Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC), along with our 39 member communities and partners, enthusiastically submits this proposal for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Assessment Grant. As you will see throughout this proposal, SMPDC and its member communities have developed and are currently executing an efficient and effective Brownfields program within Southern Maine; however, there is much more work to be done.

SMPDC received Brownfields Hazardous Substance Assessment grants in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2016 and 2018, Brownfields Petroleum Assessment grants in 2006, 2008, 2013 and 2016, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants in 2007, 2009 and 2014, and Supplemental Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grants in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. To date, we have conducted an inventory containing over 500 potential Brownfields sites within the region and currently have 5 sites selected for top priority within the program. We have completed the assessment of fifty hazardous substance properties, and thirteen petroleum properties, and deferred five additional sites to the State of Maine Brownfields program (due to lack of available assessment funds), which were successfully assessed. In addition, we have made fourteen subgrants totaling $2.7 million and seventeen loans totaling $6.3 million from our existing revolving loan fund, all to projects previously assessed with Brownfields funding. **Cumulatively, our Brownfields projects have leveraged approximately $200 million in both private and public sector investment.**

Other required application information:

1. **Applicant Identification:** Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC), 110 Main Street, Suite 1400, Saco, Maine 04072

2. **Funding Requested:**
   a. Assessment Grant Type: Community-wide
   b. Federal Funds Requested: $500,000

3. **Location:** 39 Member Communities located in York and portions of Oxford and Cumberland Counties in Southern Maine.

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5. Contacts:
   a. Project Director: Kelsey Pelton, Economic and Environmental Specialist, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, 110 Main Street, Suite 1400, Saco, Maine 04072; phone: 207-571-7065 ; fax: 207-571-7068; kpelton@smpdc.org
   b. Chief Executive: Paul Schumacher, Executive Director, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, 110 Main Street, Suite 1400, Saco, Maine 04072; phone: 207-571-7065 ; fax: 207-571-7068; pschumacher@smpdc.org

6. Population:
   i). 223,715
   ii). 6,762 - (target area municipality population)
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8. **Letter from State Environmental Authority**: Attached to this letter

9. **Releasing Copies of Applications**: N/A
November 17, 2021

Ms. Dorrie Paar
EPA Region I
5 Post Office Square
Suite 100, Mailcode: OSRR7-2
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

Dear Ms. Paar:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection’s (“Department”) Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management acknowledges that the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (“SMPDC”) plans to conduct site assessments and is applying for federal Brownfields grant funds. Kelsey Pelton of the SMPDC has developed an application requesting federal Brownfields Site Assessment Grant funding to assess Brownfields sites in the area they serve.

If the commission receives funding, the Department will assign project management staff to conduct eligibility determinations and provide review and comment on all assessments, workplans, Quality Assurance Plans, and Health and Safety Plans. For sites where cleanup is pursued, the Department’s Voluntary Response Action Program (“VRAP”) staff will provide review and comment on investigation reports and remedial workplans, and will provide oversight (as necessary) of contractor’s work at the properties. Upon successful completion of remedial activities at a property, the VRAP will provide protections from Department enforcement actions by issuing a Commissioner’s Certificate of Completion.

Please feel free to call me directly at (207) 592-0882 should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Hodgkins
Voluntary Response Action Program
Division of Remediation
Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Pc: Kelsey Pelton, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission
1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area: Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) serves 223,715 residents living in 39 communities within two southern Maine counties, extending from the Maine coast to the White Mountains. The 39 municipalities in the SMPDC service area are classified from urban communities (largest: Biddeford: 22,552 persons) to small rural communities (smallest: Stoneham: 252 persons). Of the 39 municipalities in the SMPDC region, 87% have populations below 10,000 persons. The sites that have been targeted by SMPDC for the Brownfields Assessment program include the abandoned industrial areas located within underserved communities that are either below poverty level or predominantly minority populations based on census block groups. The target communities for this grant, Fryeburg, Biddeford/Saco, and Sanford contain large concentrations of vacant and underutilized sites in highly underserved census blocks. Many of the sites in our target communities contain high levels of cancer-causing chemicals, groundwater that is unsafe to drink, chlorinated vapors lurking beneath the building footprints, peeling lead-based paint, and sheets of asbestos insulation. Assessing these abandoned or underutilized properties in our target areas will provide opportunities to gain the environmental, health and economic benefits from brownfields cleanup and redevelopment for residents living in areas with health disparities and economic disinvestment. The creation of jobs would help restore economic vitality and equity, and the assessment of properties would help mitigate health risks in turn creating the next revolution of change and commitment to environmental justice in our urban and rural areas.

1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s): The results of SMPDC’s previous Brownfields surveys show that over 500 hazardous substance and petroleum sites exist throughout the SMPDC area. Cumulatively, these sites occupy an estimated 400 acres. Most of the communities in SMPDC’s area have abandoned or underutilized mill sites and former manufacturing facilities that once supported the industrial economy. Through our site inventory and active Brownfields program we have identified 5 sites in four target areas. These sites, when assessed and remediated would become economic contributors in the area and provide a reduction of health and welfare threats, meeting the needs of communities with limited other sources of funding for environmental remediation.

