



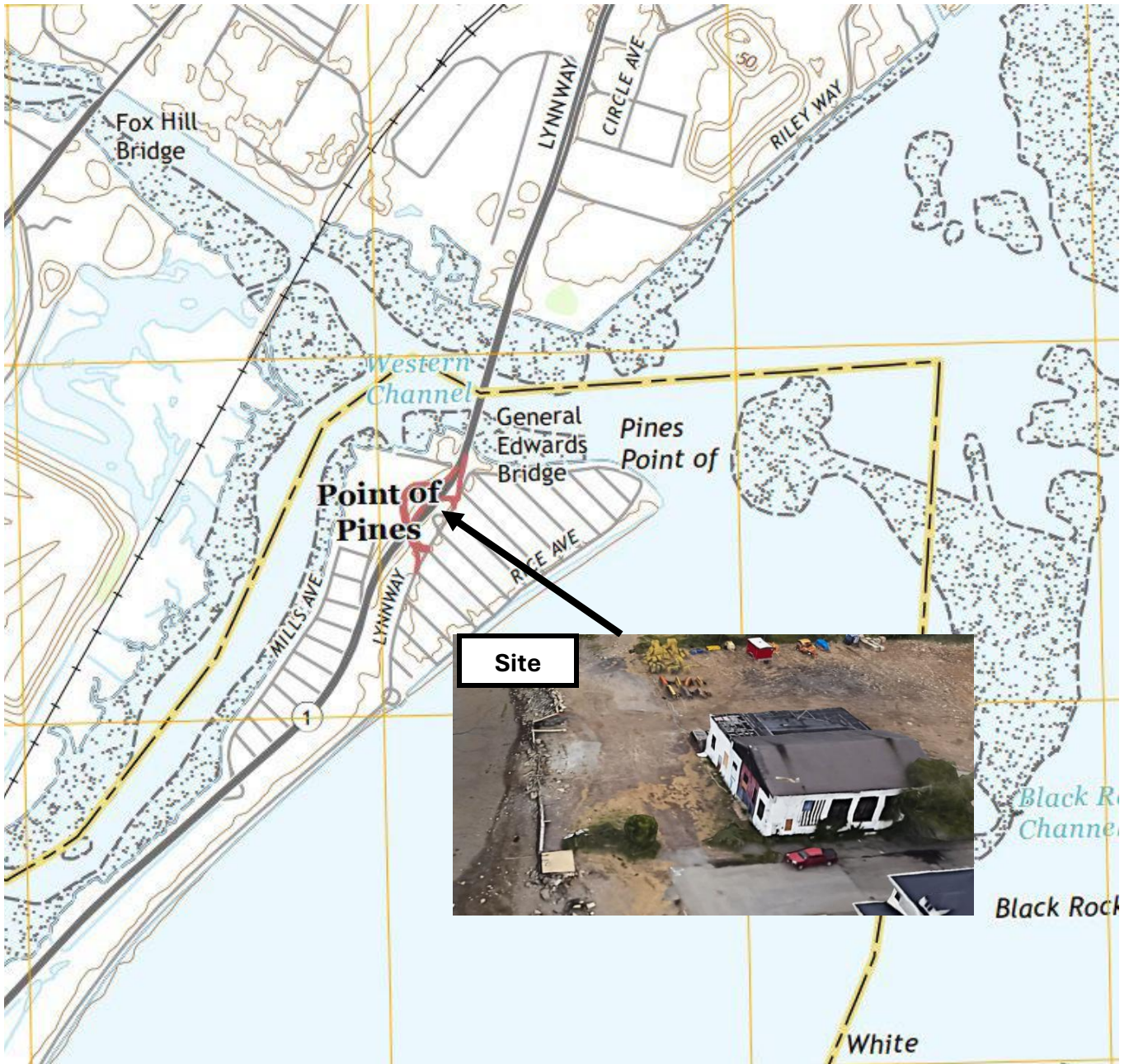
Application Information Sheet

- (1) Applicant Identification: City of Revere, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151
- (2) Website URL: <https://www.revere.org>
- (3) Funding Requested:
 - a. Grant Type: Single Site Cleanup
 - b. Federal Funds Requested: \$1,300,0000
- (4) Location: a) Revere. b) Suffolk County. c) Massachusetts
- (5) Property Information
 - 29 Thayer Avenue, Revere, Massachusetts
- (6) Contacts
 - a. Project Director: Elle Baker, 285 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 781-2868188, ebaker@revere.org
- (7) Chief Executive/Highest Ranking Official: Mayor Patrick Keefe 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 7818268100, pkeefe@revere.org
- (8) Population: 62,186
- (9) Other Factors:

Other Factors	Page
Community population is 15,000 or less	N/A
The applicant is or will assist the federally recognized Indian Tribe or United States Territory.	N/A
The proposed sites is impacted by mine scarred land.	N/A
Secured firm leveraging commitment ties directly to the project and will facilitate completion of the remediation/ reuse; secured resources identified in the Narrative and substantiated in the attached documentation.	4 and Attachment
The proposed site is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the proposed site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street road or other public thoroughfare separating them).	1,2
The proposed site(s) is in a federally designated floodplain.	1
The reuse of the proposed site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind solar or geothermal energy.	2
The reuse of the proposed sites will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	2
The proposed project will improve local resilience to the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters.	2, 3, 5
The target areas is impacted by a coal-fired power plant that has recently closed 2015 or later or is closing.	N/A

(10) Releasing Copies of Applications: Allowed

Thayer Avenue Boatyard Site Map
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(1) PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

Target Area and Brownfields Overview of Brownfields Challenges and Description of Target Area

