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Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

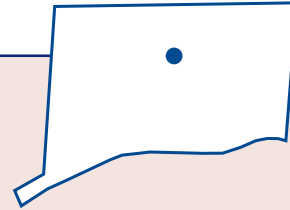
Capitol Region Council of Governments, Metropolitan Hartford Region, CT

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. CRCOG represents 34 contiguous cities and towns (total population 792,659) that comprise the 760-square-mile metropolitan Hartford region of north central Connecticut. Between 1990 and 2001, the region experienced a 26 percent drop in employment in



Assessment Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Capitol Region Council of Governments for a brownfields assessment grant. The grant will be used to continue the Council's ongoing program of inventorying, characterizing, and performing approximately 20 Phase I and 12 Phase II environmental assessments on sites within the greater Hartford region that may be contaminated with hazardous substances. Funds also will be used to conduct community involvement and outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

machining and aerospace, two of its core industries. There also was a nearly 13 percent drop in employment in the insurance sector. These drastic reductions have left numerous underutilized commercial and industrial sites across the region. At the same time, the region's minority population has grown from nearly 21 percent to more than 27 percent. The metropolitan Hartford region also has experienced a sprawling development pattern with open space and agricultural lands consumed for new development and infrastructure, thereby reducing greenspace and endangering the

environment. Assessment and redevelopment of the region's brownfields sites are expected to create jobs and increase tax revenues, while reducing the pressure on open space and preserving natural resources.