603-424-2240 x12 Fax: 603-424-2230		8. HUD Administering Office HUD, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 10180 Washington, DC 20410	
10. Recipient Project Manager Kerrie Diers		8a. Name of Administrator Thaddeus D. Wincek	8b. Telephone Number 202-402-6617
11. Assistance Arrangement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Sharing <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Price		9. HUD Government Technical Representative Dwayne S. Marsh, 202-402-6316, <a href="mailto:Dwayne.S.Marsh@hud.gov">Dwayne.S.Marsh@hud.gov</a>	
12. Payment Method <input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Check Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Advance Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automated Clearinghouse		13. HUD Payment Office CFO Accounting Center Administrative Accounting Division, 6AFF, P.O. Box 901013, Fort Worth, TX 76101	
14. Assistance Amount		15. HUD Accounting and Appropriation Data	
Previous HUD Amount	\$0.00	15a. Appropriation Number	15b. Reservation number
HUD Amount this action	\$3,369,648.00	861/30162	NHRIP0062-11
Total HUD Amount	\$3,369,648.00	Amount Previously Obligated	\$3,369,648.00
Recipient Amount	\$1,195,391.00	Obligation by this action	\$0.00
Total Instrument Amount	\$4,565,039.00	Total Obligation	\$3,369,648.00

16. Description

Employer Identification Number: 02-0301585

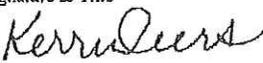
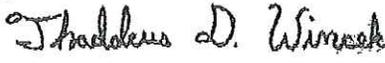
Program Code: RIP

This instrument (the HUD-1044, HUD-1044 Continuation Sheet) sets forth a legally binding agreement between the parties as to all amounts, deliverables, tasks, period of performance, terms and conditions, here within, whether implicitly stated or referenced. The Recipient certifies that all administrative and financial provisions of this instrument are in and will continue to be in compliance for the duration of the period of performance. All covenants, referenced or stated, are agreed to by the recipient upon signing this instrument.

This grant instrument consists of the following, some of which are incorporated by reference:

1. HUD-1044 and HUD-1044 Continuation Sheet(s)
2. Grant Agreement Terms and Conditions
3. HUD 424-CBW, Total Budget Summary
4. Grant Deliverables (See HUD 1044 Continuation Sheet)
5. Work Plan/Logic Model (Tasks within Work Plan are considered deliverables)
6. OMB Circulars A-87, A-133 and A-102, which is incorporated in 24 CFR Part 85
7. Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities (OSHC) Program Policy Guidance.
8. Notice of Funding Availability (FR-5500-N-33)

Period of Performance is 36 months from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2015.

17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recipient is required to sign and return three (3) copies of this document to the HUD Administering Office		18. <input type="checkbox"/> Recipient is not required to sign this document.	
19. Recipient (By Name) Ms. Kerrie Diers		20. HUD (By Name) Thaddeus D. Wincek	
Signature & Title  Executive Director	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 2/1/2012	Signature & Title  Grant Officer	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 02/01/2012



**SUB-AGREEMENT For  
NH Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Program**

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's regional planning commissions (RPCs) have agreed to participate jointly in a consortium to implement the NH Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Program;

WHEREAS, the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is the primary recipient of US Department of Housing and Urban Development Cooperative Agreement No. NHRIP0062-11, which provides for collaborative effort to be implemented through appropriate contractual arrangements;

WHEREAS, the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is the coordinating entity for the Regional Planning Program Project;

This sub-agreement is entered into by and between the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) and the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC).

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following terms:

1. Scope of work. LRPC will participate in completing the scope of work for the Regional Planning Project as set forth in Attachment 1. LRPC agrees to provide all labor, materials, equipment, and facilities necessary to accomplish the work required under this sub-agreement. Further, LRPC represents that all work and services it provides will conform to high professional standards in the field.
2. Deliverables. LRPC is responsible for the deliverables and timeframe outlined in the Scope of Work in Attachment 1.
3. Period. Work performed under this sub-agreement may begin upon execution of this Agreement. The maximum period of this sub-agreement is January 31, 2015.
4. Compensation. NRPC shall compensate LRPC for services provided under this sub-agreement as set forth in the budget included as Attachment 2. Billing is to occur on a monthly basis and invoices must be received by NRPC by the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the upcoming billing cycle. A format for use in preparing invoices is included as Attachment 3. Amounts contained in invoices are to reflect the indirect rate established in accordance with OMB Circular A-87 and in effect for the billing period. NRPC will bill HUD on behalf of the RPCs and will disburse funds accordingly to the RPCs following NRPC's receipt of funds from HUD. NRPC is not, under any circumstances, obliged to make any payment disbursement under this sub-agreement for grant funds which are not first made available by HUD.

