



Criteria for Including and Prioritizing Sites in the CMRPC Brownfields Assessment Program-June 2026

The following criteria are to be considered when CMRPC advises on sites for inclusion and prioritization in the CMRPC Brownfields Assessment Program. An additional consideration when prioritizing competing sites will be the cost of the proposed activities and the availability of resources to fund those activities.

Minimum Criteria: Site meets EPA site eligibility requirements and, if a petroleum site, meets MassDEP site eligibility requirements for the assessment program. *Required for site to have EPA-funded assessment activity conducted.* [] Yes [] No

Points	Scoring Criteria
1-2	A. Site is located within prioritized areas under the Brownfields Assessment Program: - Site located within a coalition partner geographic boundary ☐ QVDC ☐ Town of Southbridge - Site located within a Target Area ☐ Town of Southbridge ☐ Town of Spencer ☐ Town of Warren ☐ City of Worcester ☐ Webster Census Designated Place
1-3	B. Redevelopment of the site is supported by the local community: - Site was requested for assessment by Town staff, boards/commissions, or other community organizations - Cleanup & reuse of the site is recommended in prior planning efforts, such as master plans
1-2	C. The site owner has expressed willingness to sign a site access agreement to allow CMRPC's contractors to enter the site for grant related activities - Yes or No (<i>circle one</i>) ☐ Municipally Owned ☐ Privately Owned
1-3	D. Successful assessment and/or cleanup & reuse planning activities would address a risk to public health and safety (ex. impacts to public water supplies or air quality or removing an attractive nuisance posing a safety risk, etc.).
1-3	E. Successful assessment and/or cleanup & reuse planning activities would protect sensitive environmental resources (ex. drinking/recreational water quality or critical habitats, etc.).
1-2	F. The site or surrounding area is potentially vulnerable to extreme weather events and/or is located within an area experiencing poverty or economic distress.
1-3	G. Successful assessment and clean-up activities would enhance the potential for the intended reuse of (select only one of the following): ☐ Commercial or industrial development that stimulates business growth and employment opportunities. ☐ Housing development that increases the housing supply and/or offers housing options for populations such as seniors, veterans, and the local workforce. ☐ Community development providing municipal facilities, parks, and/or open space. ☐ Other (describe): _____
1-3	H. Redevelopment Potential / Other Factors: _____