

BROWNFIELD INVENTORY SUMMARY



LEE, MA



Municipality-Wide Inventory

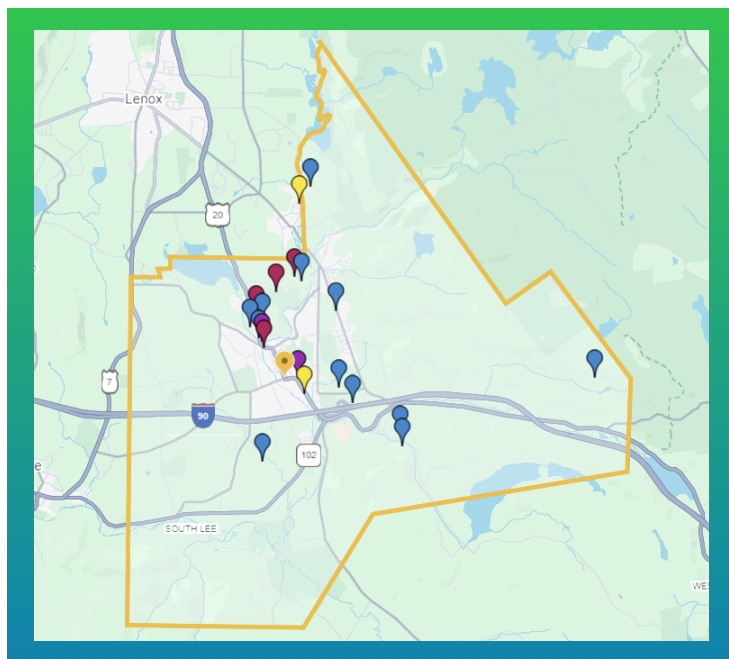
Community Description

The Town of Lee is a rural town located in central Berkshire County, MA (Figure 1), encompassing 27 square miles. Lee is a member of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), which serves the 32 cities and towns within Berkshire County. Lee is characterized by a rich industrial heritage of mills along the Housatonic River and other waterways in town, and a quarry industry facilitated by the Housatonic Railroad that travels through Lee. Early industry included agriculture, lumbering, and lime making, while waterbodies supported textile and wire mills. In the mid-1800s, Lee's industry shifted to papermaking, and it quickly became home to 25 paper mills by 1857, ranking first in the U.S. paper production industry. Over time, Lee's paper mills saw closures as the industry declined from depletion of natural resources and flood damage to mills along rivers.



Brownfield Inventory

- 19 sites identified as brownfields (2 successfully redeveloped)
- Priority Site was determined by the town
- 6 Priority Sites identified



SITE NAME: Greylock Mill

ADDRESS: 715 Columbia Street

DESCRIPTION: Former mill

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Grant History

FY12 - Cleanup Grant	\$100K
FY13 - Area- Wide Planning	\$175K
FY16 - Assessment Grant	\$300K

UConn TAB worked with the Town of Lee, MA to put together this inventory.