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### **For Immediate Release**

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### **Community Invited to Shape the Future of Steelton's Downtown and Front Street Corridor Community Visioning Workshop Scheduled for September 25th, 2024**

**Steelton, PA** – The Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is inviting residents of Steelton and surrounding communities to participate in a Community Visioning Workshop to help shape a revitalization plan for Steelton's Downtown and Front Street (Route 230) Corridor. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Steelton-Highspire High School.

The workshop is a key component of the Steelton Targeted Brownfields Area-Wide Plan, funded by a \$500,000 EPA grant awarded to the Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority. The grant is aimed at identifying, assessing, and planning the revitalization of brownfield sites in the Downtown and especially along Front Street (Route 230), a key corridor in Steelton that has been central to the community's ongoing revitalization efforts.

We want to hear from residents, business owners, and all stakeholders about what they envision for the future of this important area. This workshop is an opportunity for the community to come together and share their ideas, priorities, and concerns. By working together, we can develop a comprehensive plan that reflects the community's vision for a vibrant, sustainable, and economically thriving Steelton.

### **What Are Brownfields?**

A brownfield is a property whose expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Brownfields can include former industrial sites, gas stations, or older buildings that may

contain hazardous materials like asbestos or lead. Redeveloping these sites can improve public health, reduce environmental blight, and spur economic development by bringing new life to underutilized spaces.

### **Workshop Details:**

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Steelton-Highspire High School 250 Reynders Avenue, Steelton, PA 17113

The workshop will feature an overview of the current brownfields initiative in Steelton, group discussions, and opportunities for community members to provide feedback on their vision for the area's redevelopment. Participants will have a chance to review and comment on maps of the corridor, as well as offer new ideas for the use and improvement of brownfield sites.

### **Next Steps and Future Engagement**

Following the workshop, the project team will analyze community input and integrate it into a targeted area-wide brownfields plan. The process will involve continued community engagement through additional workshops, study committees, and focus groups to ensure the plan aligns with the community's needs and goals.

For more information about the Community Visioning Workshop or the Steelton Targeted Brownfields Area-Wide Plan, please contact the Borough of Steelton at 717-939-9842 or email [kmccool@steeltonpa.com](mailto:kmccool@steeltonpa.com).