Revere is a coastal city in Suffolk County, located on the state's "North Shore" and borders Boston to the South. The 0.4 square mile Riverside Neighborhood target area (pop. 3,407) is situated within the Point of Pines peninsula hugged by the 3.5-mile crescent shaped public beach owned and operated by the Department of Conservation and Recreation Revere Beach on Broad Sound to the east and the Pines River¹ and Rumney Marsh² to the west. The use of Revere Beach as a resort began in 1834 when the first small tavern was built on the Point of Pines. Currently, the target area is predominantly older stock residential housing occupying parcels smaller than ¼ acre that are interspersed with commercial facilities, and experiences ongoing emissions from an upwind industrial incinerator waste facility. The city purchased the parcel to extend Gibson Park providing waterfront ADA access to residents. This vision set forth in the RiverFront Master Plan has been stifled for 5-years since the abandoned property was acquired by eminent domain and the city does not have the means to remediate the property. It remains a blight and a health risk to the neighborhood. When entering the city from Lynn the eyesore is the first introduction to Revere. The city has been diligently applying for funding to remediate the site each year. Once this is remediated the city will seek funding to construct recreational amenities. A busy four-lane highway (Rte. 1A) runs north-south through the target area, providing access to public amenities and is a "cut-through" to the abutting cities, contributing to elevated emissions. The waterfront public Gibson Park is situated on the northwestern end of the target area with a playground, basketball courts, walking loop, community garden and tennis courts that support the high school team. The City's initiative to expand Gibson Park for community water recreation, as outlined in the Riverfront Master Plan (RFMP), faces challenges due to the contaminated Thayer Ave. Boatyard brownfield site. The blight is depressing the real estate values of surrounding homes, which causes low to moderate income residents (including elderly on fixed incomes) to be "trapped" in their rents, mortgages, and undervalued properties. Reinvestment efforts in the target area are impeded by brownfield contamination and recurring flooding. The 0.3-mile-wide target area is within a **FEMA-designated floodplain** and regularly experiences "sunny day" flooding, exacerbated by tidal and storm events. The city routinely closes roads in the target area due to flooding from rain events, trapping our elevated elderly population³. Furthermore, ongoing flooding is exacerbating mold accumulation in homes and businesses. Expansion of Gibson Park and a Community Boating Center relies upon cleanup of the brownfield site. Without this Grant, the RFMP revitalization in the target area and mitigation of health and ecosystem threats will be delayed until the city finds funding for remediation. The target area is threatened by the Brownfields sites, 10 EPA-listed facilities⁴ and over 30 MassDEP-regulated environmental releases⁵.

b. Description of the Proposed Brownfield Site: The 1.6-acre **Thayer Avenue Boatyard Site** is located at 29 Thayer Avenue south of Gibson Park and Gibson Point (a new 291-unit apartment complex, and Pines River and Rumney Marsh to the west and residential development to the east along Revere beach Boulevard. The Site and building have been vacant since 2012 and the City acquired the abandoned property by eminent domain in 2021. The Site includes a 4,000-sf storage building, with known asbestos and lead contamination and an unpaved yard. The entire brownfield property, except the portions of the building that abuts Mills Avenue, is surrounded by a 6-foot-high chain link fence with barbed wire. Access to the Site is through two locked gates. For over 50 years, the site was occupied by marine service facilities and an outdoor boat storage yard, which allowed for the boats to be exposed to rain and wind. Based on the results of a MassDevelopment⁶-funded Brownfields Assessment conducted by the city, a release of PCBs and chromium to soils was found and reported to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), in December 2022, which assigned Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-37877. The source of PCBs is attributable to marine paints and chromium from plated hardware on the boats that were stored outdoors. There is evidence of PCBs and chromium in soils throughout an approximate 19,000 square foot (SF) area of the Site, which poses a risk to sensitive environmental, ecological, and human health receptors. The seawall and former docks along the western portion of the Site have disintegrated and the effects of weather, wind, flooding, and tidal influences continue to wreak havoc on the Brownfields

¹ State-designated outstanding resource waters

² State-designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

³ The elderly population for Census Tract 25025170502 is 26%

⁴ EPA Envirofacts List of EPA Regulated Facilities

⁵ Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup Waste Sites and Reportable Releases

⁶ MassDevelopment is the state's finance agency and administers the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund.

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site. The city is saddled with this decrepit site that is also a safety risk from an abandoned building that attracts trespassers. The Site is total disrepair and an eyesore to the neighbors and commuters along Route 1A corridor. Unless remediated, there is risk for dispersal of Brownfield contaminants throughout the community and sensitive marine ecosystem.

Revitalization of the Target Area: c. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans: The **Gibson Park Resiliency and Recreation Project (“Project”)** consists of the redevelopment of Gibson Park, part of the City’s 19.5-acre RiverFront District. The Project is a multi-program recreational facility incorporating nature-based interventions to protect the target area from current and future threats from flooding and sea level rise. As outlined in the City’s 2021 RiverFront Master Plan (RMP), the Project is a **community priority** and encompasses three City-owned parcels (Mills Ave., 29 Thayer Ave [the Site] and Gibson Park). The reuse strategy includes the transformation of Thayer Avenue Brownfields Site to a Community Boating Center with ADA⁷ access for non-motorized vessels including canoe, kayak, stand up paddleboarding, and rowing. The Project will introduce ADA public access to the Pines River, increase recreational pursuits, and add stormwater management through increased stormwater capacity on site. The Project aligns with the Revere Open Space and Recreation Plan goals by increasing inclusive recreation, promoting health and fitness, and encouraging regional collaboration to make the most use of available open spaces. The reuse also supports the community need identified to *“Acquire additional open space.”* Since the target area property is located in a **FEMA-designated floodplain**, flood risk reduction measures include subsurface stormwater management chambers beneath the proposed tennis courts and bioswales. 11 community forums have been held since the Master Planning Project began in 2019 to determine reuse and residents have shown support via letters of support for grants. Work through the design of new recreational amenities and resiliency elements such as the elevation of the existing building, permeable surface opportunities, and nature-based shoreline stabilization. Residents have shown support for Brownfield Site remediation by providing letters backing funding requests for Project planning. The conceptual design for the new boathouse is completed and incorporates sustainable mechanical systems including electric heat, low flow toilets, programable interior lighting, and solar lighting for the exterior of the building walkways and parking lot as well as substantial increase in plantings that serve to filter the run off in bioswales, reduction of permeable pavement, and provide improved air quality through a larger footprint of greenspace. To date, the City has invested over \$9 Million in municipal and grant funds to execute the RiverFront Master Plan including planning, design, and new infrastructure.

d. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy: The revitalization project will create quality local construction jobs for an estimated 3–6 years. The outcome of the remediation will result in the expansion of Gibson Park, which will introduce the first ADA riverfront access for non-motorized boating in the area. Recreational access to the waterfront will benefit the target area and City and increase beneficial health outcomes. The rowing and sailing program will train local students and prepare high schoolers for esteemed college-level rowing. The desired outcome of this EPA funding investment is the cleanup of a municipally-owned contaminated site located within a residential neighborhood and a community park to primarily mitigate the risk of PCBs and chromium and other contaminants that present a risk to surrounding residences, commercial properties and the marine ecosystem. The resilient design of the Project will mitigate flooding and decrease threats to indoor air, underground utilities, basements, residents, and workers. The City's investment to abate the Site building will eliminate health and safety risks from asbestos and lead-based paint and decrease trespassing threats. Improved transportation infrastructure will support safe walking options for recreation and health, including the target area’s Boardwalk and Riverwalk completed by the City in 2023 and connecting the target area to public transit—including walkability to the MBTA commuter rail station within ½ mile of the target area for access to amenities such as education, healthcare, and higher-paying jobs. We expect renewed investment and increased property values, resulting in local job opportunities and enhancement of the target area associated with the City’s two Opportunity Zones. Increased tax revenue will provide expanded municipal services for low- to moderate-income and elderly residents, as well as offer more opportunities for renters to become homeowners.

