Possible Brownfield Sites in South Portland

- Industrial Buildings
- Mills
- Schools
- Dry Cleaners
- Gas Stations
- Auto Shops
- Junk Yards
- Churches
- Abandoned Buildings/Lots
- Commercial/Industrial Sites
- Marinas

Any site with an environmental stigma!!! Any site in need of redevelopment and/or reuse!

Do you know of a site that may benefit from the Brownfields Program? If so, contact Josh Reny at the South Portland City Hall!
I have some questions...

What is a Brownfields Site?
A “Brownfield site” is any property where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or perceived presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Basically, any site that sits undeveloped and/or underutilized because a potential site purchaser or developer has questions or concerns about past environmental practices is a Brownfield.

What is a Brownfields Assessment Program?
In order to promote economic development, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) through the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, provides tools and funding for the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of identified Brownfield sites. Municipalities, regional planning commissions, government agencies, and other groups submit applications to the U.S. EPA for funds to assist in Brownfield Assessments. Based on need, the U.S. EPA awards the various Brownfields grants.

How will this program benefit us?
Many Brownfield sites are blights on the community, and can have negative affects on property values, human health and the environment, and public safety. Although sites may have limited contaminants, some are contaminated with constituents ranging from petroleum to heavy metals to volatile compounds. When one of these sites is redeveloped, there are benefits to individuals (no more contact with contamination or unsafe structures), the community (increase in tax base and jobs), and the region (increased tourism and sustainable economic development).

What is a Brownfield Inventory?
We are preparing an inventory of potential Brownfield Sites in South Portland by reviewing state and local databases, conducting interviews with local officials and property owners, and conducting windshield surveys of the City. In addition, we are looking for input from YOU. No thorough inventory would be complete without input from the citizens who live, work and play in the area. If you are aware of a potential Brownfield Site that is in need of environmental assessment, redevelopment, and reuse planning, we want to hear about it. Please contact Josh Reny or Ransom Consulting!