

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: Plain School, Stockbridge

Community: Stockbridge

Project Sponsors: Town of Stockbridge

Project Sponsor(s) Contact Person: Chris Irsfield, Selectboard Chair

Phone: 298-4714

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Municipality Sponsor (Contact): Chris Irsfield

Phone:

E-Mail:

Location of Project (Street Address): Main Street, Stockbridge

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:

Plain School is a 50,000 s.f. public school building that is scheduled to be vacated in early 2005. The Town of Stockbridge is presently considering re-use options for the building. This may include rehabilitation for a combination of uses including town offices, educational use, community space, commercial space, or affordable housing.

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:
 Re-use options are currently being developed by a Committee of the Town. Re-use options will be presented to the Town by January 31, 2005.

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:

Required local/regional funding match identified: YES NO
 Funding partners: Community Preservation Act Amount:
 Town General Revenue Funds for Planning Amount:

EMPLOYMENT & WAGE EFFECTS:

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

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.
 This will depend on the re-use strategy adopted. This building and the existing Town Hall, the use of which is directly related to the adopted re-use of Plain School, are very significant Town assets and important physical structures in the Town center. They provide a "once in a generation" opportunity for smart growth town planning.

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

Will this project meet Massachusetts Sustainable Development Principles?
 (See enclosed/attached sheet from the Office for Commonwealth Development).
Name/Signature of Applicant: Tim Geller **Date: June 1, 2004**