

Former Steam Plant/Delta Park

City Property - Former Hampden Steam Plant

Lower Depot Street,
Chicopee, MA 01013

Property Description

This property is located west of Delta Park and borders the Connecticut River. Currently vacant, it has flood plain and access problems. Access is limited to a narrow tunnel under a low railroad overpass. Improving access would be challenging given the coordination that would need to occur with the railroad company and other issues.

Owner: City of Chicopee

Size: 22 acres

FY12 assessed value: \$168,500

Zoning: Industrial

Date acquired: Nov. 27, 1987

Previous owner: Sanisil, Inc. (tax lien case)

Brownfield Issues

- Metals and asbestos in soil

Reuse Scenarios

- Tree farm or other agricultural use
- Energy farming (Solar or geothermal)

Key Next Steps

1. Obtain funding for environmental assessment and remediation
2. Assess and remediate property
3. Develop and issue RFP
4. Support reuse

Potential Resources

- EPA Assessment and Cleanup grants
- EPA Targeted brownfields assistance grant-of-service
- MassDevelopment Assessment/Cleanup loans or grants
- EPA RLF cleanup loan/subgrant
- BRAC insurance subsidy through BDC Capital