Upon request by NRPC or HUD, LRPC shall refund any payments received for what are, as a result of an audit, determined to be unallowable expenditures. LRPC, however, has the right to establish allowability of any such expenditures. NRPC may withhold payments pending receipt of reports referred to in paragraph 9. D. of this sub-agreement.

5. Match. The grant requires the use of a combination of cash and in-kind volunteer match. LRPC commits to providing documentation for both cash and volunteer match contributions on monthly invoices.
6. Indirect Rates. LRPC will provide NRPC in writing its indirect rate established in accordance with OMB Circular A-87 and any updates to this rate throughout the period of the project as described in Paragraph 2.
7. Hold Harmless. The Parties to this sub-agreement assume all risk of personal injury and property damage attributable to the negligent acts or omissions of its personnel. Further, LRPC shall indemnify and hold harmless NRPC in its participation in the Regional Planning Program.
8. Contacts. Communications regarding this sub-agreement should be directed as follows:

For NRPC:

Kerrie Diers, Executive Director  
Nashua Regional Planning Commission  
9 Executive Park Drive, Suite 201  
Merrimack, NH 03054

For LRPC:

Kimon Koulet, Executive Director  
Lakes Region Planning Commission  
103 Main Street, Suite 3  
Meredith, NH 03253

9. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). LRPC certifies, to their knowledge and belief, that:
  - A. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of LRPC, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352.
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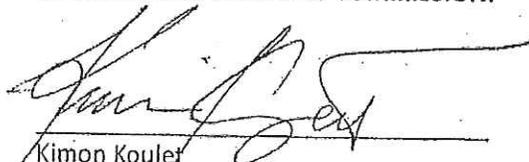
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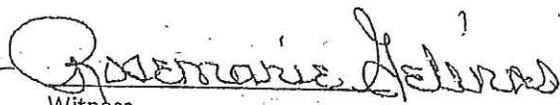
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2/15/12  
Date   
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
Philadelphia Regional Office  
The Curtis Center, Suite 140 South  
601 Walnut Street  
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In reply refer to:  
Investment No.: 01-86-14048

Kimon Koulet  
Executive Director  
Lakes Region Planning Commission  
103 Main Street, Suite 3  
Meredith, NH 03253

Dear Mr. Koulet:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved your application for a \$50,000 EDA investment to support the development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for your region.

Enclosed are three signed copies of the Financial Assistance Award. Your agreement to the terms and conditions of the award should be indicated by the signature of your principal official on each of the signed copies of the Financial Assistance Award. Two of the executed copies should be returned to Mr. Willie C. Taylor, Regional Director, The Curtis Center, Suite 140 South, 601 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-3323. If not signed and returned within 30 days of receipt, EDA may declare the Award null and void.

Please do not make any commitments in reliance on this award until you have carefully reviewed and accepted the terms and conditions. Any commitments entered into prior to obtaining the approval of EDA in accordance with its regulations and requirements will be at your own risk.

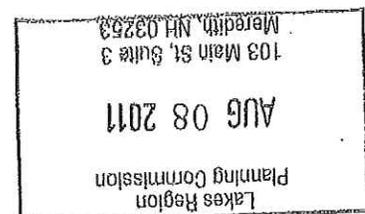
EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA implements this mission by making strategic investments in the nation's most economically distressed communities that encourage private sector collaboration and creation of higher-skill, higher wage jobs. EDA investments are results driven, embracing the principles of technological innovation, entrepreneurship and regional development.

I share your expectations regarding the impact of this investment and look forward to working with you to meet the economic development needs of your community.