Strategy for Leveraging Resources e. Resources needed for Site Characterization: There is a sufficient level of site characterization from the environmental assessment performed to date for the remediation work to be conducted. If additional characterization is required, the city will seek support from MassDEP using its FY24 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.

f. Resources needed for Site Remediation: The City is eligible to apply for up to \$750K in additional cleanup grant funding from MassDevelopment’s Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, awarded annually and

⁷ American with Disabilities Act

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will apply for this round of funding. g. Resources needed for Site Reuse: There are several resources that the City has secured and is eligible for to propel the Site towards reuse and revitalization. To date, the Project has been supported by over \$3.3m in local, state, and federal dollars, including the City's investment in **over \$1.7 Million** in municipal funds.

Funding	Secured
<u>MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Earmark:</u> The City received \$5M (FY22 and FY23) for the Revere Riverfront District Revitalization and is eligible for annual funding. Planning and construction of a new roundabout to support the new Gibson Point development and better access to Gibson Park.	\$5M
<u>State Earmark for RiverFront Master Plan Revitalization</u> (Roundabout construction 4.6M and Gibson Park Phase I construction 3.4M both in progress)	\$8M
<u>Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council Grants:</u> Since 2022, the City has been awarded \$1.2 Million in Project planning and construction grants and eligible for additional funding	\$1.135M
<u>Massachusetts Vulnerability (MVP)</u> Revere established as an MVP community in 2019. Grant for a Coastal Resiliency Study for the Point of Pines and Riverside neighborhoods, Gibson Park Planning grant with Stormwater Storage, Diamond Creek Watershed Planning and Resiliency. Grant for regional resiliency study 2022-2024 (2 rounds of funding for Saugus Pines River Advocates for Regional Resiliency. The City is eligible for additional funding for the redevelopment project.	\$300K
<u>ARPA Planning, MEPA process</u>	\$250K
<u>Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC):</u> The City was awarded \$125K and is eligible for additional funding from this state program.	\$125K
<u>Revere Purchased 29 Thayer Ave property for recreational purposes via eminent domain</u>	\$1.7M
<u>MassDevelopment Grant</u> awarded for Soil Characterization and Phase I,II,III,&IV reports completed. <u>Revere will apply again for the grant this year.</u>	\$250K
<u>HUD Grant</u> awarded for a Riverside Neighborhood Drainage Study, this project is in progress. Plus 100K city match	\$280K

h. Use of Existing Infrastructure: The target area is connected to public water, along with electric, natural gas, and communications (i.e., cable, high-internet, fiber optics). New construction will include stormwater management best practices to enhance resilience. Increased walkable connections to existing amenities and an ADA dock system providing access for rowing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT -Community Need

a. The Community's Need for Funding⁸. The target area is located within a state-designated Burdened Area⁹, facing cumulative environmental, health and socioeconomic stressors as compared to other block groups in the state: The median income (\$67,375) is 66.5% less than the state median; housing burdened low income households are over 87% higher; poverty (22.61%) is over 86% higher "Brownfields within the target area have contributed to nearly \$5 million in lost tax revenue for over 20 years due to contamination-related disinvestment, including both lost back taxes and unrealized redevelopment value. This places significant strain on local governmental resources and reduces the community's capacity to allocate local funds toward costly environmental remediation activities. Because the target area is predominantly residential and low-income, the City's ability to draw on local revenue or private investment to address contamination is extremely limited.

As a result, EPA Brownfields Cleanup funding is essential to overcoming financial barriers, restoring contaminated properties to productive use, and sparking growth and reinvestment in a community with notable economic need.

b. Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations. Over 19% of residents have less than a high school degree and over 17% do not have a college degree¹⁰, which limits job, insurance coverage, and residential opportunities. The homeownership rate of 56%, reflective of limited pathways for renters. Elevated populations of disabled (16%) and elderly (25.1%) rely on municipal, state, and federal resources. Environmental exposures in the community include the following risks that

⁸ Census data for Tract 1705.2 Suffolk County, Massachusetts

⁹ MassEnviroScreen Report for Block Group 3 Census Tract 1705.2 Suffolk County, Massachusetts

¹⁰ Work Area Profile Analysis. US Census Bureau

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are **higher** than block groups in the state by the following percentages, posing health threats¹¹: Particulate matter (PM 2.5)(26%); ozone (66%); nitrogen dioxide (71%); diesel particulate matter (81%); air toxics cancer risk (96.88%) and proximity to traffic (66%). The 90th percentile level for lead levels in drinking water in Revere was 31.9 ppb in September of 2023 and **exceeds** the action level (15 ppb)¹². . An increased proportion of sensitive populations, including individuals with disabilities (16%) and the elderly (25.1%), face **heightened health risks** associated with contaminant exposure. The violent crime rate of 751.5 per 100,000 residents is **higher** than the statewide rate of 384.1 per 100,000. The city's child poverty rate (15.7%) exceeds the state average (11.84%)¹³. These challenges are reflected by the city's social vulnerability index score (0.80, which) **exceeds** state (0.47) and federal (0.58) scores¹⁴. *The revitalization will lead to reinvestment in the target area to address service gaps, reduce contaminant impact and provide links to amenities.*

c. Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions. There is evidence of heightened levels of cancer and asthma in the community. The latest state data¹⁵ indicates observed rates of bladder, cervix uteri, kidney and renal, larynx, liver and intrahepatic bile duct, lung and bronchus, pancreatic, stomach and thyroid cancers and mesothelioma, non-Hodgkin leukemia **exceeding** expected rates. City rates of adults with poor physical health¹⁶(12.9%) exceed state (11.6%) and federal (12.7%) rates. Impacts to sensitive populations in the target area include the following risks that are **higher** than block groups in the state by the following percentages¹⁷: pediatric asthma (32.07%); adult high blood pressure (92.42%); coronary heart disease (96.8%); chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (96.55%) and premature mortality (54.09%) Asbestos may cause mesothelioma, and risk of cancers of the stomach, pharynx and colorectum¹⁸. Diabetes rates (13.51%) are higher than state (11.01%) rates and obesity prevalence (33.37%) is higher than state rates (31.04%)¹⁹. PCBs are associated with risk of liver and biliary tract cancers²⁰ and chromium is associated with respiratory and asthma impacts²¹. Cleanup with this grant funding will yield health benefits. The outcome of remediation producing a cleaner environment in an already burdened area reducing long-term health risk and prioritizing safe and productive reuse of the site for perpetuity is anticipated to mitigate contaminant exposure and threats of disease.

