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City of Brockton Awarded \$250,000 Grant to Clean Up Brownfield Site

BROCKTON, MA - The City of Brockton has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Baker-Polito Administration to remove toxic materials from the vacant Corcoran Building at 308 Montello Street - the first step toward redeveloping the property into new downtown housing.

The Corcoran Building is a 65,000-square-foot, three-story building located on 1.2 acres downtown. The grant funds will be used to assess and remediate issues related to fuel storage tanks, contaminated soil, asbestos, and lead paint, all of which have made the site unfit for use. Removing these pollutants will clear the way for the property to be developed into 62 new units of workforce and affordable housing for the City.

This initiative is the latest step in the City of Brockton's economic development plan to create more transit-oriented housing units downtown. The Corcoran Building site is ideally located in the heart of the city center and is within walking distance from the Brockton MBTA Commuter Line station.

"I am thrilled that these needed funds have been awarded to the City of Champions," said Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan. "The Corcoran Building remediation will contribute to the revitalization and residential development of Brockton's downtown. My thanks to the Baker-Polito Administration and our state delegation for their support in achieving this grant."

"The City has made several efforts to redevelop the Corcoran building, but has always been stymied by ongoing environmental issues," said City of Brockton Planning Director Rob May. "This grant will allow us to remove the fuel storage tanks and contaminated soil associated with the tanks making it easier for us to attract a qualified redevelopment team."

Once remediation is complete, development oversight will be turned over to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority which has been spearheading the integrated effort to revitalize Brockton's historic downtown.

"City of Champions"

The remediation and construction of the Corcoran Building site will bring a variety of job opportunities to the City. Ongoing operation of the housing development is expected to create two to three full-time jobs in Brockton.

This grant is part of \$1.25 million allocated this cycle from the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund to support the environmental assessment and cleanup of five sites across the Commonwealth that have contaminants present. Once complete, the five projects are projected to redevelop or create 312 housing units. Altogether, the program will provide approximately 802 full-time, part-time, and construction jobs.

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