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# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

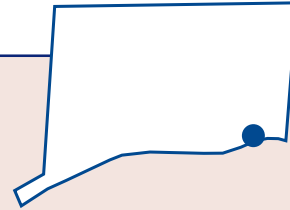
## *Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut, New London, CT*

### **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**

Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The organization is located in New London, which has 25,670 residents. The population has been declining for four decades, and residents have higher unemployment and poverty levels than the state average. The city has limited land for development. The target property is a vacant lot where the soil is contaminated with lead and arsenic. Redevelopment will benefit a long-established neighborhood by developing two affordable homes for



### **Cleanup Grant**

New  
2005

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

EPA has selected Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut for a brownfields cleanup grant. The grant will be used to clean up a vacant lot on Fitch Avenue in New London, and develop the property into two residential homes for very low-income families. Funds will be used to remove and dispose of soil contaminated with arsenic and lead, 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.

very low-income families. It will also increase tax revenues, remove blighted, contaminated and vacant land, and prevent health threats to the neighborhood. The community also will have opportunities for volunteers to be involved in the construction of the new housing. This will provide learning opportunities for a nearby school.