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Remediation Work Begins on Brownfield Property in Bristol.

BRISTOL, CT, March 29, 2019 – Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu today announced that remediation work on the PCB-contaminated brownfield property at 894 Middle Street has commenced. With a \$1.3 million grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and over \$300,000 contributed by the City of Bristol, this project will enable us to clean up this valuable piece of land located just opposite ESPN's campus.

“After 40-plus years, this funding allows us to put this property back on the tax rolls,” Mayor Zoppo-Sassu said. “We’re grateful to DECD and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) for their support in the past and going forward with this important project.”

The project includes the restoration of a swath of wetlands along the Southington border, which posed a challenge for engineers that caused significant delays. “We’ve addressed the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s concerns about hibernating Eastern Box Turtles that may be on site,” said Dawn Leger, Grants Administrator for the City. “All staff have been educated about turtle habitats, and a wildlife biologist will be onsite during the excavations to ensure proper precautions are taken. That being said, we’re thrilled to finally have shovels in the ground!”

Bristol Development Authority Executive Director Justin Malley noted that the NVCOG as well as DECD supported the work to clean up the former Laviero metal reclamation operation from its inception. “We had a great plan and a dedicated team, and we’ve worked tirelessly to get this project done,” he said. “This is a very important property for Bristol’s economic development, with its great location, size, and accessibility.”



Photo Caption:

Remediation work begins at brownfield site located at 894 Middle Street in Bristol.

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About the Bristol Development Authority. *The Bristol Development Authority (BDA) works to improve the physical, economic, and social environment of the Bristol community by serving as the primary governmental organization dedicated to promoting commercial development, to preserving and improving the City's housing stock, and to securing and administering the resources required to carry out these goals. The BDA is overseen by an appointed nine-member Board of Commissioners which governs economic and community development policies for the City. For more information, log onto www.bristolallheart.com or by email to bda@bristolct.gov*