Sincerely,

Willie C. Taylor  
Regional Director

Enclosures



**Funds leveraged by LRPC's Assessment Program as of 11-11-15**

Site/Leverage Source	Funding Purpose	Amount	Entered into Acres	Cleanup Jobs Created	Redevelopment Jobs Created
<b>Polyclad</b>					
City of Franklin	Property purchase following Phase II	\$30,000	Yes	NA	NA
City of Franklin	Redevelopment construction costs	\$251,000	Yes	NA	2.5
City of Franklin	City staff time	\$1,000	Yes	NA	0.02
<b>Guay's</b>					
<i>INELIGIBLE</i>	<i>EPA removals action and pollution report</i>	<i>\$98,000</i>	<i>No - Ineligible</i>	<i>NA - Ineligible</i>	<i>NA</i>
NHDES	Cleanup Oversight - NHDES staff time	\$3,000	Yes	0.06	NA
City of Franklin	Cleanup - DPW time and materials for fire cleanup	\$9,300	Yes	0.12	NA
Merrimack County	Cleanup - Fire cleanup crew (prisoners)	\$4,000	Yes	0.12	NA
NHDES	Assessment - SSI - MW Installation and Sampling	\$11,310	Yes	NA	NA
NHDES	GW Sampling - Nov/Apr 2013/2014	\$5,793	Yes	NA	NA
NHDES	GW Sampling - July 2014	\$1,640	Yes	NA	NA
NHDES	MW Install and Sampling	\$6,900	Yes	NA	NA
NHDES	GW Sampling - October 2014	\$2,861	Yes	NA	NA
NIIDES	GW Sampling 2015	\$5,595	Yes	NA	NA
<b>Mica</b>					
<i>INELIGIBLE</i>	<i>EPA Clean-Up Grant</i>	<i>\$240,000</i>	<i>No - Ineligible</i>	<i>NA - Ineligible</i>	<i>NA</i>
Town of Bristol	Redevelopment Planning - Town staff time	\$8,000	Yes	NA	0.16
????	Building Demolition				
????	Property Redevelopment				
<b>Reynolds</b>					
Morgan Chase Bank	Property Sale (short sell)	\$10,533	Yes	NA	NA
<b>Ernie's</b>					
Town of Tilton	Property purchase following Phase II	\$65,000	Yes	NA	NA
NHDOT	Redevelopment - TE Pedestrian Bridge	\$537,951	Yes	NA	
Town of Tilton	Redevelopment Planning Town staff time	\$1,500	Yes	NA	0.03
<b>Tamworth Inn</b>					
Private Developer	Property purchase following Phase I	\$275,000	Yes	NA	
<b>Lakes Region Facility</b>					
<i>INELIGIBLE</i>	<i>EPA Vita Nova subcontract</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>No - Ineligible</i>	<i>NA - Ineligible</i>	<i>NA</i>
City of Laconia	Redevelopment Planning - City and LRPC staff time	\$14,000	Yes	NA	0.28
City of Laconia Volunteers	Redevelopment Planning Charrette Volunteer Time	\$8,544	Yes	NA	NA
Annalee Davis Thorndike Fur	Fall 2011 charrette	\$3,000	Yes	NA	0.07
<b>NE Yard</b>					
City of Laconia	Assessment - City staff time (added to backhoe line)	\$375	Yes	NA	NA
City of Laconia	for PH II	\$1,000	Yes	NA	NA
City of Laconia	soil consolidation	\$500	Yes	0.01	NA
City of Laconia	Redevelopment - Salt Shed Demo	\$6,500	Yes	NA	0.07
City of Laconia	borings	\$175	Yes	NA	NA
City of Laconia	cleaning/disposal	\$9,770	Yes	0.01	NA
City of Laconia	documentation and review	\$200	Yes	NA	NA
<b>Colonial Theater</b>					
City of Laconia	Redevelopment Planning - City staff time	\$2,250	Yes	NA	0.05
City of Laconia	Reuse Feasibility study	\$21,000	Yes	NA	0.21
BEDC	Phase I ESA	\$2,700	Yes	NA	NA
BEDC	Property Purchase	\$1,400,000	Yes	NA	NA
NHDES	Petroleum cleanup & PCB characterization	\$50,000	Yes	0.1	NA
BEDC	Architectural Contract	\$680,000	Yes	NA	6.80
<b>Franklin Business Center - 20 Canal Street, Franklin</b>					
NHDES	MW Installation and GW Sampling	\$11,597	Yes	NA	NA
NHDES	Soil Delineation Work	\$6,275	Yes	NA	NA

