

# CITY OF AUBURN DOWNTOWN BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

## Site Selection Criteria

The Brownfields Program Steering Committee will select sites for further environmental investigation based on the following selection criteria. The Committee will select sites from a list of brownfield sites preliminarily identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan as well as those suggested to be included by the community during a public meeting held on May 11, 2011. The selection criteria includes the following factors.

- ☐ **Property ownership:** Is the site currently owned by the City or by a private owner? Ownership by the City is more favorable, in particular, if the property was taken through foreclosure proceedings.
- ☐ **Cooperation of site owners:** If privately owned, is the site's owner a willing participant in the Brownfield Assessment Program?
- ☐ **Access and location:** Is the site readily accessible by vehicles and/or pedestrians? Also, is it located within the City's downtown and/or adjacent to the Owasco River.
- ☐ **Site infrastructure:** Does the site have water and sewer service available on the site or within reasonable proximity for access?
- ☐ **Potential economic and recreational benefits:** Has the property been identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan as having redevelopment/reuse potential? If not, is it within close proximity to other preliminarily identified redevelopment sites?
- ☐ **Known or suspected environmental conditions and potential impact to the environment:** Does a preliminary review of the historical uses of the site, if known, reveal the potential of suspected contamination?
- ☐ **Potential benefits to the community or neighborhood:** Would cleanup of the property significantly improve its surrounding neighborhood or the community at large?