

# Brownfield's in the green

## Town accepts EPA grant to clean up Roby property

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CARVER – Carver officials accepted a \$200,000 grant Friday morning from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA distributed a total of \$2 million to cities and towns to transform problem properties into community assets.

Carver's share will be directed at the property at 99 Main St., set back from the road to the right of Giorgio's Pizza.

The town acquired the 6-acre parcel in 1998 when its former owner, Alan Roby, failed to pay taxes due on the property.

But underground oil tanks installed on the site years earlier had caused extensive groundwater contamination.

Although the town has been engaged in efforts to clear the contamination for five years now, the money directed at the brownfield project was not enough to alleviate all the damage, according to Town Administrator Rick LaFond.

In May 2000, town meeting appropriated more than \$80,000 for the cleanup.

Selectmen, Chairman Frank Muscato and board members Mike O'Donnell and Jim Grimes, along with state Rep. Susan Williams Gifford, R-Wareham, and a representative from the office of Congressman William Delahunt gathered Friday morning to accept the check from the EPA.

The EPA's brownfield program promotes redevelopment of an estimated 450,000 abandoned and contaminated sites throughout the country.

"Any time you get this kind of funding to help clean up brownfields, it's absolutely huge," Gifford said; "Two-hundred thousand dollars is a very significant amount of money, and the town's officials have worked very hard."

The grant, LaFond said, should enable the town to complete the cleanup of the site.

"I think, given the fact that we are not a wealthier town, any resources

we can garner from the state and federal government are an absolute bonus," Selectman Mike O'Donnell said.

Grant money is expected to become available to the town to begin further remediation at the Main Street location this summer.

Peabody, Boston, Northampton, and Haverhill were among the other EPA brownfield grant recipients in the state.

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**Photo op** – Members of the Board of Selectmen, Rep. Susan Williams Gifford, R-Wareham, and representatives from Congressman Delahunt's office, Norfolk RAM and the EPA attend the check-presenting ceremony.

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