Organization & Contact	Mission & Specific Involvement
Revere Board of Health, Dr. Drew Bunker Chairperson reverehhealth@revere.org Revere Conservation Commission, concom@revere.org	<i>Protect and improve public health, promote healthy lifestyles, prevent illness, and ensure equitable access to quality healthcare services for all residents.</i> They have the knowledge needed to support the health and safety of the community in the decision processes for the remediation and redevelopment and have a valued seat in the process
Revere Parks and Rec, Revere Public Schools AD, Senior Center fshea@revere.org , dpeczka.revere@gmail.com mhinojosa@rever.org	<i>Focus on enhancing the quality of life for all Revere citizens by providing safe, accessible, and active recreational, educational, and cultural programming for all ages.</i> Each department has long term roots in the community, athletic program experience to support the team in creating a healthy and prosperous recreational facility post remediation.

¹¹ MassEnviroScreen Report for Block Group 3 Census Tract 1705.2 Suffolk County, Massachusetts

¹² The City of Revere Public Water Supply annual newsletter

¹³ Massachusetts Community Health Assessment. Massachusetts Health Data Tool. Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health.

¹⁴Ibid. The Social Vulnerability Index is a measure of the degree to which a community exhibits certain social conditions, including high poverty, low percentage of vehicle access, or crowded households, may affect that community's ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in the event of disaster. These factors describe a community's social vulnerability.

¹⁵ Massachusetts Cancer Registry Cancer & Incidence City & Town Report for City of Revere. 2016-2020 data.

¹⁶ Massachusetts Community Health Assessment. Massachusetts Health Data Tool. Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health.

¹⁷ MassEnviroScreen Report for Block Group 3 Census Tract 1705.2 Suffolk County, Massachusetts

¹⁸ Asbestos Exposure and Cancer Risk. National Cancer Institute

¹⁹ Massachusetts Community Health Assessment. Massachusetts Health Data Tool. Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health.

²⁰ Agency for Toxics Substances and Disease Registry. Adverse Health Effects of PCB Exposure.

²¹ Agency for Toxics Substances and Disease Registry. Adverse Health Effects of Chromium Exposure

Organization & Contact	Mission & Specific Involvement
Mass Development David Bancroft, Senior VP Community Investment (857) 319-0528Dbancroft @Massdevelopment.com	<i>Stimulate economic growth, drive business, and help communities thrive across MA, the state's finance and development agency, offers financing and real estate solutions to support companies and nonprofits.</i> Mass Dev provided financial support to complete Phase I, II, III, and IV reporting for the site. The city is eligible for additional support for redevelopment, tax credits advice and assistance on developer RFPs.
Community Rowing, Inc. Ted Benford, Executive Director (617) 779-8276 ted@communityrowing.org	<i>Everyone should have the opportunity to access and experience the benefits of rowing and being a part of our community. We believe in actively recruiting and including people of all backgrounds and abilities, including those who may not find it possible to access rowing elsewhere.</i> CRI will provide support on reuse and design of the proposed rowing facility and engagement.
Saugus River Watershed Council Mary Lester 781-820-1349 marylester@saugusriver.org	<i>Protect and restore the natural resources of the Saugus River watershed, improve water quality, restore river habitat and fisheries, educate students about the environment, and promote public access and enjoyment of the watershed.</i> A non-profit organization that has established outreach with stakeholders will assist with regional engagement and education.
Department of Engagement, Inclusion, and Culture Maddie Alvarez mpinedaalvarez@revere.org Asmaa Abdu-Fouda aabou-fouda@revere.org	<i>Ensure residents feel welcome, informed, and connected by promoting fair access to information, resources, and programs that reflect the shared experiences, cultures and diversity in the City of Revere.</i> Assists the project team with meaningful outreach, inclusion, translation, and interpretation

d. Economically Impoverished/Disproportionately Impacted Populations.

Underserved residents mainly live in older stock rental housing with lead-based paint and lead pipes landlords are slow in addressing mold accumulation in rental homes from flooding. These issues contribute to poor health outcomes, increased by lack of insurance or insurance with unaffordable deductibles, transportation gaps to health and social care. Households with no computer²² (7.45%) **exceed** the state percentage (4.87%), limiting remote work opportunities and overall educational attainment. Uninsured populations²³ (5.4%) **exceed** state (2.65%) rates. The proximity of the target area to the industrial trash incinerator and highway traffic increases the community's exposure to toxic emissions and detrimentally impacts these populations. Revere has a .89 ranking for Unemployment and .91 ranking for Housing Cost Burden. Revere has a .77 ranking for Diesel Particulate Matter, a .82 ranking for Potentially Hazardous & Toxic Sites, and .75 ranking for Water Pollution. The city also has a .98 ranking for Coastal Flooding Frequency and Hurricane Frequency. All of these values suggest that Revere is not only financially strained and impacted by poverty, but also disproportionately affected by detrimental environmental consequences. This is a result of historic and ongoing industrial and governmental activity and deeply felt by the residents who live in the city and this neighborhood today. Increased tax revenue will result in improved municipal services to support the community. The cleanup will mitigate contaminant impacts to sensitive receptors and anticipated to improve health and social outcomes and landlords will be expected to "keep up" with area-wide improvements. Cleanup will spur renewed developer interest in the target area, resulting in new housing opportunities and infrastructure improvements are expected to mitigate flooding. The reuse of this property will create new jobs during the construction period as well as post construction at the new boathouse facility, the project will also maintain access for local lobstering. Creating attainable local jobs for the working class can help reduce high unemployment rates. Investors are more drawn to an area that offers social capital including walkability, safety, more access to resources, more connectedness within community, and provide ADA waterfront access to the community for recreational activities and non-motorized water sports. Reducing the health risks in this area with remediation makes residents seen and heard and builds confidence, reduces doubt and despair supporting residents to stay in their homes with reduced exposure to contaminants.

Community Engagement e. Project Involvement and f. Project Roles

²² Massachusetts Community Health Assessment. Massachusetts Health Data Tool. Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health.

²³ Ibid.