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According to EPA’s EJSCREEN Tool, all sites identified below are in census block groups where cancer risks, lead paint indicators and demographic indicators (people of color and low-income population) are higher than the state average. The following top priority sites need critical answers to environmental contamination questions in areas of economic disparity.

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1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans: The Brownfields Assessment Grant funding will continue to build on our previous Brownfields Assessment and existing Revolving Loan Fund Program, which have both been extremely effective. We will continue to work with our partners at EPA and Maine DEP who will review and have input on assessment, and with Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEPs). Sites selected will be required to be enrolled in the Maine DEP voluntary cleanup program.

The SMPDC region will benefit from the Brownfields Assessment Grant by using the funds to assess properties where small businesses and entrepreneurs will be provided an opportunity to set up a business in one of the vast mill or industrial spaces in the SMPDC area. The assessment of the properties will offer redevelopment opportunities for investors, jobs and affordable housing, help our goal of combatting sprawl, and ultimately revitalize local economies. The Pepperell Mill Campus in the Biddeford Mill District is an example of the rebirth of the mill space as small business incubators where 1-5 employee startups can obtain low-rent space to kick-off their business. For example, Hyperlight Mountain Gear, a manufacturer of ultralight backpacking gear. The company started up in the Pepperell Mill Campus and has grown several times within the mill complex and currently employs over 30 employees.

SMPDC will incorporate Saco and Biddeford’s existing downtown master plans, as well as Fryeburg and Sanford’s community’s comprehensive plans, all of which prioritize cleanup of contaminated sites, mill redevelopment and small business startup in downtown areas. The Brownfields Program is the critical component in SMPDC’s immediate and long-term plans to support efforts to clean up contaminated sites, improve public health, and creating economic and social opportunities. It is imperative that we address environmental justice and continue to assess and cleanup properties to provide opportunities for redevelopment to facilitate small business opportunities for more jobs and create affordable housing.

1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy: SMPDC’s Brownfields program continues to promote development outcomes that match the town’s comprehensive plans and our regional economic development strategies. Our approach to addressing and revitalizing Brownfields sites will spur economic growth and reduce negative health impacts with a strong focus on environmental justice. By assessing and removing hazardous contaminants and developing a critical section of Eastern Trail in the heart of an area with some of the worst environmental and demographic distress indicators in the state there will be increased opportunities for recreation and with that associated health benefits. It will create a place for people to actively commute to work, give people the opportunity to safely recreate, and will spur the economic growth of businesses wanting to develop near trail systems. These same benefits would be exemplified with the Fryeburg Forest Industries Industrial Site. By removing the blight there would be more willingness to attract outside investment for redevelopment near a popular trail system and with
that increased recreational amenities and a walkable community. By assessing Stenton Trust and International Woolen Mill sites it will enhance the possibility of development in underutilized and vacant spaces. The sites’ locations in the heart of downtown and within walking distance to other amenities make them attractive for sources of funds for cleanup, remediation and reuse. The MERC site is a similar case; it is critical to the redevelopment of the Biddeford Mill district, given its presence in the center of the mill district, and with its proximity to socially and economically distressed communities reuse would allow for ensuring equal health, environmental protection and meeting a community’s needs.

1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse: SMPDC is well equipped to fully leverage additional funds for the successful cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfields sites with over 65 years combined experience leveraging various funding sources. SMPDC has received or assisted communities in receiving over $30 million in state and federal grants and tax credits. Virtually all of SMPDC’s successful redevelopment projects have relied on leveraging funding from a variety of sources. The mill redevelopment projects have utilized federal and state historic tax credits, low-income housing tax credits, SMPDC Brownfields Assessment and RLF funds, HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program and HOPE VI funds, bank financing and owner financing. SMPDC’s 2007, 2009 and 2014 Brownfields Cleanup RLFs are in constant demand and have resulted in over $6 million in outstanding loans. As these loans are paid back they will provide leverage for the assessment program by providing additional loans and subgrants to be used to help clean properties assessed under this new grant.

Assessing and revitalizing Fryeburg’s Forest Industries Industrial Area will incorporate other future sources of funding for example, Northern Border Regional Commission funding to create a sidewalk connecting the Mountain Division Trail (located adjacent to the industrial site) to downtown. The International Woolen Mill, Stenton Trust Mill and MERC site will utilize historic tax credits and open the potential to use SMPDC’s EPA clean-up funds as well as Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds. The Eastern Trail Alliance has been fundraising to fill the gap in the Biddeford/Saco section of the Eastern Trail, other funding sources would be EDA funds as well as SMPDC’s Brownfield RLF funds. SMPDC will assist in leveraging all of those funds.

