

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION FUNDS**, Application for and Acceptance of up to \$1,000,000 of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant Funds for Brownfield Remediation (Economic Development Administrator).

REPORT: 1438-27

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board of Aldermen is a request from the Economic Development Administrator to apply for and accept funding available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to create a citywide Revolving Loan Fund Program to provide subgrants and loans to projects requiring funding to clean up brownfields. Urban brownfields are parcels in urban settings that have been environmentally compromised by past uses and need remediation in order for new uses to be established. New Haven has a significant amount of brownfields which impede the redevelopment of sites.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

A 20% local match is required for this grant program, or \$200,000 in this case, which will be sought through other non-federal sources related to each approved project. There is also a five year implementation timeframe to expend funds and access and negotiate cost-share sources. Should the grant be awarded, the city will subgrant and loan the funds to brownfields related projects within New Haven.

ADVICE

It is highly advantageous to receive funds from outside sources to remediate sites as opposed to using municipal economic development funds. The City Plan Commission strongly supports this application and wishes the City much success in pursuit of this funding.

ADOPTED: March 17, 2010
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director