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Working with our municipal partners listed we will foster community engagement and integrate reuse plans with our project partners. The following is a list of Project partners, project involvement, and project role. These partners have been selected based on their ongoing commitment to the target area and their missions are well-aligned with the goals of the EPA's Brownfields Program and the City's revitalization strategy.

g. Incorporating Community Input: The city's Department of Engagement, Inclusion, and Culture leads outreach to build a connected, and informed community. The city provides access to services, coordinating cultural events, managing language access, accessibility efforts, and offering resources that help people navigate both City and community programs. Revere will build on our successful efforts in public outreach and engagement. A Public Involvement Plan will be prepared for EPA review. The city will utilize public meetings, presentations, in-person and virtual meetings, offer public collaborative sessions and continue to utilize social media to foster two-way communication and share videoconferences. The city will harness the influence of project partners as "boots on the ground" and to use their resources. To motivate residents and stakeholders in the target area, the city will demonstrate that their input is being incorporated into the project and showcase feedback using posters and charrettes, which will be posted throughout the city, city hall, senior center, library, schools and local meeting spaces. City and community organization websites will provide status updates about progress. These updates will be transparent and shared on social media as well to ensure that the public is continually engaged. Community meetings will be conducted at the new Point of Pines fire station community room, it is accessible and "less intimidating" than City Hall. Translators will be present to reduce language barriers and promote participation. The city will also seek community engagement support from UConn TAB²⁴ throughout this process, establishing a strong and lasting foundation for meaningful community events, creating a shared vision, and welcoming public participation every step of the way.

(3) TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS

a. Proposed Cleanup Plan Cleanup will address the soil contamination. PCB impacts to soil are located within an approximate 18,900 square-foot area (908 cubic yards (CY)) and Localized chromium impacts have been detected in an approximate 100 SF (20 CY) area west of the Site building to a depth of approximately 5 feet bgs. within the locked portion of the Site will be remediated. Impacts to groundwater have not been detected via monitoring. Cleanup will be conducted in accordance with the state environmental cleanup regulations, the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP)²⁵ and EPA Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) under the management of the City's selected QEP and performed by licensed contractors. Cleanup plans will be discussed and integrated in the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) and presented at Public Meeting). The cleanup plan will incorporate EPA Principles for Greener Cleanups, and the city will also require contractors to employ operational practices, such as engine idle reduction practices and recycling. We will strive to utilize local receiving facilities for remedial waste. State and EPA Cleanup Reporting: A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPPA) will be prepared for EPA review. The Draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) will undergo a 30-day public review period and be reviewed by EPA and finalized. A Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan (RIP) will be prepared by the selected QEP's Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional (LSP)²⁶, outlining the proposed cleanup plan and a Status Report and a Completion Report will be submitted to MassDEP. Subsequent to the completion of cleanup activities, a Permanent Solution Statement will be prepared, which will include a human health risk characterization, to assess risks for Site reuse and submitted to MassDEP. A Self-Implementing Plan and PCB Cleanup Completion Report will be prepared for EPA review and submittal. Public bid specifications will be prepared by the QEP and will include technical specifications and drawings that will address local and state requirements, measurement and payment, contractor scheduling requirements, health and safety requirements and Davis-Bacon wage requirements. Permits and Health & Safety: All local, state and federal permits will be obtained prior to the implementation of cleanup activities. A Notice of Intent will be filed with the City's Conservation Commission and MassDEP. A Health & Safety Plan will be prepared prior to the implementation of cleanup activities, and all Site

²⁴The University of Connecticut provides Technical Assistance for Brownfields Communities Program for EPA Region 1

²⁵ The Massachusetts Contingency Plan is the state's environmental regulation that provides for the protection of health, safety, public welfare, and the environment by establishing requirements and procedures for the activities and cleanup of oil or hazardous materials.

²⁶ In 1993, Massachusetts created a model program that privatized the cleanup of hazardous waste sites in the Commonwealth. **Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs)** are authorized by the Commonwealth to work on behalf of property owners, operators, and other responsible parties to oversee the assessment and cleanup of contamination that has been released into the environment. LSPs are scientists, engineers, and public health specialists with significant professional expertise in oil and hazardous material contamination. LSPs are governed by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals, also known as the LSP Board.

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personnel will be properly licensed and/or certified to perform and oversee cleanup activities, including OSHA HAZWOPER certifications. **Site Preparation:** Construction fencing, equipped with a gate and filter fabric and signage and erosion and sedimentation stormwater controls will be installed. **Excavation:** Soils will be excavated to a depth of 3 feet below ground surface (bgs) and dust suppression measures will be implemented (i.e., applying a water mist). Soils will be transferred to rolloffs or temporarily stored as stockpiles, which will be lined and covered by 6-MIL thickness polyethylene sheeting. Based on the depth to groundwater (over 3 feet bgs), dewatering is not anticipated. However, drying agents will be applied to wet soils that may be encountered. **Post-Remedial Confirmatory Sampling:** Post-excavation confirmatory sampling will be conducted, which will include the collection of soil samples for laboratory analysis of PCBs using EPA Method 8082 Soxhlet extraction Method 3540 and chromium using EPA Method 6010 in accordance with MassDEP and EPA requirements. **Backfill and Site Restoration:** The excavation footprint will be backfilled with clean fill.

Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs Implementation of the EPA grant and Project cleanup will be a collaborative effort between City staff, Brownfields Committee, Project partners, Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) and cleanup contractor.

The work is divided into four **EPA funded** tasks, each with defined activities, deliverables, and roles.

Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs *Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight*

b. Project Implementation: The City will establish a Brownfields Committee in Q1 following secured funding comprised of local elected officials, business community, community organizations, economic development authorities, Revere Parks and Recreation, Conservation, and stakeholders. MassDEP and EPA Brownfields staff will be invited to sit on the Committee. The committee will hold a series of meetings (see task 2) and collaborate on project matters to support the best outcome. The Planning Department will prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the QEP and review responses to the RFP with the members of the Brownfield Committee to select the QEP. We will also perform program management and communication with regulatory personnel, community officials and the public. QEP will prepare the EPA ACRES throughout the duration of the project. The city will attend the National Brownfields Training Conference.

c. Anticipated Project Schedule: Progress reports will be submitted on or before January 30th, April 30th, July 30th, October 30th of each year. Annual DBE reports will be submitted on or before October 30th of each year. Site information will be entered into ACRES and updated upon completion of milestones related to remediation and site redevelopment. The Committee will initially meet monthly following the grant kick off meeting once the contract is executed and then quarterly to execute the priorities and direction of the Brownfields Program. QEP procured by planning department and Procurement office.