1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure: The target areas in Biddeford, Saco, Fryeburg and Sanford have the full array of public infrastructure and are accessible to transportation networks. Reuse of this infrastructure will continue to be a priority for site selection and promotes smart growth principles, reduces sprawl, and fosters sustainable and walkable downtowns and neighborhoods. For example, recently completed Brownfields projects in downtown Biddeford, Sanford and South Berwick have reused existing municipal infrastructure including public water/sewer, electric and other utilities.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2.a.i. The Community’s Need for Funding: As evidenced by job loss, rising municipal tax rates and foreclosure rates, SMPDC’s target and member communities have experienced significant hardships due to the loss of manufacturing jobs that has continued throughout the past decade, resulting in people having to move and live in low-income, sometimes substandard housing. As a result of the pandemic, seasonally-adjusted employment in York County went down 55,000 jobs from February 2020 (pre-pandemic) to August 2020 (during pandemic). In addition, natural disasters such as (FEMA-4108-DR and FEMA-4032-DR, FEMA-4354-DR) and the current global pandemic (COVID-19), cut into municipal budgets, added to substantial job losses, diverted much needed housing upkeep revenues to address substandard living conditions for the low-income residents, and resulted in a loss of significant revenue from the tourism industry.

Rising municipal and educational expenditures, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and a reliance on residential tax base, means there is little to no ability for municipal borrowing. Recent decreases in State Municipal Revenue Sharing have put further stress on municipal budgets and have led to significant property tax increases. For example, the City of Biddeford’s Department of Public Works has seen no increases in staffing in 20 years, and has seen

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1 Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information, September 18, 2020
only modest increases in budget resources, which are solely related to fixed costs such as fuel, vehicle maintenance, and supplies. Without the SMPDC EPA Brownfields Assessment Program, alternative State or Federal grants to assist with the burden posed by Brownfields sites are unattainable to our small communities. In addition, SMPDC only receives 14% of our operating budget from member dues, therefore outside funding is required to continue our Brownfields Program.

The presence of Brownfields is a major roadblock to the implementation of both Saco’s and Biddeford’s downtown master planning and elements of Sanford and Fryeburg's comprehensive plans, hindering long-term economic growth. For example, as demonstrated by the findings of the Heart of Biddeford Downtown Master Plan, “the poor appearance of Biddeford’s downtown associated with the current state of our Brownfields and other distressed sites are major challenges to the success of this plan”. SMPDC recognizes that efforts to restore downtown and foster a proud, safe and healthy community will fail if the Brownfields sites remain unaddressed.

2.a.ii.(1) Welfare of Sensitive Populations: The funds would allow us to assess sites in low income, minority and populations of high health risk. All of the target sites are located within block groups of lower socio-economic communities suffering from environmental and health burdens. We utilized EPA’s EJSCREEN Tool to identify sites within blockgroups with high percentages of low-income population, people of color, lead paint levels, and cancer risks. Below is each of our targeted sites in comparison to state levels of environmental and demographic indicators.

As shown above, our target sites exceed the states levels of demographic indicators, health and environmental risks. Brownfield grant funds would allow us to address and facilitate the reduction of health and welfare threats experienced by sensitive populations. The communities facing the worst pollution and environmental threats also have higher low income and minority populations making them extremely vulnerable. Assessing the chosen sites would align with our efforts to strengthen environmental justice by cleaning up contaminated sites, returning them to productive use and bringing opportunities to underserved communities.
2.a.ii.(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions: The high priority Brownfields sites in our region suffer from a lack of investment and the resulting deterioration of the buildings and structures. The blight of these buildings establishes a cycle of disinvestment in the rest of the community as property values deteriorate, especially in the housing sector causing impacts to the health of residents (especially children) living in the area. A study completed in 2018 by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services titled “Update on Childhood Lead Poisoning in Maine” indicated that five communities have roughly accounted for 40% of all newly identified children with elevated blood lead levels in Maine, three being in the SMPDC target areas: Biddeford, Saco and Sanford. The study further indicated that more than 80% of the children in the five high-density areas for lead poisoning live in substandard rental housing, which is predominantly located in the older housing stock near mills and Brownfields sites. This trend highlights the adverse health effects of Brownfields sites on children within the communities in the region. In addition, the top risk areas for lead paint levels are in areas in blockgroups containing high percentages of residents who are low income and minorities. By completing environmental assessments and with the cleanup and redevelopment of industrial areas and sites near residential developments it would reduce exposures associated with lead paint levels for children and underserved communities, addressing the disproportionate human health impacts on overburdened communities.

The prevalence of Brownfields sites in the region coupled with our cumulative environmental impacts may also be linked to increased cancer risk for the region. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services published cancer risk deaths for each county in Maine, as measured in total cancer deaths per one hundred thousand residents. Based on this study, both Oxford and York counties experienced higher cancer and chronic respiratory deaths than the US Average.

