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A Process Model for Contaminated Sites

A Standard Municipal Model for Development Approvals at Potentially Contaminated Sites is available for use by municipalities seeking to establish successful brownfields redevelopment programs and projects.

What is it?

Developed by the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO), this process model is a new tool for brownfields redevelopment. It is a standardized approach that links the planning approvals process and the environmental investigation and cleanup processes.

Background

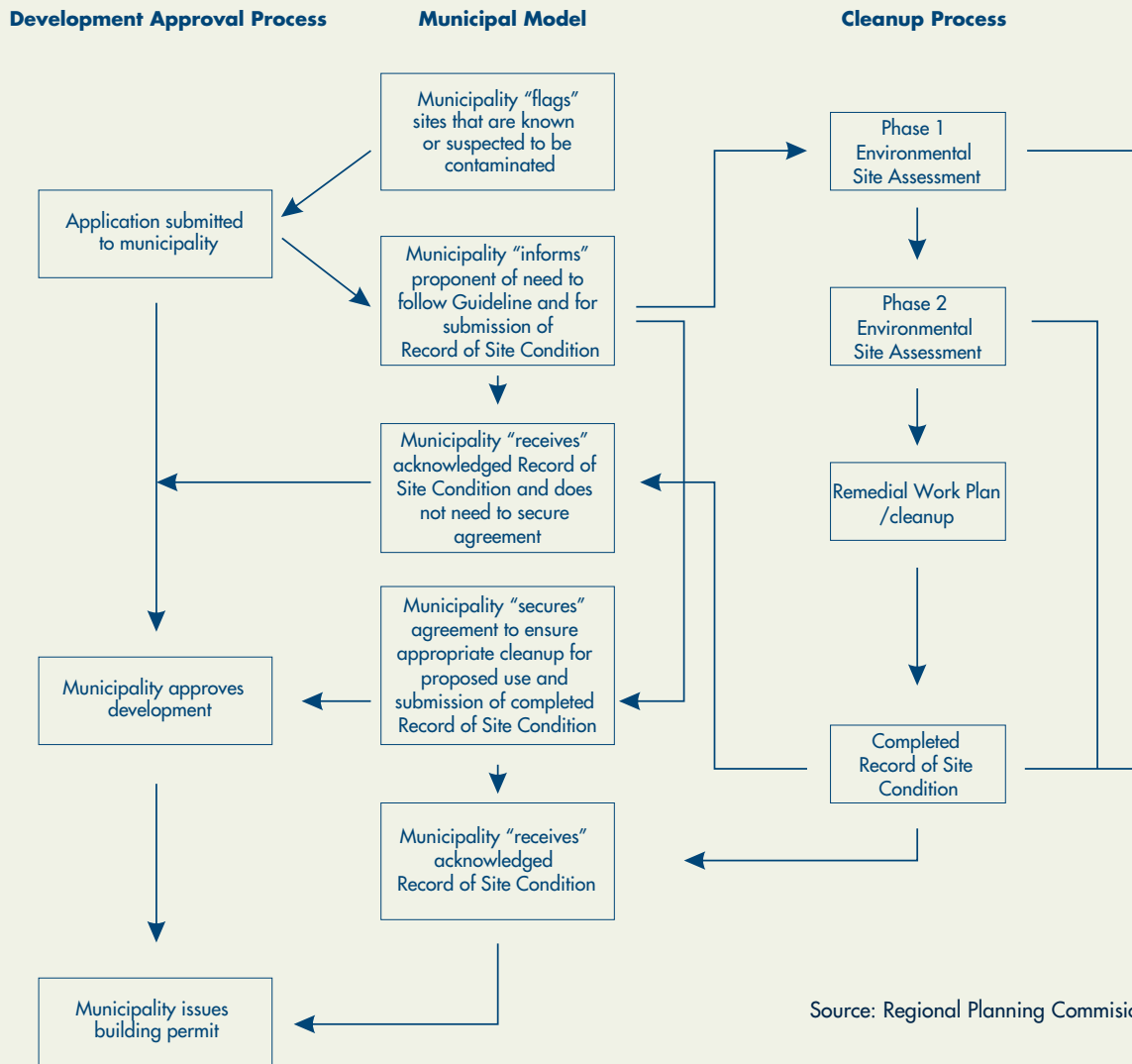
This new planning tool is the result of several years of field testing and discussion by the RPCO, Toronto, Waterloo, Hamilton, Kitchener, the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, associations and private-sector developers.

Purpose

- streamlining and clarifying the series of environmental and planning decisions and actions needed to clean up and redevelop former industrial and commercial lands
- making brownfields redevelopment a more attractive alternative to greenfields development



Standard Process



Source: Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario

Did you know?

In the Hamilton area, a similar procedure has been used since 1997. Approximately 30 projects for redevelopment of industrial sites (many contaminated) have benefited from this standardized process.

Kitchener uses a similar process. More than 40 projects based on this approach have been approved since 1997.

Waterloo is using this process to clean up an industrial site proposed for office and retail uses. After a Phase 1 site assessment to determine contamination, a Record of Site Condition was submitted by the proponent.

Saskatchewan recently proposed a similar five-step process for the management of contaminated sites.

The standard process set out in this model involves a four-step approach:

- pre-identify site
- inform proponent
- secure conditions
- review record of site condition

