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# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

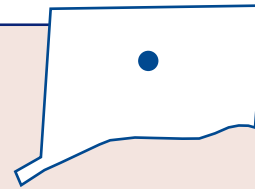
## *Newington, CT*

### 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 Newington was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Newington (population 29,834) is a 13.7-square-mile suburban community located between New Britain and Hartford. Newington was once home to manufacturing plants that supplied parts to the large aerospace, tool, and other industries. With the decline of some of the region's large industries, the town has lost significant segments of its employment and tax bases. More than 2,000 jobs and over \$500,000 in tax revenues were lost with the closing of a single plant in 1992. An additional 420 jobs were lost with the closing of another of the city's large employers in 1995. At the same time, this small town has a dwindling supply of land available for redevelop-



### Assessment Grant



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

EPA has selected the Town of Newington for a brownfields assessment grant. Funds will be used for community outreach; site selection; Phase I, II, and III site assessments; and remedial action planning, with the goal of developing a community-wide inventory for the town and preparing at least five sites for redevelopment.

### 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.

ment. Assessment of the town's brownfields sites will help identify areas that can be reused to increase the supply of clean sites. The focus area is the industrial corridor that extends along Newington's western boundary between Hartford and New Britain. This area has approximately 550 acres of land, the majority of which is zoned for commercial and industrial use, and which will be reused for a regional busway development project. Expansion in this area is expected to help create new employment opportunities and increase investment in the Town of Newington.