

Putnam Block

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Regulatory Process

BRELLA Program

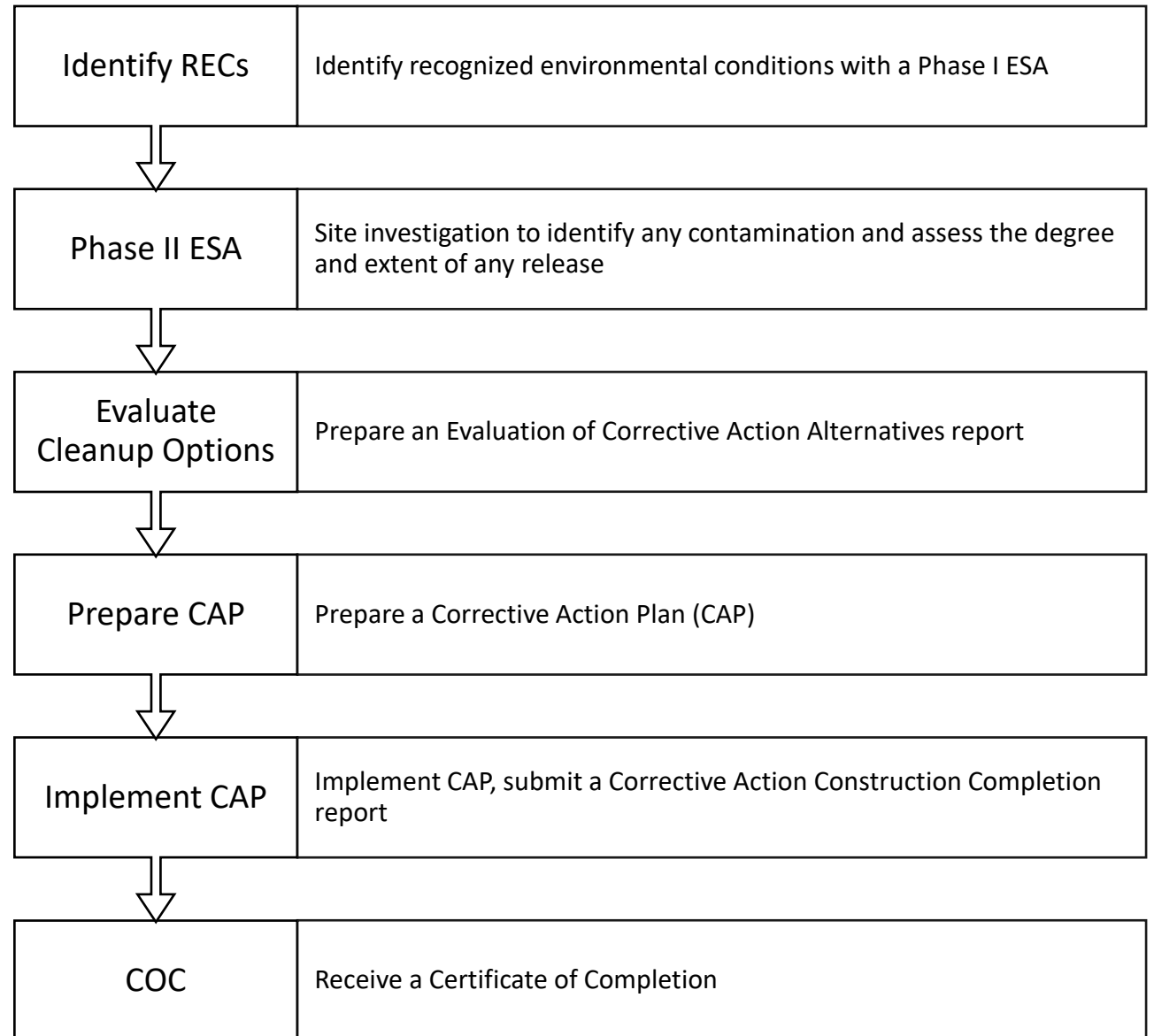
- **Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act**
- The only way to be protected from strict liability in Vermont
- Prospective purchasers and innocent current landowners can participate (\$500 application fee)
- Investigate all RECs, characterize, and cleanup the property
- Receive a Certificate of Completion (COC)



