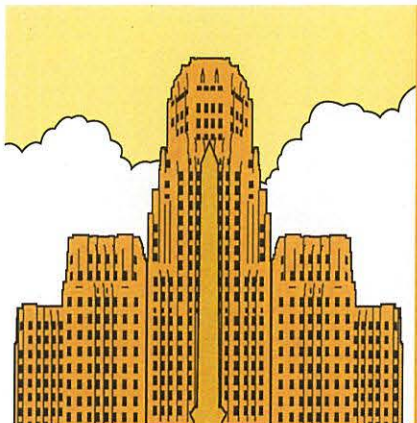


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Brownfield Opportunities

Led by the City of Buffalo Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning (OSP), the City of Buffalo has been awarded three significant Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) grants from the New York State Department of State. This funding is to be used to undertake three separate Step 2 Nomination studies on three important Brownfield Opportunity Areas in the City of Buffalo: the Buffalo Harbor BOA, the Buffalo River Corridor BOA, and the Tonawanda Street Corridor BOA. Once completed, these documents will help guide the transformation of more than 2,500 acres of land within the City of Buffalo.

What is the opportunity?

The City of Buffalo OSP has been awarded three significant BOA grants from the New York State Department of State.

The funding will be used to undertake three Step 2 Nomination Studies at three important sites within the City. The sites to be studied are: the Buffalo Harbor BOA, the Buffalo River Corridor BOA, and the Tonawanda Street Corridor BOA.

What is the BOA program?

The Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program is a New York State Department of State program that enables communities to put strategies in place to return dormant or underutilized brownfield sites back to productive use and improve conditions for surrounding neighborhoods while simultaneously restoring environmental quality. Step 2 Nomination Studies provide in-depth analysis of existing conditions, identify highest and best opportunities for reuse and establish priorities for the remediation of sites with the greatest potential to act as catalysts for wider revitalization.

Brownfields areas are current or former industrial lands complicated by the presence (or perceived presence) of contamination. Often located in historical industrial districts, brownfields are valued opportunities to boost the local economy and re-energize surrounding neighborhoods through returning lands back into well-used and productive spaces.

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Project partners:



Mayor Byron W. Brown
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning



What is the study process?

The one-year project will take place over 8 phases, with public open houses regularly scheduled to gain feedback at key stages of the process. The 8 key phases are:

PHASE 1 & 2: October - December 2011

Project Start-up, Initial Research & Project Description

PHASE 3: December 2011 - February 2012

Analysis of the BOAs

PHASE 4: February - March 2012

Master Plan Development (Options)

PHASE 5: March - May 2012

Draft Nomination & Executive Summary

PHASE 6: June - July 2012

The Final Plans

PHASE 7 & 8: Summer 2012

7 & 8. SEQR & Approvals

Who is the project team?

The study will be led by the City of Buffalo Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning, with Dennis Sutton as project co-ordinator, and three city planners assigned as manager for each BOA study. In addition to the City staff, there are Project Partners who will work closely with the team through the process.

The City of Buffalo has retained the expertise of **Urban Strategies Inc.**, the Nomination Director, to lead the initiative, build community engagement and direct the efforts of the consultant team.



Other members of the consultant team include:



Camiros will complete land use, zoning and master planning



Bergmann Associates will undertake land base analysis and site specific environmental assessments.



Panamerican Environmental and Panamerican Consultants will undertake environmental analysis and a cultural heritage / archaeological review.



RKG will complete the market analysis for the BOAs.



Watts Engineers will complete the SEQR.

How can you get involved?

The project team has made sure there are a number of ways you can get involved throughout the study:



Participate in Open Houses.

The City will be hosting 5 Open Houses at each key junctures in the process. Open houses will be held separately for each BOA, with the exception of Project Launch (#1) and Final Concept (#5) presentations.

Fall 2011: Project Launch.

Winter 2012: Findings and Future Directions

Spring 2012: Options & Evaluations

Spring 2012: Draft Master Plan Concept

Summer 2012: Final Master Plan Concept



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