## RI DEM Announces \$3 Million In Brownfields Funding Now Available

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The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) announced today that \$3 million is available in new funding opportunities for the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated properties all across Rhode Island, known as brownfields. Primary funding for the grants include \$2 million from the 2018 Green Economy Bond, which was passed by more than 79 percent of RI voters. The remaining \$1 million comes from savings realized from previous rounds of grants.

The RFP is now open with an application deadline of 4:00 pm on Friday, September 18, 2020. Government, private, and community agencies are eligible to apply. Project selection will be determined on a competitive basis. Electronic submissions are required, hard copies will not be accepted. The application form is available at <a href="http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/waste/pdf/bsprfapp.pdf">http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/waste/pdf/bsprfapp.pdf</a>. Click <a href="here">here</a> for the full Announcement of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2020 Brownfields Remediation and Economic Development Fund.

The full press release from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management can be viewed <u>here</u>. For more information on DEM programs and initiatives, visit <u>www.dem.ri.gov</u>.

PS&H counsel <u>Christian Capizzo</u> of the firm's <u>Land Use & Environmental Law Group</u> is ready to answer questions that you may have regarding how to apply for this new round of grant funding for redevelopment projects.

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