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BRELLA Program



Bennington

2016 Area Wide Plan



BENNINGTON DOWNTOWN AREA-WIDE PLAN

Prepared for:
Town of Bennington

Project Team:
Stone Environmental
Greenman-Pedersen, Inc
Doug Kennedy Advisors
Centerline Architects

Facilitated by:
Bennington County Regional Commission

January, 2016

Bennington

2016

Project Area:
Greenberg/Putnam Block





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Working through BRELLA
with lots of moving parts

- Coordination with multiple agencies and stakeholders
- Funding: BRELLA required to access ACCD's cleanup loans and grants
- RPC/RDC Exemption
 - BRELLA required for access to ACCD's \$\$



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RPC/RDC Exemption Process

Voluntary acquisition while staying outside the chain of liability

Enter into an agreement with the Secretaries of ANR and ACCD prior to purchase

Conduct environmental assessment and market the property

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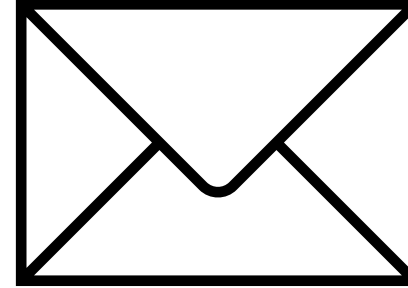
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- One BRELLA application → three applications
- Petroleum Cleanup Fund (PCF)
- Public Engagement
 - Area Wide Plan
 - Public Meeting
 - Citizen concerns



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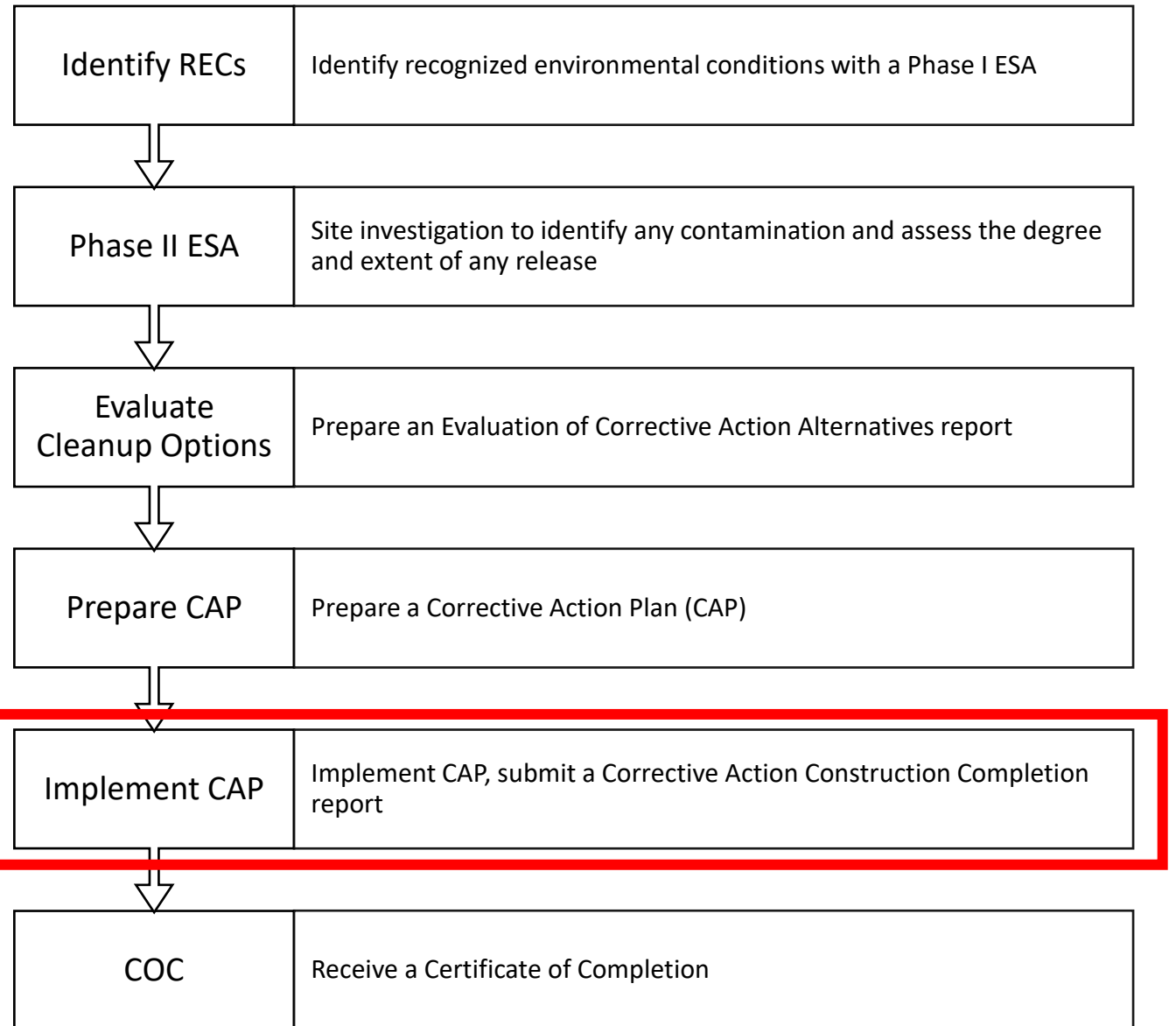
2019 Comfort Letter



