

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: Dalton Business Pard

Community: Dalton

Project Sponsors: Dalton Development & Industrial Commission

Project Sponsor(s) Contact Person: Kenneth E. Walto

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Municipality Sponsor (Contact): Town of Dalton

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Location of Project (Street Address):

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:

Create a 40 acre business park in Dalton. This park will be targeted toward businesses in the paper and plastics industries and may include an incubator focused on those industries.

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:
 Eight potential business park sites were identified in the Dalton Business Development Plan prepared for the town by the BRPC. After further review of the sites by the Development & Industrial Commission, one site was selected for a preliminary engineering feasibility study. The land owners are cooperating and the study is underway.

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:

Required local/regional funding match identified: YES NO
 Funding partners: US EDA, PWED, CDAG, Town
 Amount: Total Cost = \$1.536 million- Land Acquisition, Infrastructure Construction, Engineering Amount:

EMPLOYMENT & WAGE EFFECTS:

Number of full-time (FTE) (non-construction) Jobs created: 100 Jobs retained: 200
 Skills or education level required for new jobs created: HS Diploma, AA, BA
 Labor Force expected to be drawn primarily from: (list below)
 Communities: Berkshire County Number:
 Sub-Regions (North, Central, South) Number:
 Wage levels (range): Unknown

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.
 The project adds to the inventory of land available for business expansion. This helps to retain growing businesses in the area and provides locations for new companies.

Please briefly describe factors which make this project of regional significance (a regional priority?), and other project benefits not previously discussed.
 Fully permitted land for business expansion is in short supply in the central Berkshires, particularly in the communities surrounding Pittsfield.

Will this project meet Massachusetts Sustainable Development Principles?
(See enclosed/attached sheet from the Office for Commonwealth Development).
Name/Signature of Applicant: Kenneth E. Walto **Date: 5/24**