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2.a.ii.(3) Promoting Environmental Justice: To further highlight the environmental impacts caused by our polluted sites, the EPA Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool identifies the SMPDC target communities of Biddeford, Saco, Sanford and Fryeburg as well as remaining areas of York and Oxford counties, as disadvantaged communities that are being unduly exposed to environmental harms. Specifically, there are atypical concentrations of hazardous waste (including over 180 RCRA sites), air emissions, toxic releases, Brownfields, and Superfund sites within Saco and Biddeford when compared to the surrounding areas. Emissions from industrial facilities and electric utilities, motor vehicle exhaust, gasoline vapors (Saco and Biddeford are over the 70th percentile for daily vehicle per mile), and chemical solvents have created ground-level ozone concentrations that exceed the OSHA recommended exposure level over much of eastern York and Oxford counties, including the communities of Saco and Biddeford. Based on the social and economic characteristics of our region, this data shows that these cumulative environmental impacts are resulting in a disproportionate impact to the health and welfare of our target low-income and minority communities and their sensitive, vulnerable populations. This grant would address and reduce threats to populations in our target areas by bringing resources to communities such as safe trail systems, and with assessment of sites the ability to cleanup and redevelop in areas of underserved populations.

2.b.i. and 2.b.ii Project Involvement and Roles:

- Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council (SREGC) – James Nimon jfnimon@sanfordmaine.org - (207) 324-9155
  - SREGC is committed to promoting the Brownfields Assessment Program to their communities. In addition, they will work to assist in redevelopment, public outreach activities and serve on the Steering Committee.

• **Eastern Trail Alliance (ET)** - Jon Kachmar [jon.kachmar@easterntrail.org](mailto:jon.kachmar@easterntrail.org) - (860) 227-0914  
  o ET, located in Biddeford will work with SMPDC to inform their members of the Brownfields program and assist in community outreach and public education. ET will work with SMPDC on site selection and reuse planning for the proposed Eastern Trail project in Saco and Biddeford.

• **Biddeford Saco Chamber of Commerce** - Jim LaBelle [jim@biddefordsacochamber.org](mailto:jim@biddefordsacochamber.org) - (207) 282-1567  
  o The Biddeford Saco Chamber of Commerce will promote the Brownfields Assessment Grant Program to their existing members and businesses throughout the two communities. In addition, they will work to assist in redevelopment and public outreach activities and serve on the Steering Committee.

• **York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC)** - Barbara Crider [Barbara.Crider@yccac.org](mailto:Barbara.Crider@yccac.org) - (207) 324-5762  
  o YCCAC will assist in community outreach, public education and help address health related issues. If SMPDC is awarded this grant YCCAC will serve on the Steering Committee.

Community groups and representatives directly affected by the mills, industrial areas and Eastern Trail will be involved through meetings, engagement activities and opportunities for input. For example, we will continue to meet every 2-3 months with town of Fryeburg committees formed from EPA’s Recreation Economy for Rural Communities planning assistance program; such as the economic development committee comprised of community members.

2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input: - SMPDC has a well-established program for involving the communities of our area. Each of our 39 communities has direct access to events and learning opportunities through SMPDC. For our Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for this grant, we plan to notify the communities in our area of our award. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to ensure safety of our community members we will meet and receive input virtually. If meetings need to be held in person, we will ensure safety by following CDC guidelines. Our plan on providing outreach activities is as follows:

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*SMPDC understands the importance of seeking community input, responding to their comments, and incorporating input into our projects.* SMPDC and our COs will share our communications on project progress and seek feedback from the target groups (i.e. low income, minorities, and families in poverty). While English is by far the most spoken language in SMPDC’s member communities due to the relatively Franco-American minority populations in Biddeford/Saco, SMPDC will translate materials, provide translators, hearing impaired presenters, and distribute translated information as needed for any minority group. SMPDC has an adopted Title VI Environmental Justice Non-Discrimination Plan to address any potential issues that would hinder proper communication with the public. In
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3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS

3.a.i. - iv. Project Implementation, Schedule, Leads, & Outputs

Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight: With the grant funding, SMPDC staff will conduct programmatic oversight to further develop, organize, and sustain its Brownfields Assessment & Cleanup (RLF) Programs for ultimately redeveloping, reusing, and revitalizing its underutilized Brownfields sites. Based on a competitive bid process, SMPDC will select a QEP. SMPDC will also continue its Brownfield Steering Committee that includes members of SMPDC, the selected QEP, MEDEP, and community partners. These initial items will be completed within 3 months of award. SMPDC staff will attend at least 2 EPA National Brownfields conferences and/or EPA/MEDEP training seminars and will perform general program management and communication with regulatory personnel, community officials, and the public. SMPDC and its QEP will track progress through performance and financial reports, quarterly reports, and update EPA's Assessment, Cleanup, and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) online database during the 3-year grant period to ensure that requirements of the EPA Cooperative Agreement are met.

Outputs include 5 meetings with the Brownfields Steering Committee and the QEP on program oversight; 12 quarterly reports; ACRES input/updates; and subcontracting a QEP for completing assessments and assistance to the Brownfields Steering Committee.

