



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve sending a letter of support of Siler City's efforts to obtain a Brownfields Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency

Action Requested: Send letter of support

Introduction & Background: The BOC wishes to provide support to the Town of Siler City in applying for a Brownfields Grant.

About the Grant

A brownfield site is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land. Brownfield Assessment Grants are for community-wide proposals. The request is for \$200,000 from the hazardous substances funding for sites with potential contamination of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants and \$200,000 from the petroleum funding for sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Background

On July 2014, Darin McClure (President of Mid-Atlantic Associates) presented to the Town Board regarding EPA Brownfields Assessment grants. Following the presentation, the Town Board authorized staff to send out RFQ for professional consulting services for a Brownfield Assessment Project. After reviewing the submittals and holding oral interviews, Staff selected Mid-Atlantic Associates. In October

Discussion & Analysis: The Town of Siler City is working to build a sustainable Brownfields program to further stimulate economic development in our community. The first step in the process is applying for a \$400,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment grant. The grant provides funds to conduct community outreach/involvement, site inventory and prioritization, Phase 1 and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, and site planning related to brownfield sites. For additional information please see below or <http://epa.gov/brownfields>. The Town views proactive engagement of Brownfield assessment and possible remediation as one fundamental tool available to enhance and catalyze development investment of prime properties within our community. As such, the Town requests your support in advancing this effort.

Budgetary Impact: None

Recommendation: Vote on a request to approve support of Siler City's efforts to obtain a Brownfields Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency