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City to hold public meeting to discuss grant applications to USEPA for \$400,000 in brownfields funding

Moline, IL - The City of Moline is preparing applications for \$400,000 in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) grant funding to determine the condition of brownfield sites and assist in advancing redevelopment opportunities. The City is preparing a \$200,000 Community-wide Assessment Grant application to assess several downtown sites for environmental conditions and a \$200,000 Cleanup Grant application to remediate any contaminated material, if any, at the City-owned portion of the proposed RiverTech Site (between River Drive and the river, east of 25th Street).

The decision to prepare these two grant applications was based on recommendations made in the Moline Brownfields Site Prioritization Strategy completed this fall. This prioritization strategy was based on analysis of redevelopment feasibility and community goals for redevelopment. Input into this strategy was given by the Brownfields Advisory Committee, made up of members from downtown organizations and businesses representing a diversity of community interests.

“The City has been supportive in efforts to redevelop brownfields through an Illinois EPA Municipal Brownfields Redevelopment Grant,” said Patrick Burke, Economic Development Manager. “Now that we have taken a comprehensive look at downtown brownfields, we’re ready to ask for USEPA support of our initiative. The community’s support of these efforts will make these applications stronger.”

Members of the public are invited to an informational meeting on November 22, 2005 at 10 am to be held at City Hall, Committee-of-the Whole room, 619 16th Street, Moline. At this meeting, the final Moline Brownfields Site Prioritization Strategy will be presented and information about the USEPA grant applications will be discussed and will be open for comment.

Drafts of the grant applications will be available for review and comment by the public from December 7th through December 9th. The applications and public comment sheets will be available at City Hall and the Moline Public Library and also will be posted on the City’s website at www.moline.il.us. Comments may also be directed to Patrick Burke, City Economic Development Manager, at (309) 797-0705. Comments may also be made in person in the Economic Development office at City Hall on December 7th.

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To demonstrate community support for these applications to USEPA, the City is asking any interested residents or community groups to write letters of support to include with the application. Letters of support may be submitted to Patrick Burke, Economic Development Manager, City of Moline, 619 16th Street, Moline IL, 61265, or via fax at (309) 797-0479 by December 9th. Questions regarding the grant applications or letters of support may be directed to Patrick Burke at (309) 797-0705.

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