d. Task/Activity Lead: The City's Open Space and Environmental Planner will Lead the facilitation all project tasks for the QEP and Contractor and administration of community outreach/engagement and grant reporting with support from the City Planner, Engineering Dept., Brownfields Committee, and QEP.

e. Outputs: Quarterly progress reports, financial reports, final closeout report, ACRES updates (as needed); and Davis Bacon reporting. Remediated project site free of community hazards

Task 2: Community Engagement

a. Project Implementation: We will hold a series of 4 public meetings annually at the community room in the Point of Pines Fire Station near the site with virtual links for local stakeholders to discuss cleanup and proposed redevelopment. Meetings will begin once funded to notify stakeholders of the next steps/solicit feedback. Subsequent meetings to review the project milestones/schedule updates. The PM will prepare public outreach materials and make them available on the revere.org website and conduct extensive outreach with social media and flyers to engage residents and stakeholders prior to undertaking the cleanup/abatement efforts, during remediation, & following the successful completion of remediation. A Community Involvement Plan will be posted to the site; Revere's Community Outreach department will assist the PM with outreach. Interpretation will be offered at all meetings. Feedback can be provided in person, in virtual chat comments, virtual office hours, and via email.

b. Anticipated Project Schedule: Ongoing every 3 months before, after, and during the project lifecycle.

c. Task/Activity Lead: The City's Open Space and Environmental Planner will serve as the Lead with support from our City Planner, Project partners, Health Dept. and QEP, including the use of city staff translator from the Equity and Inclusion department .The QEP will lead the CIP with support from project lead.

d. Outputs: Project schedules and milestones for activities from cleanup and reuse planning. Meetings (a minimum of 4 meetings annually, a pre-meeting following funding award, a kickoff and 2 progress meetings) minutes, presentations, and materials, including multilingual posters, planning documents, flyers, and documented responses to community input. The project materials will be posted to revere.org.

Task 3: Cleanup

a. Project Implementation: The City will issue an RFP for a cleanup contractor. The cleanup contractor will be selected. The City's selected QEP/LSP will perform oversight of the cleanup contractor. Remediate PCB impacts soil is located within an approximate 18,900 square-foot area (908 cubic yards (CY))and Localized chromium in an approximate 100 SF (20 CY) area. Waste Characterization, NOI, RFDA construction and admin oversight.

b. Anticipated Project Schedule: Over the 4-year duration, cleanup activities will be conducted in the following order: Years 1-2: Bid specifications, permitting, health & safety planning, soil waste characterization. Years 3-4: Ex-Situ remediation

c. Task/Activity Lead: The City PM will oversee the QEP, and LSP, will execute of remedial activities, facilitate technical report preparation, and regulatory interpretation, and interfacing with regulatory authorities and will provide Support and direction to municipal staff and the Brownfield team for implementation support.

d. Outputs: RFP, bid specifications, Vendor contracts, permits, site controls, remediated site

Task 4: Reporting and Reuse Planning

a. Project Implementation: State and federal status reporting, accounts payable, reimbursement requests, closure reports will be prepared, and all other state and federal regulatory and grant reporting requirements. Prior to, during and subsequent to the cleanup to meet grant requirements.

b. Anticipated Project Schedule: The QAPP and Draft ABCA will be prepared in Year 1-Quarters 1-2 and submitted to EPA for review/approval. AA Draft ABCA public meeting will be scheduled in Year 1 for 30 a 30-day public review. A Phase IV RIP and SIP will be prepared (Year 1); Status reports will be prepared every 6 months. A Permanent Solution Statement, including risk assessment and PCB Cleanup Completion Report will be prepared upon the completion of cleanup.

c. Task/Activity Lead(s): The City's Open Space and Environmental Planner will oversee the QEP on reporting and regulatory interpretation and will interface with City Planner and MAPC on reuse planning.

d. Outputs: QAPP; Draft and Final ABCA, state regulatory reports²⁷ (Phase IV RIP/Status and Completion Reports), EPA PCB Cleanup Completion Report, risk assessment, Reuse plan(s)

f. **Cost Estimates** are derived from LSP prepared reports submitted to MassDEP and past grant task admin.

Budget Categories	Task 1 Coop. Agreement Oversight	Task 2 Community Engagement	Task 3 Cleanup	Task 4 Reporting/Re u-se /Planning	Task 5 Administrative	Total
Personnel	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	0	\$16,000
Fringe Benefits*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	\$2,000	0	0	0	0	\$2,000
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contractual	\$8,000	\$15,050	\$401,320	\$88,550	0	\$512,920
Construction	0	0	\$769,080	0	0	\$769,080
Other						

²⁷ MassDEP regulatory report reviews are not required for report submittals under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan

Total	Federal	\$14,000	\$19,050	\$1,174,4	\$92,550	0	\$1,300,000
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Task 1 Budget: 80 staff hrs. @ \$50/hr.=\$4,000; QEP \$200/hr. x 40 hrs. = \$8,000

Travel: EPA Brownfields conference (est. \$2K conference for airfare, hotel, per diem, and expenses).

Task 2 Budget: 80 staff hrs. @ \$50/hr.=\$4,000; QEP \$200/hr. x 35 hrs. = \$7,000; ABCA = \$8,050.

Task 3 Budget: 80 staff hrs. x \$50./hr. = \$4,000; QEP/ Cleanup Contractor²⁸ details below:

