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The City of Niagara Falls Buffalo Avenue Industrial Corridor Proposed Brownfield Opportunity Area Public Project Initiation Meeting Information Summary

The City of Niagara Falls has received a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) grant from the New York State Department of State to conduct a Step 1: Pre-nomination Study of the Buffalo Avenue Industrial Corridor. The study will help the community and the City make a preliminary analysis of the conditions, issues and opportunities for redevelopment that exist in this corridor. The BOA program is different from other programs in that it focuses on community-wide revitalization rather than working on individual problem sites.

The Buffalo Avenue Industrial Corridor extends east to west from the Grand Island Bridge to downtown Niagara Falls along Buffalo Avenue and Niagara Street. It occupies approximately 1,500 acres of land, including potentially contaminated and industrial sites, as well as commercial and residential land. Many sites are derelict or are underutilized and generally perceived as an impediment to revitalization within the neighborhoods and to new business development elsewhere in the Corridor.

The study will identify contaminated or potentially contaminated sites, quantify areas of economic distress, and areas with strategic potential for redevelopment or revitalization. The findings of the Step 1 study, will shape the subsequent Step 2: Nomination Study, in which an in-depth study of the properties and market will be conducted, and final recommendations for action will be made to the community as a whole. Step 3 is the final stage of planning and will involve choosing which strategies will be implemented in the short or long term. The final plan will be reviewed by New York State's Commissioner of Environmental Conservation and the Secretary of State. If the nomination is accepted, the Buffalo Avenue Industrial Corridor BOA would make the City more competitive for other cleanup and redevelopment assistance.

During Step 1, the City will establish partnerships with community organizations and form a Citizen's Advisory Committee that will actively participate in the creation of an area-wide remediation and redevelopment plan.

CONTACTS:

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For questions about this grant program you may call the New York State Department of State at (518) 474-6000.

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