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CITY OF VALLEJO AWARDED FUNDING FOR NORTH MARE ISLAND BUILDING ASSESSMENT

U.S. Representative Mike Thompson (CA-5) announced today in a <u>press release</u> that the City of Vallejo has been awarded a Targeted Brownfields Assessment of up to \$75,000 to examine several dilapidated buildings located on the North Mare Island (NMI).

On May 31, 2013, the City of Vallejo was notified that it will receive technical support from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX for a "Targeted Brownfields Assessment" (TBA). The Assessment amount, which may be up to \$75,000, will be funded through EPA's ongoing TBA Program, which supplements the Brownfields Grant Program by minimizing the uncertainties of contamination and by promoting the cleanup and development of Brownfields. The work performed by an EPA contractor, will focus on four of the worst buildings:

- Building 655 a former warehouse built in 1942;
- Building 755 a former administration building and training facility built in 1945;
- Building 617 a former administration building built in 1942; and,
- Building 621 a former naval barracks built in 1942.

The U.S. Navy transferred these building as part of a larger assets transfer to the City of Vallejo and is responsible for clean-up of the property, but not necessarily the buildings. The City's EPA <u>application</u> for funding provides additional details about each building.

"The City engaged in an extensive public outreach planning process that resulted in the Mare Island Specific Plan, setting forth the community's vision for the Island. For NMI, the vision is for a business park composed of office and light-industrial buildings and a small amount of local-serving retail" said Dan Marks, Interim Economic Development Director for the City of Vallejo. "The ultimate goal is to move forward with the economic redevelopment of this area."



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This detailed assessment will evaluate the hazards and costs of building demolition, and will augment the City of Vallejo's Measure B allocation of \$500,000 in FY 12-13 and the proposed allocation of \$500,000 in FY 13-14. A preliminary report details the specifications to remove and abate asbestos containing material and lead containing paint from Building 655, and suspected to be similar findings in the remaining three buildings.