- BRELLA process is unfamiliar to some lenders
- Long road to get to a Certificate of Completion
- Comfort letters can be a stop-gap

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Putnam Block Current Status



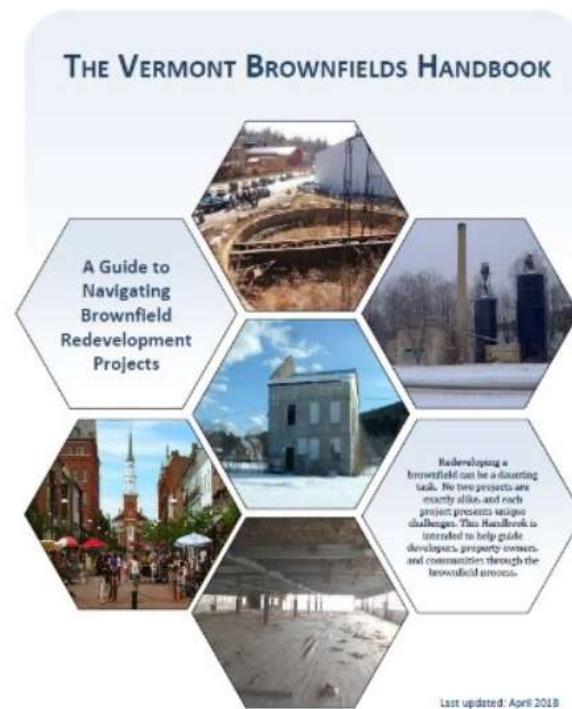
VT DEC Brownfields Website

Brownfields Handbook
Funding Application
BRELLA Factsheet
And more!

 BRELLA Application To apply to the BRELLA Program	 BRELLA Financial Assistance Fiscal benefits to enrolling in BRELLA	 BRELLA Factsheet Information
 BRELLA Questions Contact information for BRELLA Program Manager	 BRELLA Statutes Shortcut table of the BRELLA Statutes	 BRELLA Benefits BRELLA Program Benefits

BROWNFIELDS RESOURCES FOR CITIZENS

Click here the image below (left) or this link for the [Vermont Brownfields Handbook](#). Click the image below (right) or this link for the [Brownfields Education and Outreach Presentation](#).



<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/contaminated-sites/brownfields>

Questions?



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