Task 2: Community Outreach and Engagement: In accordance with our community engagement plan noted in Section 2b above, SMPDC and its QEP will notify residents, adjacent land owners, target community, and community partners of general and/or site-specific public information meetings and assessment schedules; hold public meetings to inform, solicit input on site inventory and selection, educate, and update the target community regarding assessment and redevelopment activities; and prepare public outreach materials. SMPDC staff and its QEP will update SMPDC’s marketing brochure on the Brownfields program and develop public service announcements to promote the program. For each Brownfields site, SMPDC staff and the QEP will also conduct sites-specific outreach, public meetings, and communications with the community during key milestones in the assessment processes; public meetings will be held after the Phase II assessment activities and following the development of a cleanup and/or reuse/redevelopment plan to present the key findings to the community and property owners. Community outreach will be performed for the duration of the 3-year grant period; the new grant’s first public informational meeting is anticipated to be held after initial QEP selection.

Outputs include at least 2 public outreach meetings; updated Brownfields marketing brochure; up to 3 public outreach handouts; at least 1 public service announcement; and an updated site inventory database.

Task 3: Site Selection and Phase I and II Site Assessment Activities: SMPDC has already updated its inventory of potential Brownfields and routinely receives calls from municipalities, site owners, developers, and prospective purchasers about its program on a monthly basis. Five priority hazardous substance sites have been initially identified. SMPDC and its selected QEP will facilitate and attend meetings with the Steering Committee on a quarterly basis and/or when assessment applications are submitted to the program. Once sites are selected the QEP and SMPDC will prepare an EPA Brownfields Eligibility Form for approval. For each of the 5 selected priority sites, it is anticipated that the QEP will conduct a Phase I ESA in accordance with the ASTM International Standard E1527-13 and EPA’s “All Appropriate Inquiry” standards, Site-Specific Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), and a Phase II ESA in accordance with ASTM E1903-11 or equivalent. These reports will consist of a summary of “recognized environmental conditions” (RECs) for each site, QEP opinions regarding the site, and recommended follow-up investigations and/or activities. The documents will be submitted to EPA and MEDEP for review/approval. The QEP will obtain site access agreements for each Brownfields site.

Outputs include site selection and EPA eligibility determinations for 5 priority sites; 5 Phase I ESAs, 5 SSQAPPs, and 5 Phase II ESAs for hazardous substances sites; and one public meeting for each Phase II site (5 total). SMPDC will also provide in-kind outreach and economic development support to manage the program at no cost to the grant.
NARRATIVE/RANKING CRITERIA

Task 4: Cleanup and Site Reuse/Redevelopment Planning Activities: The Phase II ESA data and the proposed site reuse plan will be analyzed by SMPDC and its QEP and the results will be used by the QEP to develop an Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)/Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for each of the 5 priority sites. The ABCA/RAP will include remedial actions for each identified contaminant that exceeds applicable Maine risk-based cleanup standards. Remedial alternatives will be evaluated in part based on cost, feasibility, and effectiveness in protecting human health and the environment. Based on this analysis, a proposed remediation plan will be developed, considering the specific or potential reuse scenario(s) for the site. SMPDC and its QEP anticipate submitting each site to the MEDEP’s Voluntary Response Action Program (VRAP).

Concurrently, the QEP and its specialty planning subcontractors, in conjunction with SMPDC, will complete reuse planning activities on select sites and target areas, particularly priority sites with high redevelopment potential with the target areas. In accordance with the EPA FY22 planning activity fact sheets, planning techniques to be conducted on priority site(s) and the target area will include Site Reuse Assessments for The Eastern Trail in Saco and Biddeford, the MERC site in Biddeford, the Forest Industries Site in Fryeburg, the Stenton Trust Mill and the International Woolen Mill sites in Sanford.

Outputs include 5 ABCA/RAPs for hazardous substances sites; one public meeting for each site (5 total) after completing ABCA/RAPs; and up to 4 EPA-approved Brownfields planning assessments including 2 Site-Specific Reuse Assessments, 1 Site-Specific Disposition Plan & Market Study, and 1 Brownfields Revitalization Plan.

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Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight: $10,000 for SMPDC personnel for overseeing the program (200 hours @ $50/hour); $3,888 fringe (200 hours @ $19.44/hour); $6,944 indirect (200 hours @ $34.72/hour or 50% of Salary + Fringe); $6,000 travel ($2,000 airfare + $2,500 hotel + $1,500 travel expenses) for SMPDC staff to attend 2 EPA national Brownfields conferences; $500 for supplies (copies, phone calls, contract documents); and $7,501 contractual for QEP to assist SMPDC with cooperative agreement oversight. Total Task 1 = $34,833.

Task 2: Community Outreach and Engagement: $8,000 for SMPDC personnel to conduct public outreach and meetings (160 hours @ $50/hour); $3,110 fringe (160 hours @ $19.44/hour); $5,556 indirect (160 hours @ $34.72/hour or 50% of Salary + Fringe); $600 travel to meetings (mileage/tolls); $500 for supplies (copies, brochures, mailings); and $7,501 contractual for QEP to assist SMPDC on public outreach efforts. Total Task 2 = $25,267.