<b>Packard Facility</b>					
John Glidden (former owner)	Waste disposal	\$10,000	Yes	0.1	NA
<b>Ferrari Realty Trust Property - Stanley Mill and Armory - 93-119 Memorial Street, Franklin</b>					
City of Franklin	Assessment City backhoe, operator	\$1,000	yes	NA	NA
<b>R&amp;D Paving - Memorial Street, Franklin</b>					
Franklin Business and Industr	Property Purchase	\$85,000	Yes	NA	NA
Building Tenant	Building Renovations	\$20,000	Yes	NA	6.0
<b>Macosko Foundry - 187 Chance Pond Road, Franklin</b>					
	None to date	-			
<b><u>Total Leveraged Amount</u></b>		<b>\$3,932,269</b>	<b><u>Total Jobs Created</u></b>		<b>0.5</b>
					<b>16.2</b>

**ATTACHMENT V**  
**LETTERS OF COMMITMENT FROM**  
**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

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**CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
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September 30, 2015

Jeff Hayes, Executive Director  
Lakes Region Planning Commission  
103 Main Street, Suite 3  
Meredith, NH 03253

Re: LRPC Application to EPA for Brownfields Assessment Funds

Dear Jeff,

On behalf of the City of Franklin, I want to put forward our full support for your upcoming application to EPA for Brownfield Assessment funds. The Assessment funds already expended in the City have been of tremendous assistance in helping to clean-up problem sites and create new economic and recreational opportunities for the City and its residents. A run-down of several key facts and factors may assist you as your office seeks new funding:

1. Consistent with historical trends throughout New England-based mill communities, many of the problematic Brownfield sites are adjacent to important waterways. The buried metal related contamination discovered at the Ferrari Mills in downtown Franklin sits adjacent to the Winnepesaukee River. The buried materials found at the City-owned [tax deeded] Macosko Foundry extend down to the embankment of Chance Pond Brook, which feeds into the Pemigewasset River. The leaching of the hazardous waste has the potential to adversely impact downstream water supplies in Southern NH or Massachusetts. Both of these sites were subject to Assessment work funded with the assistance of LRPC.
2. The Ferrari Mill buildings sit across the street from another mill building where the renovation into 45 work-force housing units is being planned. The Phase I and II Assessment work performed on the Ferrari property will provide a foundation for future re-utilization or re-development efforts, thus making a healthier and more vibrant neighborhood for the residents [both young and old] of this adjacent mill complex. Portions of the Ferrari property would make for an excellent river-front walk that can bring residents to Odell Park, an important recreational facility in the downtown.
3. The Assessment work at the Macosko Foundry laid the groundwork for EPA funded remedial removal action work to take place this fall intended to mitigate the health and environmental risks from the contamination adjacent to the brook. Without the Assessment work, the City would be faced with a significant Brownfield site, with little to no certainty of how or when cleanup funds might be available. This Assessment work is facilitating the consideration of the site as a City-based parking and access point for the regional Northern Rail Recreational Trail,

a rail-to-trail that extends from western NH to Concord, and will eventually link up to the east-west Winnepesaukee River Trail, extending from Franklin to Laconia.

4. The need for additional assessments at various properties in the City of Franklin is very real. Given the historical development patterns, old and abandoned uses exist throughout the City so when an opportunity arises to assess a site, having the funds available through LRPC is of critical importance.
5. The utilization of properly assessed and remediated Brownfield sites helps to create new business or recreational opportunities in the City, both of which serve to provide positive economic impacts for the City. As Franklin works to re-energize its core downtown business district, taking advantage of these opportunities helps to create the rising tide that raises all boats.

