

Sen. Gillibrand Promotes Plan To Clean Up Brownfield Sites

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In an effort to revitalize and rebuild on inactive brownfield sites around the city, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Mayor Tom Richards announced legislation on Monday that would help do just that.

Buildings and areas that are run down, empty, and in need of repair are classified as brownfield sites.

The BUILD Act would jump start a program, ended back in 2006, that provided grants to clean up contamination at brownfield sites.

The senator and city officials met to announce the plan at one of the oldest manufacturing locations in Rochester, the former Carriage Factory.

"Redeveloping brownfield sites has proven to be an effective way to revitalize communities and boost the economy through private investment and business development, job creation, community development and overall quality of life in the area," said Sen. Gillibrand, D-New York.

Gillibrand's new legislation would also increase the amount of grants available for these projects and work to create and sustain jobs.