




CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE,
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

Office of the Executive Director

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TO: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

FROM: Monica R. Lamboy, Executive Director 

DATE: March 24, 2011

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$297,400 grant from MassDevelopment for assessment activities at the former Kiley Barrel Site (RTN 3-2849)

The Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) respectfully requests that you forward to the Board of Aldermen this report requesting acceptance of \$297,400 assessment grant from MassDevelopment's Brownfields Redevelopment Fund. The grant shall contribute toward on-site assessment activities at the former Kiley Barrel site.

BACKGROUND

In 2009, MassDevelopment awarded Somerville with a recoverable grant in the amount of \$95,000 which contributed toward the assessment of the Kiley Barrel Brownfield Site. The City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with MassDevelopment in September 2009 regarding use of the funds outlining the details on the conditions, process, and timeframe for drawing down funds. The City has met all of those requirements to date and has successfully drawn down those funds.

In 2010, the Patrick/Murray Administration selected the former Kiley Barrel site for additional assistance from its Brownfield Support Team (BST). The BST is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Massachusetts Department Environmental Protection (DEP), MassDevelopment, Attorney General, Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission and the City. The BST's purpose is to focus resources on particular brownfield sites for foster redevelopment. The former Kiley Barrel site was selected for its tremendous potential as a catalyst project in Union Square considering its proximity to the proposed MBTA transit station.



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Upon review of the City's Revised Phase II and Phase III Chapter 21 E site assessments, DEP and EPA have requested additional ground water and soil testing, mapping and analysis for particularly metals and stratification analysis of PCB contamination.

FUNDING

MassDevelopment is amending its \$95,000 September 2010 grant award to add \$297,400 for a total contribution of \$392,400 toward the assessment of the former Kiley Barrel Brownfield Site. These funds will be utilized in conjunction with a \$50,000 grant from MassDEP.

If MassDevelopment seeks to recover the funds, it would be at a future date when a private development project has been identified.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen:

Accept the \$297,400 grant from MassDevelopment's Brownfields Redevelopment Fund to fund assessment activities at the former Kiley Barrel site.