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Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

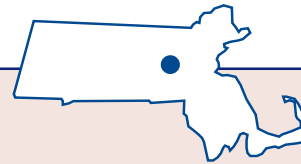
Northborough, MA

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 Northborough was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Northborough (population 14,013) is an 18.7-square-mile suburban community in east central Massachusetts, 32 miles west of Boston. The town purchased the former Northborough Fish and Game Club site, which is adjacent to 95 acres of publicly owned land, to take advantage of its built-in potential for open space and its recreation value. Although the site is located on a part of the club property designated for open space and passive recreation, access to the once heavily used walking path on the site is restricted because of contamination on the property. The area is also a likely location for many plant and wildlife species. In addition to removing



Cleanup Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Northborough for a brownfields cleanup grant. Funds will be used to conduct community involvement activities; remove, treat, and dispose of lead and/or arsenic contaminated soil and/or sediment; and restore the former Northborough Fish and Game Club site. The site was used as a rifle range and skeet shooting area from 1948 to 2002.

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.

a threat to human health and the environment, cleanup of the site is expected to increase property values by adding recreation and conservation land to the town. The restored property is expected to attract a variety of organizations for numerous types of activities, benefitting the overall community. Restoring the site for these uses will spare the town from the financial burdens of residential redevelopment, thereby preventing pollution and natural resource consumption associated with such development.