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# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

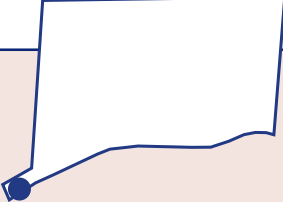
## *Greenwich, CT*

### **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 Town of Greenwich was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Contaminated property threatens the health of the town's 61,101 residents, its residential areas, and the neighboring Long Island Sound. The town has experienced an increase in low-income residents and in its school-age population, which has placed pressures on public facilities, including recreational sites. The target site was developed in 1907 by New Haven Railroad to generate electricity to power the railway, and was abandoned in the early 1980s. Public access is restricted on this property, which is deeded to be open space in perpetuity. The town plans to redevelop the property into a multi-use, public waterfront park with waterfront access, trails,



### **Cleanup Grant**



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

EPA has selected the Town of Greenwich for a brownfields cleanup grant. The grant will be used to remove and dispose of contaminated soil at the Cos Cob Power Plant property, where contaminants include PCBs, arsenic, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, coal fly ash, and slag. Funds also will be used to construct a geotextile barrier and earthen cap on the eight-acre site, and to conduct community involvement 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](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.

recreational playing fields, and parking lots. Redevelopment will eliminate potential contamination of the Long Island Sound, enhance property values, create a stable workforce, and improve access to coastal resources.