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# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

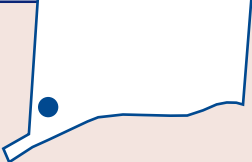
## *Georgetown Redevelopment Corporation, Redding, CT*


### **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 Georgetown Redevelopment Corporation was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Georgetown is a rural community within the Town of Redding (population 8,600). The 1989 closing of the Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill resulted in the loss of 800 manufacturing jobs and associated negative economic ripple effects on the local and regional economies. In addition, the town has lost significant real estate tax revenues. The cleanup and redevelopment of the Gilbert & Bennett By-Product Management Area will provide





### **Cleanup Grant**

***\$200,000 for hazardous substances***

EPA has selected the Georgetown Redevelopment Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant. Funds will be used to conduct community involvement activities and to construct a plan for the cleanup of metal-impacted soil and stabilized metal hydroxide sludge at the five-acre Gilbert & Bennett By-Product Management Area site. The site is part of the old Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill, which manufactured woven wire products, such as fencing and screening, between 1818 and 1989.

### **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](http://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.

vital infrastructure to support the redevelopment of the entire 55-acre Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill Complex. The site plans include expanding and upgrading the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant, and constructing a 600-space parking garage, a new railroad station, and a new health/recreation facility. The balance of the mill complex master plan includes residential, commercial, civic, and light manufacturing components. Cleanup and redevelopment of Georgetown's only brownfields site will eliminate human health and safety risks to the community, significantly improve the quality of life of its residents, and revitalize the economy of the area.