Task 3: Site Selection and Phase I and II Site Assessment Activities: $8,000 for SMPDC personnel for site selection and overseeing the assessments (160 hours @ $50/hour); $3,110 fringe (160 hours @ $19.44/hour); $5,556 indirect (160 hours @ $34.72/hour or 50% of Salary + Fringe); $600 travel to meetings and site visits (mileage/tolls); $500 for supplies (copies, phone calls, mailings); and $300,001 contractual for QEP to conduct 8 Phase I ESAs (8 @ $4,500/each = $36,000) and 8 SSQAPPs & Phase II ESAs (8 @ $33,000/each = $264,000). Total Task 3 = $317,767.
Task 4: Cleanup and Site Reuse/Redevelopment Planning Activities: $10,000 for SMPDC personnel for cleanup & reuse/redevelopment planning (200 hours @ $50/hour); $3,888 fringe (200 hours @ $19.44/hour); $6,944 indirect (200 hours @ $34.72/hour or 50% of Salary + Fringe); $800 travel to meetings (mileage/tolls); $500 for supplies (copies, planning docs, mailings); $100,001 contractual for QEP & subcontracted planning firm(s) to conduct 8 ABCA/RAPs (8 @ $5,000/each = $40,000) and complete up to 4 EPA-approved planning activity assessments (2 Site Specific Reuse Plans @ $10,000/each = $20,000 + 1 Site-Specific Disposition Plan & Marketing Study @ $20,000 + 1 Revitalization Plan @ $20,000 = $100,000). Total Task 4 = $122,133

3.c. Measuring Environmental Results: Consistent with the prior EPA Brownfields grants awarded to SMPDC, this project will be managed utilizing time-proven techniques to ensure project funds are expended timely and efficiently. SMPDC and its QEP will hold monthly status meetings to review priority sites, schedule and budget, and will continue to use an internal tracking spreadsheet for site-specific project deliverables and expenditures by site. ACRES will be utilized for preparing electronic quarterly reports and to monitor project progress. Our overall expected outcomes are to return the selected brownfields and nearby areas impacted by the stigma of perceived proximity to contamination and tangible blight back to economic vitality. Assessment and remediation of the Brownfields will minimize exposure at the sites and adjacent properties and, just as importantly, impacts on the Mill yard, downtown and target areas.

Additional expected outcomes of completing Brownfields site assessment and eventual remediation and redevelopment will be new job creation, increased tax base, affordable housing, health improvements and economic vitality accompanying the revitalization within the target areas. Our completion of prepared environmental reports (i.e., Phase I and II Reports, QAPPs, ABCA/RAPs, and reuse/redevelopment planning activities) will document the assessment progress at each site/target area and will also be outputs of the program. Reports will be internally tracked to ensure that each is distributed to stakeholders for comments before finalizing. Sites selected to participate in the Brownfield assessment program will be entered into the MEDEP VRAP program. These outputs include issuance of Phase I & Phase II ESAs to the MEDEP along with the ABCA/RAPs. The number of sites assessed and the particulars of the assessed sites (i.e. acres of site, contaminants found, assessment money spent, leveraged money, etc.) will be tracked via EPA quarterly reports and EPA’s ACRES online database. Completing the work described above will help transition these properties to the next step of redevelopment and are directly in-line with the target communities’ master and comprehensive plans. These work products will also provide the liability protections required to stimulate redevelopment, as tools like the Phase I ESA provide landowner defense provisions under CERCLA, completion of ABCA/RAPs will help determine associated cleanup costs, and reuse and redevelopment planning activities will provide site evaluations to assist developers with their business plans for successful development and revitalization of the Brownfield sites.

4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE

4.a.i. - 4.a.iii. Organizational Capacity Structure and Key Staff: SMPDC has a staff of twelve people including an Executive Director (who oversees the program), an Economic Development Director (who manages it), an Economic and Environmental Specialist (who runs the program) and a Finance Director (who oversees the financial management of the organization). We have set up a Brownfields Steering Committee to implement the Brownfields program and have experience competitively selecting a QEP to help oversee assessment and cleanup operations at selected Brownfield sites. SMPDC has also established a procurement policy in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-102, and applicable state and federal laws.

Paul Schumacher, Executive Director of SMPDC has experience managing economic development and land planning. The SMPDC Brownfields program is managed by Chuck Morgan, who is highly accomplished in promoting economic development and managing both federal and State grant programs within Maine. In addition, he has been responsible for the implementation of the SMPDC Brownfields Program since 2005. The SMPDC Brownfields assessment program is run by Kelsey Pelton, Economic and Environmental Specialist, who has 4 years of direct experience with SMPDC’s Brownfields program and economic development activities.
4.a.iv. Acquiring Additional Resources: Should legal assistance be required, SMPDC maintains legal services from the firm Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry. Additional expertise and resources, such as a QEP to carry out environmental work, will be selected via a fair and competitive process (i.e. request for qualifications/proposals) overseen by SMPDC staff and SMPDC Executive Committee.

