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RE: Hancock County Planning Commission Brownfields Steering Committee, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, July 21, 2010 at the Ellsworth City Hall Auditorium (upper level)

The Hancock County Brownfields Steering Committee will be discussing recently completed brownfields site investigations in Hancock County. It will also discuss possible future sites for investigations. Anyone interested in brownfields is welcome to attend.

“To date, our environmental consultant has completed three site assessments and one clean-up plan” explained Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) Executive Director Tom Martin. “This has allowed the owners of these sites to know what, if any, work needs to be done to remove contaminants from their property. There are still funds available for two site assessments and two clean-up plans through the HCPC’s U.S. Environmental Protection Agency brownfields grant,” Martin continued. Also, there is the potential for additional grant funding for further brownfields investigations.

There are several potential sites but some of the landowners are not presently interested. “The HCPC works only with willing landowners,” Martin concluded. One focus of the meeting will be on identifying sites that could be investigated. Another focus will be finding alternative ways to generate landowner interest. More information on the HCPC’s brownfields program can be found at: <http://www.hpcme.org/environment/brownfields/index.html>