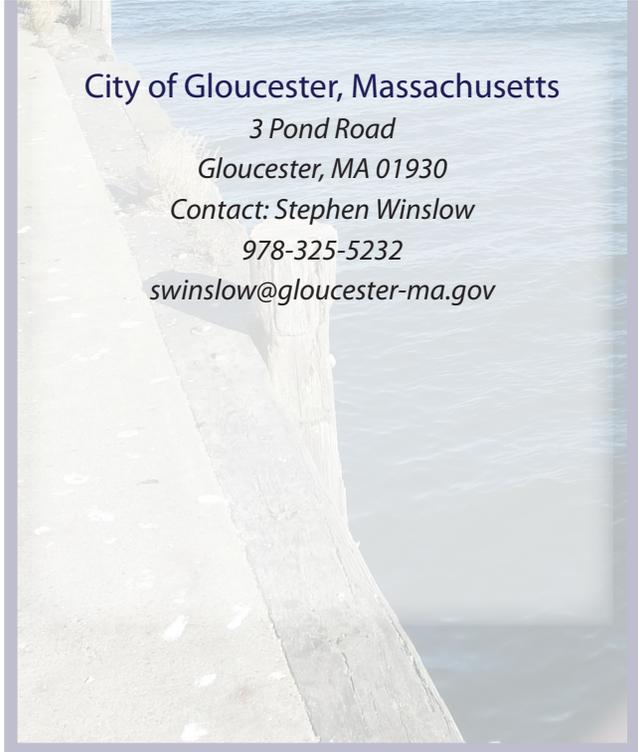


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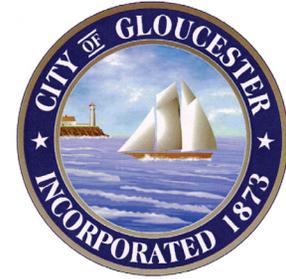


QUESTIONS?
Give us a call. We're here to help!



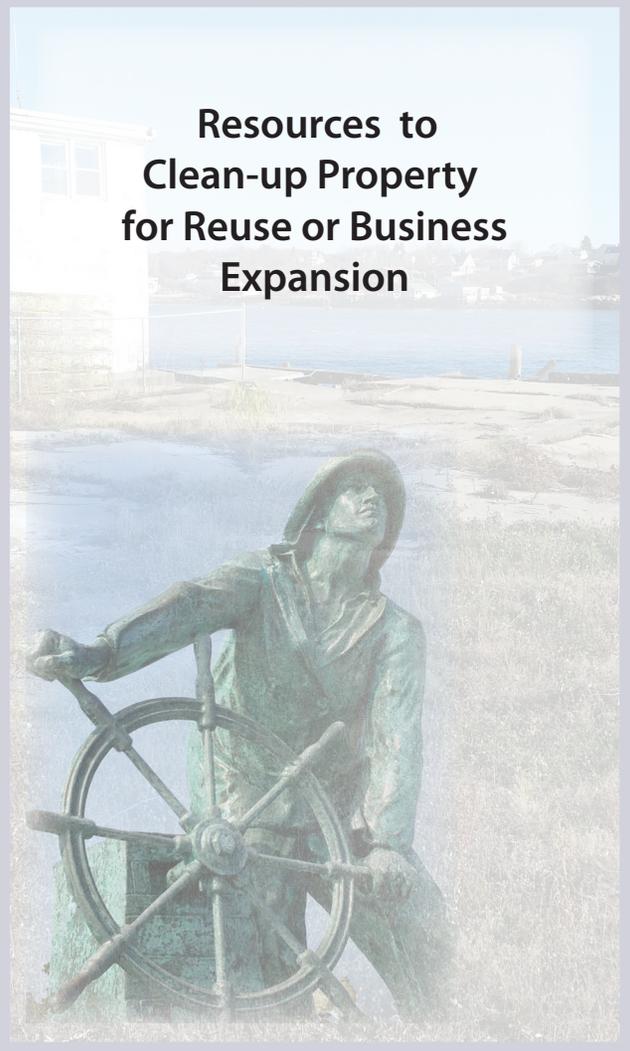
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GLOUCESTER'S BROWNFIELDS PROGRAMS



Resources to
Clean-up Property
for Reuse or Business
Expansion

NEED CLEANUP FUNDS?

Are you looking to purchase a property or expand your business in Gloucester? As part of the due diligence process, property buyers and commercial lenders in Massachusetts routinely perform "21E" assessments for soil contaminants in order to determine cleanup costs.

The costs for assessment and uncertainties about cleanup costs can sometimes hamper reuse of "brownfield" properties. The City of Gloucester can help lower these costs and bring your project to reality.

WHAT ARE BROWNFIELDS?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines a brownfield site as "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contamination."

GLoucester's BROWNFIELDS GRANTS



The City of Gloucester, supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), can provide low interest loans to fund contaminant clean-up.

Cleanup plans generally meet the standards of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (M.G.L. 21E and 310 CMR 40.0000).



A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

Since 2000 the City and EPA have successfully worked to provide loans and grants to fund contaminant cleanup. Past projects include the Myrtle Square project near Railroad Avenue (below) and the Ocean Alliance offices at the former Tarr & Wonson Paint Factory on Gloucester Harbor.



Myrtle Square Before



Myrtle Square After

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Phase I Environmental Site Assessments

Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) are due diligence studies that summarize available environmental information and identify potential current and historic environmental issues that could impact site redevelopment. The information in the ESA is used to assess what type of contamination may be present at the site and where it is likely to be located. A Phase I ESA provides liability defense under CERCLA and meets the standard of care for due diligence required by lenders.



Phase II Environmental Site Assessments

Based on the Phase I ESA, phase II ESAs consist of sampling and analysis of soil, groundwater, and other media. As part of the Phase II ESA, recommendations on cleanup options, including remedial cost estimates, will be prepared.

Cleanup Planning

Phase III consists of the preparation of a cleanup plan for the site, including the evaluation of multiple cleanup options and their respective costs and effectiveness. The cleanup plan is based on the planned end use of the site (e.g., commercial, residential, or industrial).



Cleanup In Action

AVAILABLE FUNDING

EPA Brownfields Cleanup Loans

The City of Gloucester has a Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) funded by US EPA.

These funds assist with cleanup of publicly and privately owned brownfield sites in Gloucester.

Funds may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants

(including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

Funds are available to both for-profit and non-profit entities. Non-profits may also receive sub-grants.

YOU CAN DO IT!
Let us know how we can help.