4.b.i.(1) Currently Has or Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant – Accomplishments:

The three (3) most recent EPA Brownfields Grants received by SMPDC include the following:

- BF00A00193 - Hazardous Substance and Petroleum Assessment Grant (2016) – Grant is fully expended and closed.
- BF00A00458 - Hazardous Substances Assessment Grant (2018) – $18,432.54 remaining but is committed for current assessment projects.
- BF96183301 - Revolving Loan Fund (2014); Supplemental funds (2015, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20) – SMPDC has funded four grant projects and seven loan projects and currently has $550,000 in available funds.

As part of prior Brownfields assessment grant activities, SMPDC issued an RFQ, selected a QEP, and hosted a Brownfields program kickoff meeting with EPA and MEDEP. We have prepared and published a Brownfields informational brochure and Brownfields 101 educational presentation and developed a Brownfields Site Application Form and prioritization criteria for selecting competitive sites submitted to the program. The assessment work completed to date has also led to, leveraged funding, and community benefits, such as increased taxes, job creation, affordable housing and property redevelopment.

To date, we have conducted a Brownfields hazardous substance inventory containing over 500 potential Brownfields sites within the region and have selected five sites for top priority within the program. We have completed the assessment of fifty hazardous substance properties and thirteen petroleum properties, deferred five additional sites to the State of Maine Brownfields program, which were successfully assessed, and made fourteen subgrants ($2,700,000 total) and seventeen loans ($6,300,000 total) from our RLF. **Cumulatively, our Brownfields projects have leveraged approximately $200 million in both private and public sector investment. In addition, two of our projects, the North Berwick Woolen Mill and the Sanford Mill, have each won Brownfields Phoenix Awards.**

From these accomplishments (outputs and outcomes), it is evident that SMPDC exceeded its FY16 and FY18 expectations and continues to achieve dramatic results. Additional Brownfields assessment funding is necessary to continue our sustainable brownfields program.

4.b.i.(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements: Since 2004 SMPDC has completed our grants in accordance with their work plans and met the applicable programmatic requirements. We are currently completing a FY18 Assessment Grant which is exceeding expectations. As of the date of this grant, approximately $18,432.54 in hazardous substance funds remain, but are committed and will be expended as of late 2021 in order to complete eligibility forms and Phase I ESAs for incoming sites and ongoing/scheduled Phase II ESAs and cleanup planning (ABCA/Conceptual RAP) phases for enrolled sites.

Throughout all of SMPDC’s various Brownfields grants, quarterly reports and ACRES updates have been submitted on time and in accordance with all submittal requirements. Likewise, all annual financial statements have been properly submitted. No submittal/tracking issues have been identified for these Brownfields cooperative agreements. All phases of the work and reports were reviewed by SMPDC and submitted to the EPA and DEP for review and comment. SMPDC followed our work plan with the assistance of our QEP and conducted meetings and maintained the schedule proposed.
SMPDC Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Threshold Criteria
Section III.B.1

Documentation of Applicant Eligibility

Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is a Council of Governments servicing thirty-nine communities in York, Oxford and Cumberland counties in southern Maine. SMPDC formerly known as Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC) was formed in 1964 according to Main State Statutes (Title 30-A, Chapter 119, Sections 2301-2342). The Commission received a 501 (c) (3) designation in 1981. Documentation of our eligibility is included in the attached.
State of Maine

Certificate of Organization of a Corporation, under Title 13, Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, and Amendments thereto.

The undersigned, incorporators of a corporation duly organized at York County Court House in the town of Alfred, State of Maine, on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1981, hereby certify as follows:

The name of said corporation is Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission, Incorporated.

The purposes of said corporation are:

To provide planning and technical assistance to member municipalities in the development district pursuant to 30 M.R.S.A. 4521 et seq.;

To promote and carry out cooperative arrangements and coordinate action among member municipalities pursuant to 30 M.R.S.A. 1981 et seq.;

To provide financing assistance and advisory services to businesses located or seeking to locate in the development district;

To assist, when called upon by the Governor, in the planning and review of Federal, State and local projects and plans affecting regional planning, coordination and development, and shall perform all other functions and duties delegated to it pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 239, Subchapter I-B, Subsection 4522, M.R.S.A.

For these purposes, the Commission may accept funds, grants, gifts and services from the government of the United States or its agencies, from the State or its departments, agencies or instrumentalities, from any other governmental unit, whether a member or not, and from private and civic sources.

This corporation is not organized for profit, and no profit or property of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any person, partnership or corporation, except in furtherance of nonprofit-making purposes of the corporation.

Upon termination of the corporation, after all debts, liability, and obligations of the corporation have been paid and discharged, or adequate provision has been made therefor, all remaining property and assets of the corporation shall be distributed proportionately among the member municipalities on the basis of their state valuation.