QEP Project Management: \$250/hr. x 100 hrs.= \$25,000 plus 15% contingency (\$3,750) = \$28,750
QEP Specs/Bidding Assistance: \$200/hr. x 100 hrs.= \$20,000 plus 15% contingency (\$3,000) = \$23,000
QEP Construction Admin.: \$200/hr. x 50 hrs.= \$10,000 plus 15% contingency (\$1,500) = \$11,500
RFDA/NOI: QEP: \$186/hr. x 29 hrs.= \$5,394 plus 15% contingency (\$809) = \$6,203. Sub: \$5,297
Waste char: QEP: \$140/hr. x 36 hrs.= \$5,040 plus 15% contingency (\$756) = \$5796. Subs: \$13,724
QEP Cleanup Oversight: \$160/hr. x 430 hrs.= \$68,800 plus 15% contingency (\$10,320) = \$79,120
QEP Equipment and travel: \$10,580; QEP lab analysis sub: \$217,350 (assumes 1,230 PCB samples, estimated at \$123 per sample, to meet TSCA verification and 3D/5-foot grid system, including a 20% contingency, and 25 chromium samples, estimated at \$111 per sample.
Mobilization/Demobilization= \$20,000 x 15% contingency (\$3,000)= \$23,000
Erosion control: \$20/foot x 900 feet= \$18,000 plus 15% contingency (\$2,700)= \$20,700
Construction fence: \$25/ft x 900 ft= \$22,500 plus 15% contingency (\$3,375)= \$25,875
Excavate/Stockpile/Load PCB Impacted Soil from 18,900 SF Area (908 CY): \$50/CY x 908 CY= \$45,400 plus 15% contingency (\$6,810)= \$52,210
Transportation and Disposal of 18 CY/27 Tons of Soil (PCB material > 50 mg/kg) \$565/ton x 27 tons= \$15,255 plus 15% contingency (\$2,288)= \$17,543
Transportation and Disposal of 890 CY/1,335 Tons of Soil (PCB material <50 mg/kg) \$350/ton x 1,335 tons= \$467,250 plus 15% contingency (\$70,088)= \$537,338
Excavate/Stockpile/Load chromium impacted Soil from 100 SF Area (20 CY): \$50/CY x 20 CY= \$1,000 plus 15% contingency (\$150)= \$1,150
Transportation and Disposal of 20 CY/30 Tons of Soil (chromium material) \$200/ton x 30 tons= \$6,000 plus 15% contingency (\$900)= \$6,900
Apply Drying Agent to soils within GWT (assuming 77 CY/116 Tons) \$60/ton x 116 tons= \$6,960 plus 15% contingency (\$1,044)= \$8,004
Clean backfill: \$50/ton x 928 tons= \$46,400 plus 15% contingency (\$6,960)= \$53,360
Decon equipment and Dispose reinstate: \$20000 plus 15% contingency (\$3,000)= \$23,000

Task 4 Budget: 80 staff hrs. x \$50./hr. = \$4,000; QEP reports/meetings= \$77,000 plus 15% contingency. Unit costs per report are estimated as follows: QAPP (\$7,000), Self-Implementing Cleanup Plan (\$23,000); Phase IV RIP (\$11,000); Phase IV RIP Completion Report and Permanent Solution Statement (\$18,000); Self-Implementing Cleanup Plan Completion Report (\$11,000); EPA Closeout Report (\$7,000).

g. Plan to Measure and Evaluate Environmental Progress and Results: Our anticipated output from the Brownfields Program are technical/quantitative reports that will provide the city with clear direction. Measuring the success of public engagement by requesting our community partners to help us measure the qualitative & quantitative outcomes of community engagement in post meeting surveys. The Site will be brought into state compliance and attract developer interest for redevelopment. We will measure project outcomes beyond the completion of the Brownfields program by increases in tax revenue, number of jobs created, decrease in crime, number of acres remediated/redeveloped, number of acres of greenspace created, kilowatt hours of renewable energy produced, miles of infrastructure upgraded, percent reduction in health issues, number of units of affordable housing, increase in transit usage. Additional anticipated

²⁸ 15% contingency added to QEP and Cleanup contractor costs.

outcomes include increase in recreation and health benefits, increase in public participation, increase in walkability and connections to amenities, improved school programs, and student acceptance into collegiate rowing/sailing programs. The QEP will update ACRES to document site progress.

(4) PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE

Programmatic Capability Revere's Planning and Community Development staff will manage this grant. The department successfully manages multiple large planning and infrastructure projects. The PM Elle Baker will facilitate the timely execution of all required grant agreements with EPA with administrative support from the Solicitor's Office, Auditing, and Procurement. The PM will engage with vendors and follow up as necessary to keep project momentum adhering to a grant schedule for all tasks from contracting to completing, outreach, and administrative status reporting, Financial invoice processing, mobilization, and timely communication among team members through weekly project staff meetings, and programmatic updates for the community via the monthly newsletter. **4.a.ii Key Staff:** The City's Planning Department has experience overseeing grant funds with stringent and diverse requirements. The Chief of Planning/11 yrs. professional municipal leadership experience has specifically managed Brownfield Grants in Fitchburg, he will act in a support role for all aspects of the project. Project Management will be conducted by the Open Space and Environmental Planner,/15 yrs. of project management experience, 10 yrs/municipal infrastructure projects in Revere. The City Planner/ 45 yrs. of PM and planning experience will provide experiential support to the Project manager and the Brownfield team. The city's Purchasing Department will guide all the procurement of services to ensure all required federal grant procurement requirements are met with diligence including Davis Bacon wage rates guidelines.Acquiring Additional Resources: We will seek support from municipal staff and state and federal agencies, and the private sector to support our Brownfields program, along with support from MassDEP. We will seek support from UCONN²⁹ for stakeholder workshops and charrettes. City Fire, Police, and Health Departments will provide safety, security, and health support to address the Cleanup and reuse and Dept. of Public Works and Engineers will address infrastructure needs. Additional state agency support includes the state's Coastal Zone Management, Dept. of Public Health State Police, MassDOT, and federal agencies, including U.S. Fish & Wildlife. We will work with local workforce agencies and the Revere School Department, Pars & Recreation Department, and local higher education to identify training and employment opportunities to support local programming estimates have incorporated 15% contingency so if the team finds the need for additional expertise the PM can request a proposal and initiate procurement of additional resources to support successful outcomes.

Past Performance and Accomplishments e. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements (1) Purpose and Accomplishments: The City has been recipient of many varied federal grants. Revere was responsible for managing \$20M federally funded Markey Bridge Project. This grant was jointly managed by the City and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (a "cognizant agency" as required under FTA rules). The grant was used to connect a newly constructed multi-modal transit facility and historic Revere Beach (the first public beach in the USA and a National Historic Landmark) via a pedestrian bridge and a platform, the project supported \$1B+ mixed use development is now nearing completion. This grant has truly proven transformative in enabling the development of 1000 units of housing, a hotel, several restaurants and more, all creating jobs and economic opportunities. In 2020 Revere acted as the Fiscal Agent for the regional Northern Strand Community Trail Project to support Everett, Malden, Revere, Saugus, and Lynn in 2020-2022, a 13M, MA EEA Trail Grant. The grant enabled construction of an 11-mile accessible regional recreational space. Supporting multimodal transportation, active recreation, and passive spaces along the trail. (2) Compliance with Grant Requirements: The City is in full compliance with all grant requirements, including documentation and reporting requirements, invoices, financial statements, budgeting, and schedule. Our annual audits are conducted by a private auditor which includes an evaluation of adherence to funding requirements. We adhere to contract requirements, including terms & conditions and procurement law.

