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VERNON RECEIVES \$2 MILLION DECD GRANT TO REMEDIATE FORMER AMERBELLE MILL COMPLEX

(VERNON) Mayor Daniel A. Champagne today announced that Vernon is the recipient of \$2 million dollars in Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) grant funding to begin remediation of the former Amerbelle Mill complex. Champagne's announcement comes on the heels of Governor Dannel Malloy's statewide announcement on Brownfield grant awards made earlier today in Bridgeport.

"This is the largest round of brownfield remediation funding ever in the state's history" said Governor Malloy, "and we will continue making these investments because we know doing so will generate significant returns for our state and local economies by getting these properties back on the tax rolls, improving the quality of life in these areas, cleaning up environmental contamination and, most importantly, creating jobs for our residents."

"Today's announcement by Governor Malloy represents an unprecedented investment of state resources to redeveloping critical brownfield sites like the Amerbelle Mill in Rockville," said Tim Sullivan, State Director of Waterfront, Brownfield and Transit-Oriented Development. "These targeted investments will activate long-stalled sites, remove blight and unlock significant economic growth."

"On behalf of the citizens of Vernon, I'd like to thank Governor Malloy, DECD Commissioner, Catherine Smith and State Director of Waterfront, Brownfield and Transit-Oriented Development Tim Sullivan for their support of the Amerbelle remediation project," said Mayor Champagne. "This award is confirmation that Vernon is indeed, "On the Move" and this funding represents a significant step toward historic structural preservation and the revitalization of our downtown. Vernon remains committed to the complete cleanup of the site, quickly restoring Amerbelle to productive commercial use, and returning the site to our tax rolls."



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Vernon's project application was chosen from more than 40 received by DECD. Application funding requests totaled \$74.5 million, exceeding the \$27 million available in this funding round. Earlier this year, Vernon's was awarded \$200,000 in Round 4 Brownfield funding to assess 15.2 acres among five former mill sites in Rockville for multiple potential redevelopments.

The full text of Governor Malloy's press release can be found at
<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?Q=552044&A=4010>

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