The Assessment funds that have been expended in the City of Franklin to date have been very beneficial; it is our hope that LRPC can again be successful in obtaining a new round of funding from EPA. If you have any questions, or need any further information, please feel free to contact me any time. Thank you and good luck with your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Richard Lewis, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Special Projects

Cc: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager



# Colby·Sawyer College

President's Office

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November 4, 2015

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Dear Mr. Gardner,

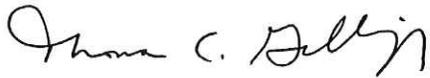
This letter is in support of the FY '16 Brownfield Assessment Program grant proposal submitted by the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) in cooperation with the City of Franklin, New Hampshire. Since 2014 Colby-Sawyer College has partnered with community stakeholders to offer our students internships and coursework in support of the downtown revitalization effort. In our pilot phase, faculty oversaw projects related to graphic design, business and environmental studies/science among others. Specifically, in 2014-2015 students in the *Community Based Research* project course worked with the Franklin Falls Downtown Development Authority (now PermaCityLife) and the City of Franklin to create a vision and viable road map towards a vibrant and sustainable downtown. Students focused on projects such as: energy, waste management, storm water management and transportation. They were also involved in the Brownfields initiatives and environmental site assessment processes. Those projects provided our students unique opportunities to be a part of real-world experiences while learning valuable skills and life lessons.

Recently the college received grant funding from the Davis Educational Foundation to continue this relationship and build on these benefits by implementing a comprehensive, transdisciplinary Sustainable Learning Initiative at Franklin Falls. The goal of this long-term, campus-wide initiative is to assist partners on projects that will have positive impacts on the community, while providing students across multiple disciplines opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills through meaningful work. The college has also proposed a

new major in Community-Based Sustainability to support this effort. All of this is in alignment with Colby-Sawyer's four strategic themes: Engaged Learning, Linking to the World, Living Sustainably, and Dynamic Devotion to Excellence—themes that are directly related to the principles outlined in the Brownfields Program.

The Brownfields Assessment Program funding will provide needed resources to current efforts to revitalize Brownfield properties in the heart of historic downtown Franklin. The properties identified are important to the heritage of Franklin and are a link between two active but isolated parts of the city. While the future use of these sites can be diverse, there is obvious potential for mixed income housing and vital transportation infrastructure—requisite components for a sustainable community. The future visions for these properties are in line with the six livability principles identified by Housing and Urban Development, The Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency, which forms the basis for our support of the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas C. Galligan Jr." in a cursive script.

Thomas C. Galligan Jr.  
President and Professor of Humanities



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PermaCityLife is a nonprofit organization charged with the singular task of bringing the Franklin Falls Revitalization Plan to life. Our mission is to lead the charge for positive and sustainable economic growth in downtown Franklin while protecting past investments. We are working in partnership with local government, private investors, educational institutions, and the philanthropic sector to support and develop specific real estate projects.

Our "Mill District" is enveloped by a large oxbow on the Winnepesaukee River and offers some of our best redevelopment opportunities. One of our flagship mills is under contract with CATCH Neighborhood Housing with funding secured to develop a twelve million dollar permanently affordable housing project catering to recent college graduates, artists, veterans, and our seniors looking to age in place. The architectural design incorporates renewable energy, rainwater catchment, community gardens and elements of cohousing which promotes a sense of community.

We aspire to build upon this momentum and are focusing our efforts on the abutting Armory, Stanley Mill, Steven's Mill, and the former R&D paving property. This assemblage of real estate has more than 210,000 square feet of interior space, but development is being held back by environmental concerns. Last year we worked with the LRPC to complete Phase I and Phase II environmental studies as the first step towards unlocking the economic, environmental, and social potential of these buildings. Significant challenges and opportunities were identified.

For example, prior industrial use by the Stanley Tool Company has left behind significant soil contamination in addition to quantities of lead paint, PCB's, and asbestos. Large quantities of metal tailings and hacksaw blades are deposited along the length of the river banking which are the root cause of ongoing pollution into the soil and waterway. It is suspected that the extent of the contamination extends under portions of the buildings and likely spills into Odell Park which is the primary recreational space for the downtown. A mitigation plan and cleanup of the site will become the catalyst to simultaneously restore the buildings and incorporate the missing link of pedestrian and cycling paths which are needed to connect the mill district with the downtown. Time is of the essence, as these structures are deteriorating rapidly which

will result in higher restoration costs or worse. These historic mills are listed on the national registry and may need to be demolished if stabilization is not completed quickly. The police and fire departments have expressed safety concerns as these buildings are commonly broken into by adolescents and pose significant life safety risks.