²⁹ The University of Connecticut EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program

Threshold Attachment

FY'26 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant Application
Thayer Avenue Boatyard, Riverside Neighborhood Target Area, Revere, Massachusetts

THRESHOLD CRITERIA FOR CLEANUP GRANTS

(1) Applicant Eligibility

- a. The City of Revere, Massachusetts is eligible to apply for an EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant because it is a General Purpose Unit of Government.
- b. The City of Revere is not exempt from Federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the IRC.

(2) Previously Awarded Cleanup Grants

The Site has not received funding from a previously awarded EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant.

(3) Expenditure of Existing Multipurpose Grant Funds

Not Applicable. The city does not have an open EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant.

(4) Site Ownership Information

The City of Revere is the sole owner of the Site.

(5) Basic Site Information

- a) **Name of Site:** Thayer Avenue Boatyard
- b) **Address of the Site:** 29 Thayer Avenue, Revere, MA 02151

(6) Status and History of Contamination at Site

- a) The Site is contaminated by hazardous substances.

b.) Operational history and current use of the Site:

The Site was occupied by a boat storage and repair yard, which operated from at least the early 1950s through approximately 2018. During this period, Site operations were believed to include storing, repairing, re-painting, and maintaining boats. Boats were stored outdoors upside down and exposed to the elements. After the cessation of the boat yard operations in approximately 2012, the City acquired the Site property in October of 2021.

c.) Environmental concerns at the site

The Site is identified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) by Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-37877, assigned on January 19, 2023, following the identification of a release of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and chromium to soil attributable to former boat yard operations.

d.) How the site became contaminated and the nature and extent of contamination

The source of PCBs is attributable to PCB-containing paints and chromium from chrome metal from boats stored on-Site and exposed to wind, rain, and weather conditions, which has impacted soil throughout the Site to an approximate depth of 3 feet below ground surface (bgs). PCB impacts on soil are located within an approximate 18,900 square-foot area (908 cubic yards (CY)) located within the fenced in portion of the Site. Localized chromium impacts have been detected in an approximate 100 SF (20 CY) area west of the

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Site building to a depth of approximately 5 feet bgs. Impacts to groundwater have not been detected at the Site.

(7) Brownfields Site Definition: The Site meets the definition of a brownfield site under CERCLA § 101(39) as described in the Information on Sites Eligible for Brownfields Funding under CERCLA § 104(k). The Site is (a) not listed or proposed for listing on the National Priorities List; (b) Not subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued to or entered into parties under CERCLA and (c) not subject to the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the U.S. government.

(8) Environmental Assessment Required for Cleanup Proposals:

Phase II Environmental Site Assessment activities were performed at the Site in 2022 and documented in a Massachusetts Contingency Plan Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment (CSA) (Oct. 31, 2024), submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

(9) Site Characterization

a. There is a sufficient level of site characterization from the environmental assessment performed to date for the remediation work to be conducted.

b. Current State Letter is attached.

(10) Enforcement or Other Actions: The City of Revere affirms there are no known ongoing or anticipated environmental enforcement or other actions related to the site at 29 Thayer Ave., Revere, Ma for which Brownfield Grant funding is being sought.

(11) Sites Requiring a Property-Specific Determination: The property does not require a Property-Specific Determination.

(12) Threshold Criteria Related to CERCLA/Petroleum Liability

i. EXEMPTIONS TO CERCLA LIABILITY

(3) Property Acquired Under Certain Circumstances by Units of State and Local Government.

The City of Revere acquired the site at 29 Thayer Ave., Revere, Ma by order of eminent domain taking for public recreational purposes on October 4, 2021. Upon taking the property, the city asserts that the site was abandoned and had not operated as a functional boatyard facility since 2012. Over the years, a number of tax liens have been placed on the property and have been provided in Section (1D) of the application.

The city affirms that all disposal of hazardous substances at the site occurred before the city took the property by eminent domain and asserts that the city has not caused or contributed to any release of hazardous substances at the site. The city also affirms that it has not, at any time, arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at the site or transported hazardous substances at the site

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13) Cleanup Authority and Oversight Structure

- a. The site is currently designated as a Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) disposal site under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-37877 and enrolled in the MassDEP environmental program. All Cleanup activities will be conducted in adherence to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP), 310 CMR 40.000.
- b. Access to abutting or off-site properties, if required for monitoring, will be conducted under access agreements with property owners.

(14) Community Notification

a. Draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives

A copy of the Draft ABCA is attached.

b. Community Notification Ad

A public notice was published in the Revere Journal on January 7, 2026, and on the City's website Revere.org under Planning Department announcements.

c. Public Meeting

A virtual public meeting was held on January 9, 2026. The attached meeting registration sheet lists the meeting registrants/attendees. There were no public comments on the draft Cleanup Grant Application or the attached Draft Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA).

(15) Contractors and Named Subrecipients

Contractor. Not applicable

Named Subrecipient. Not applicable

State Letter of Acknowledgement



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[Via Email]

Attn: Tom Skwierawski, Chief of Planning and Community Development
City of Revere
281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151

RE: STATE LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

***City of Revere – Brownfields Cleanup Grant
29 Thayer Avenue, Revere [RTN 3-37877]***

Dear Mr. Skwierawski:

I am writing to support the application submitted by the City of Revere under the Fiscal Year 2026 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program. We understand that the City of Revere is proposing to undertake cleanup activities, including soil remediation to facilitate construction of an extension of Gibson Park. The planned redevelopment will provide riverfront access for non-motorized water activities such as kayaking, rowing, ecological education, and sailing. The redevelopment will also include stormwater infrastructure improvements to alleviate flooding in the neighborhood.

The City took ownership of the property through eminent domain, and the site is enrolled in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) waste site cleanup program. According to information provided by the City, the level of assessment conducted to date is sufficient to design and initiate the proposed cleanup activities.

In Massachusetts, state and federal agencies have developed strong partnerships and work together to ensure that parties undertaking Brownfield projects have access to available resources and incentives. MassDEP, through our regional offices, provides technical support to Brownfield project proponents when regulatory issues arise. If this proposal is selected, MassDEP will work with our state and federal partners to support the City of Revere to help make this project a success. We greatly appreciate EPA's continued support of Brownfield efforts in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

David Foss, CPG, LSP

Statewide Brownfields Coordinator, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

cc: Frank Stringi, City Planner
Elle Baker, Revere Open Space and Environmental Planner
Katy Deng, US EPA Region 1
Joanne Fagan, MassDEP Northeast Regional Office