

CEDS Project Proposal – INITIAL PROJECT BRIEF -- 2004

Project Sponsors: Complete and return this form by Friday, May 21, 2004 by MAIL, FAX, or E-MAIL:

To: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, 1 Fenn St., Suite 201, Pittsfield, MA 01201

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This INITIAL PROJECT BRIEF is intended to provide an introduction to the project or project idea, and will be followed up by other requests for more detailed information, as necessary. Fill in or check off, as indicated.

PROJECT NAME: Clarksburg Mill Rehabilitation Project

Community: Clarksburg

Project Sponsors: Cascade School Supplies

Project Sponsor(s) Contact Person: Jack Delisle

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Municipality Sponsor (Contact): Micael Canales, Town Administrator

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Location of Project (Street Address): Clarksburg Mill Complex, River Road, Clarksburg MA 01247

TYPE OF PROJECT:

(Check boxes to specify type in rows below)

Physical:

Building

Site

Infrastructure

Public & Private Institutions & Programs:

Workforce

Business Assistance

Other

Public Sector Policy

PROVIDE A BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION OR STATEMENT OF THE PROPOSED CONCEPT:

TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO THE CLARKSBURG MILL COMPLEX AND INSTALL A FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE COMPLEXES UTILIZATION TO INCREASE AND REMOVE ANY BARRIERS TO JOB GROWTH AT THE SITE. A PUBLIC PRIVATE COLLABORATION HAS BEEN FORGED AND PLANS FOR RENOVATING THE MILL HAVE EVOLVED INTO THE CLARKSBURG MILL REHABILITATION PROJECT. THE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THE TOWN TO CONSIDER EXTENDING THE WATER MAIN LOCATED 4000 FEET SOUTH IN THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS TO THE CLARKSBURG MILL COMPLEX. THE NEED TO DEMOLISH AND REHABILITATE A PORTION OF ONE BUILDING WILL REMEDY ANY HAZARDS LIMITING THE EXPANSION OF POSSIBLE WORK SPACES.

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS: READINESS TO PROCEED (check as appropriate)

Ready for Construction

Site Control: check:

Public

Private

Non-Profit

Planning Stages

Completed

Underway

Needed

Feasibility or Planning Studies:

Preliminary engineering plans:

Financial & Cost estimates:

Marketing study:

Permitting:

Organizational/Management Plan:

Partners and project sponsors: Identified Committed

Concept or Early planning stages

COMMENT ABOUT PROJECT STATUS:

Briefly summarize what's been done (actions taken; studies completed) and what the next steps are:
 The project started with discussions between the owners of the Clarksburg Mill and the Town's Planning about what could be done to increase the use of the complex. Berkshire Regional Planning then became involved assisting the town with the application for a Ready Resource Grant to begin a study of the site and what fire protection system would be required for the complex. The first draft of the fire protection planning study was completed in April of 2004. It is recommended that the fire protection system be tied into a municipal water line. In addition to the fire protection system plans for demolishing and rehabilitating part of one of the building is currently being completed. This project has involved a number of public and private entities including Cascade School Supplies, RIBCO, Period Lighting, the Town of Clarksburg and the City of North Adams.

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:

Required local/regional funding match identified:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Funding partners:	Amount:	
MA DHCD - Ready Resource Fund	\$50,000	
Property Owners	\$1,500	
MA OCD Community Development Funds	\$6,000	
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Estimated Project Costs	Amount:	
1) Installation of Fire Protection System	\$600,000	
2) Design and Construction of 4000' Water Line	\$650,000	
3) Demolition and Rehabilitation of one mill building	\$350,000	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGE EFFECTS:

Number of full-time (FTE) (non-construction)	Jobs created: 49	Jobs retained:
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Skills or education level required for new jobs created:	High School Education	
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Labor Force expected to be drawn primarily from: (list below)		
Communities: Clarksburg	Number: 49	
Sub-Regions (North, Central, South)	Number:	
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Wage levels (range):	Low to Moderate	

PROJECT BENEFITS:

Explain how this project will create or retain jobs, improve the economic conditions of the region, or meet a goal of the regional economic strategy.

With a proper fire protection system and repairs made to the site will allow for the expansion of businesses located at the site creating additional jobs in the Town of Clarksburg. The Mill is the town's only industrial site and the largest center of employment in the town. The hope is that a revitalized Mill complex will continue to create new business opportunities that will eventually create more jobs that currently projected for the Northern Berkshire area.

Please briefly describe factors which make this project of regional significance (a regional priority?), and other project benefits not previously discussed.

Projects like the one at Clarksburg Mill Complex will help to create job and opportunities in the area resulting in lower unemployment. The Berkshire County is changing and evolving but we need locations for businesses to be created in. There are many mills located throughout the area that only need to be modernized and repaired so they can become attractive to the new businesses thus allowing the economy of the area to improve.

Will this project meet Massachusetts Sustainable Development Principles?

(See enclosed/attached sheet from the Office for Commonwealth Development).

Name/Signature of Applicant: Michael Canales

Date: 5-19-04