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Environmental firm selected to assess Stratford Army Engine Plant cleanup

STRATFORD – Funding from the Department of Economic and Community Development’s (DECD) Brownfield program will be utilized for the environmental site assessment of the Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP). The DECD recently awarded the Town of Stratford \$200,000 to assist the environmental assessment of the property.

“The redevelopment of the Stratford Army Engine Plant site is a major cog in boosting not only Stratford’s economy, but the entire region’s economy. I’d like to thank the DECD for recognizing the importance of this redevelopment and for granting these funds that help the developers take the next step in bringing this site back to life,” said Mayor John A. Harkins.

“Governor Malloy has put Brownfield remediation at the center of his economic development agenda, and the DECD is proud to be partnering with Stratford to bring the Army Engine Plant one step closer to being reactivated and redeveloped,” said DECD Deputy Commissioner Tim Sullivan.

The Town of Stratford will be assisting developer Point Stratford Renewal (PSR) with a hazardous building materials survey is to identify the type, location, and quantity of building materials that will require special handling and disposal. Tighe and Bond has been selected to do the assessment work and is expected to start environmental assessment work within the next month.

The redevelopment of the SAEP will celebrate Stratford’s historic relationship with the Housatonic River and Long Island Sound, and will afford public access to its magnificent waterfront for the first time in a century. It will also recognize the site’s historic contributions to the development of the helicopter, the seaplane and other significant military equipment.

The Stratford Army Engine Plant consists of 77 waterfront acres of land with over 1.5 million square-feet of unoccupied industrial buildings. PSR's redevelopment plan calls for the demolition of some existing facilities, the remediation of the site and the implementation of a transformative mixed-use development on the parcel.