Another example which demonstrates our need for Brownfields funding is the proposed Cumberland Farms Store and surrounding area. Unfortunately, the relocation plan to move to a better site location was abruptly terminated when preliminary environmental site assessments indicated the presence of ongoing environmental contamination that spreads across a number of parcels, inclusive of more frontage on the river. The situation is aggravated by recent fires on highly visible buildings on opposing sides of the road which creates an unhealthy and unsightly entrance to our downtown. All of these properties have been abandoned and have historical uses, such as gas stations and auto repair shops, which have a high likelihood of contamination. To make matters worse, the assessments point to additional sources of pollution to which the already troublesome sites are downgradient.

PermaCityLife has partnered with Colby-Sawyer College to develop a model downtown which is centered around Permaculture and Transition Initiatives with an emphasis on protecting our drinking water, creating renewable energy, ensuring local food supplies, and implementing zero waste measures. In addition to the three rivers which weave through our downtown, the core area is situated on a designated drift aquifer. Unfortunately, best management practices have not been implemented to control pollutants and runoff water from entering the headwater of the Merrimack River which provides water to nearly 400,000 people downstream and is the only major river in New England that serves as a direct source of drinking water. The largest City in northern New England, Manchester, is committed to spending over \$16 million to tap into the Merrimack River as part of a long term plan to develop additional water supplies. A comprehensive stormwater management plan for the downtown can be implemented in phases. The proposed mill district revitalization will generate sufficient funding of the TIF District to assist with the cost. Currently, all of the runoff water from the roads and parking lots goes directly into the river while the roof drains for the downtown buildings are tied directly into the sewage treatment plant.

At present, twelve small businesses are negotiating lease and purchase options with our nonprofit to fill seven vacant block buildings on our Central Street. Connecting the downtown core to the mill district, rivers, trails, and Odell Park is crucial to maximizing our potential. This simply cannot occur until we address the environmental contamination.

We've formed a strong partnership with the City of Franklin and share a common vision which was well defined via a Citizens Institute for Rural Design Charrette which culminated this spring. Momentum is on our side and the City is hiring a professional grant writer to work with our organization to pursue a number of economic development programs over the next year. Our reuse plans have captured the interest of small businesses and developers. Combining mitigation and cleanup funding with other economic incentives will enable us to preserve the structures and place them back into productive use.

A sporting goods and outfitters group from Rhode Island has signed a letter of intent to occupy a prime location and promote recreational use of our rivers and trails with design plans to bring the outdoor experience back into the spotlight in the heart of the downtown. Other businesses coming to town include a coworking center, microbrewery, multiple restaurants, music venue, hostel, coffee house, retail, offices, art gallery, and the precursor for a satellite college campus.

We've acquired seven large block buildings and three of the mills. Carefully selected development projects are underway that will set into motion a new logic for our downtown. Reactivating our dormant mill buildings is a priority with the capacity to trigger a ripple effect of multidimensional change that will fundamentally remake the value and function of our downtown.

This is the largest adaptive reuse project in Franklin's history, turning downtown into a vibrant micro-urban centerpiece. Our movement is focused on environmentally conscious living and quality of life measures. We desire a downtown that is walkable, locally sustainable, and has a distinctive sense of place. We encourage pedestrians and expanded bicycle facilities along with car reduced transportation measures. As a homegrown city we take pride in preserving our historic storefronts and mill buildings. Creating an optimal mix of building and space uses will enable us to become an economically vibrant mixed-use commercial district.

With the creation of the PermaCityLife and accumulation of sufficient real estate to reach critical mass, we are now positioned to carry forward the vision that has been laid out and supported by the community. Yet, the market alone will not drive development in downtown Franklin. Our group is taking the lead role to identify and structure creative public-private financing and partner opportunities to provide the needed gap financing. Innovative approaches will speed up the development process and lower the costs and risks of development. The basic reason to establish the nonprofit and pursue programs

such as Brownfields funding is to take the “financial burden” of showing the way. This redevelopment work will tempt outside investment and bolster local confidence.

