

NEWS & UPDATES

We are happy to announce that Oswego County has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Oswego County Community-wide Brownfield Assessment Grant. You can view the press release here:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-award-105-million-address-contaminated-sites-new-york>

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Brownfield Assessment Grant will provide 100% grant funding for Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments; which can be performed on sites throughout the county, pending approval of the Oswego County Brownfield Committee and EPA. Assessments should focus on sites in need of reuse/redevelopment and should create community benefit(s). The potential reuse of the site should align with previous community plans, such as: Brownfield Opportunity Area, Downtown Revitalization Initiative, Local Waterfront Redevelopment; and other local plans.

The assessment grant provides funding to: inventory, characterize, and assess sites/real property potentially contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum), and/or petroleum.

Environmental Site Assessments are conducted by an environmental professional and can be conducted on public or private property. For additional information see the following:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2017-07/documents/aa1_factsheet_environmental_professional_epa_560_f_17_191_508.pdf.

Funding can also be used to conduct a range of planning activities, develop site specific clean-up plans and conduct community engagement related to brownfield sites to promote productive reuse.

For more information on Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments see the following website provided by the EPA: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/documents/assessing_brownfield_sites.pdf.

Sites included in the grant application and pre-approved to have Phase I Environmental Site Assessments include:

- Former Nestle Site, Fulton
- 15 Burt Street, Fulton
- 460 Park Street, Fulton
- 805 S. First Street, Fulton
- Former SOFCO Site, Fulton
- Former Sharps Pond Pool, Fulton
- 216 North Fifth Street, Fulton
- Former Hammermill, Oswego
- 105-109 W. Bridge Street, Oswego
- 1 Leto Island (Former Tannery), Oswego
- 249 Mitchell Street, Oswego
- Rikers Beach Road Site, Oswego
- 308 Harrison Street (Former Landfill), Fulton

- Columbia Mills along Oswego River, Minetto
- 3251 Main Street, Mexico
- Corner of Bridge Street & Division Street (Former Tannery Pond Dam), Cleveland

PROJECT TEAM

- *Program Managers responsible for implementing the grant:*
 - *Karen Noyes, Associate Planner for Oswego County*
 - *Jordan Berti, Environmental Engineer with C&S Engineers*
 - *Emma Phillips, Planner with C&S Engineers*
- *Members of the Oswego County Brownfield Committee include:*
 - *Nate Emmons, Deputy Director of the City of Fulton Community Development Agency*
 - *Austin Wheelock, Director of the Industrial Development Agency and Operation Oswego County*
 - *Tim Stahl, Deputy Director of the City of Oswego Community Development*
 - *Gary Priscott, Professional Geologist, Remediation NYS Department of Environmental Conservation*
 - *Julie Sweet, NYS Department of State*
 - *Kim Park, Director of Oswego County Land Bank*
 - *Judy Grandy, Director, Oswego County Health, Environmental Division*
 - *Karen Noyes, Associate Planner, Oswego County Community Development, Tourism & Planning*

TIMELINE

Our goal is to provide as many Phase I and Phase IIs as possible; that align with the community goals and public interest. We have four years to accomplish this goal.

- 2023
 - Public Outreach
 - Phase I's
- 2024
 - Phase I's
 - Phase II's
 - Staff Training
 - Additional Public Outreach
- 2025
 - Phase II's

MEETINGS & DOCUMENTS

- **December 13, 2022:** Oswego County Brownfield Committee Meeting Presentation
- **December 22, 2022:** Oswego County Shared Services Meeting: Citi BOCES, Mexico at 6 PM