The Purposes of this corporation shall serve the Southern Regions of the State of Maine.

(SS-C5-55 Rev. 77)
Said corporation is located in the town of _________________ County of _________________ State of Maine.

The number of officers is _________________ and their names are as follows:

President ........................................ Wallace E. Raid ........................................

Vice-President .................................... DONALD A. JACK ....................................

Secretary or Clerk .................................. NORRIS M. MCNAB ..................................

Treasurer ........................................... DANIEL VIEGHEM ..................................

Directors or Trustees ............ GLENN CARPENTER, LAWRENCE BLISS, J. MICHAEL PHILIPS, DAVID A. KATOU, ALAN SMITH, VIRGINIA MOORE, PAUL ROUTHIER, FRANK GOODWIN ........................................

Witness our hands this _________________ day of _________________ A.D. 19..

[Signatures]

Incorporators
STATE OF MAINE

York County ss. September 30, A.D. 1981

Then personally appeared the within named

Lawrence P. Bliss
Frank R. Goodwin
Wallace E. Reid
Norman M. Winch

Daniel Fleishman
Donald A. Jack
Paul A. Boucher
Steven Einstein
Michael Phelps

and severally made oath to the foregoing certificate by them signed, that the same is true.

Before me,

Madge Baker
Attorney at Law
Justice of the Peace
Notary Public

STATE OF MAINE

SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE

October 7, A.D. 1981

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing certificate, and the same is properly drawn and signed, and is conformable to the constitution and laws of the State.

James S. Henderson
Deputy SECRETARY OF STATE

(This Certificate must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State within 60 days of approval.)
STATE OF MAINE
Department of the Secretary of State
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions
101 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0101

November 4, 2013

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
21 BRADEEN ST
SUITE 304
SPRINVALE ME 04083-1922

ATTESTED COPIES
WR DCN: 2133052500021

Enclosed please find copies of documents recently placed on file with our office. Each copy has been attested as a true copy of the original and serves as your evidence of filing. We recommend that you retain these permanently with your records.

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DOMESTIC 
NONPROFIT CORPORATION 
STATE OF MAINE

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission
(Name of Corporation)

Pursuant to 13 MRS §934, the undersigned corporation executes and delivers the following Articles of Amendment:

FIRST:  
("X" one box only.)  □ public benefit corporation  □ mutual benefit corporation

SECOND:  
Describe NATURE OF CHANGE (i.e. change in name of corporation, purpose, number of directors, adding or deleting section or revision of section of the Certificate of Organization, etc.) as well as TEXT of amendment. Attach additional pages as needed.

The Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC) has voted to change its name to the: Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC).

The change was made to reflect the Commission’s new role in economic development, housing and brownfields redevelopment.
THIRD: ("X" one box only.) The amendment was adopted on (date) June 12, 2013 as follows:

☑ By the members at a meeting at which a quorum was present and the amendment received at least a majority of the votes which members were entitled to cast.

☐ (If no members, or none entitled to vote thereon.) By majority vote of the whole board of directors or trustees or managing board, however designated, taken at any legal meeting.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

DATED October 8, 2013

Paul Schumacher, Executive Director

designate of secretary or clerk

*This document MUST be signed by the secretary or clerk of the corporation. (13 M.R.S.A. §924)

Please remit your payment made payable to the Secretary of State.

Submit Completed Form to: Secretary of State
Division of Corporations, UCC and Commissions
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Section III.B.2
Description of Community Involvement
Section III b.
Threshold Criteria

2. Community Involvement

SMPDC has a long record of community involvement in all of their previous EPA funded Brownfields grants. We will continue our successful community involvement initiatives if successful in securing FY 2022 Brownfields Assessment Grant funds. While our community involvement initiatives are more detailed in this application some of the highlights can be seen in the list below.

- SMPDC will maintain its website which contains a detailed Brownfields section. In addition, the website will be constantly updated to keep the public informed of projects and activities occurring in the implementation of the Brownfields Assessment Grant.

- SMPDC has created an interactive map of all its EPA funded Brownfields projects. This map will be updated with all new projects generated with the new Brownfields Assessment Grant.

- SMPDC will continue to host public meetings on its new Brownfields Assessment Grant.

- SMPDC publishes newsletters on average six times a year. We will publish an article on the new Brownfields Assessment Grant in each newsletter on topics such as new projects, availability of funds and EPA related Brownfields announcements. The newsletter is distributed to more than 1,000 individuals.

- All outreach materials (brochures, flyers, etc.) will be updated and distributed throughout the new Brownfields Assessment Grant program.

- SMPDC will use social media platforms to update the greater region on the new Brownfields Assessment Grant program including new projects, success stories and project activity.

- In response to the global pandemic SMPDC will offer web based conferencing and teleconferencing options.
Section III.B.3
Documentation of Available Balance on Current Assessment Grant
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