PermaCityLife will continue to work with the Lakes Region Planning Commission’s Brownfields Assessment Program in relationship to the mill properties which have suspected or documented environmental conditions. We will help LRPC establish priorities for downtown Franklin, provide owner outreach, help secure owner access agreements, and play a pivotal role in cleanup and reuse planning for Franklin Sites.

Sincerely,

*Todd M. Workman*

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Executive Director

# BelknapEDC

belknap economic development council

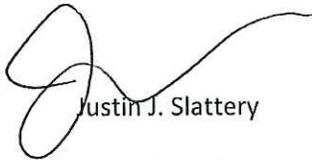
28 September 2015

To whom it may concern:

Belknap EDC has been informed of the Lakes Region Planning Commission's (LRPC) grant application for Brownfield assessment funds. Belknap EDC is committed to working with LRPC's Brownfield assessment program in redeveloping downtown Laconia properties and other under-utilized properties in Belknap County, which have suspected or documented environmental conditions. Belknap EDC is committed to using part of its \$3 million revolving loan fund to assist with redevelopment efforts in the county. Belknap EDC values the expertise and technical assistance that LRPC offers the region and in particular its' Brownfields assessment program. The Lakes Region Planning Commission is a valued partner to Belknap EDC and we strongly support their grant application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Justin J. Slattery

Executive Director

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## ATTACHMENT VI

### ASSESSMENT OTHER FACTORS CHECKLIST

Name of Applicant: Lakes Region Planning Commission

Please identify (with an X) which, if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the section process.

	Other Factor	Page #
	Community population is 10,000 or less	
	Federally recognized Indian tribe	
	United States territory	
	Applicant will assist Tribe or territory	
	Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land	
<b>X</b>	Project is primarily focusing on Phase II Assessments	7
<b>X</b>	Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation	10
	Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption (unrelated to a natural disaster or manufacturing/auto plant closure) has occurred with community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.	
	Applicant is one of 12 recipients or a core partner implementation party, of a “manufacturing community” designation provided by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (ICMP)	
<b>X</b>	Applicant is the recipient or a core partner of a HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant that is directly tied to the project area, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant has or will benefit the project area. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation which demonstrates this connection to a HUD-DOT-EPA PSC grant.	8
	Applicant is a HUD Promise Zone Community.	
	Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant	

**Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) Brownfields Assessment Program**

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## LRPC COMMUNITIES BY COUNTY

### Belknap

Alton  
Barnstead  
Belmont  
Gilford  
Gilmanton  
Laconia  
Meredith  
New Hampton  
Sanbornton  
Tilton

### Carroll

Center Harbor  
Effingham  
Freedom  
Moultonborough  
Ossipee  
Sandwich  
Tamworth  
Tuftonboro  
Wolfeboro

### Grafton

Alexandria  
Ashland  
Bridgewater  
Bristol  
Hebron  
Holderness

### Merrimack

Andover  
Danbury  
Franklin  
Hill  
Northfield

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
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* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="12/18/2015"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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**State Use Only:**

6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

\* a. Legal Name:

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="020301104"/>	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="7809256400000"/>
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**d. Address:**

* Street1:	<input type="text" value="103 Main Street"/>
Street2:	<input type="text"/>
* City:	<input type="text" value="Meredith"/>
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>
* State:	<input type="text" value="NH: New Hampshire"/>
Province:	<input type="text"/>
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="03253-9287"/>

**e. Organizational Unit:**

Department Name: <input type="text"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>
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**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Jeff"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Hayes"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="603-279-5336"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
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\* Email:

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

E: Regional Organization

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Environmental Protection Agency

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

EPA-OSWER-OBLR-15-04

\* Title:

FY16 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

LRPC Member Communities by County.docx

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Assessing Brownfields to Protect 40% of New Hampshire's Surface Waters

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="400,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="400,000.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

- Yes
- No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:   
Middle Name:   
\* Last Name:   
Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed: