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Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

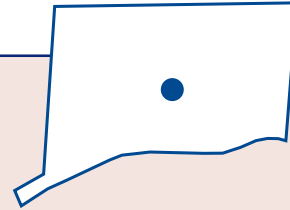
Middletown, CT

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 City of Middletown was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The city's 46,918 residents include a disproportionate share of Middlesex County's low-income residents. The areas around the city's older industrial areas have an unemployment rate of more than 15 percent, and pockets of very low-income residents. The target cleanup area, the former Portland Chemical Works property, is near low-income and minority neighborhoods, and several elementary and middle schools. Redevelopment of the property will utilize the available rail spur to create a trans-loading facility, which will increase the use of the rail line and reduce dependence on truck traffic. Reuse will also encourage economic development, create jobs, and



Cleanup Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Middletown for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used at the former Portland Chemical Works property, which was occupied by a chemical distributor and abandoned in 1992. Environmental concerns included buried drums of waste, discarded drums, a leaching field for chemical discharges, and a dry well/holding tank. Grant funds will be used to remove contaminated soil and buried waste, and conduct community outreach.

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.

provide assurance to the community that the property is environmentally safe.