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Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

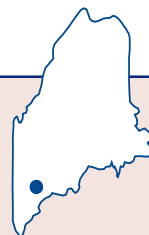
Lewiston, ME

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 Lewiston was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and a cleanup grant. Lewiston (population 37,190) is a 35-square-mile urban service center surrounded by 12 rural communities. This area once was a major world manufacturer of textiles. Today the manufacturing jobs have moved away, the mills have shut down, and only the abandoned and underutilized mill buildings remain. Most of Lewiston's brownfields are in the city's federally designated Enterprise Community. The median household income for city residents is 78 percent of the state median, but in the Enterprise Community, incomes are only about 40 percent of the median, and the poverty rate is almost 42 percent. Assessment and cleanup of brownfields will help the city continue to implement its



Assessment Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Lewiston for a brownfields assessment grant. Funds will be used to develop an inventory of sites within the city, perform Phase I and Phase II site assessments, develop a remediation feasibility plan for each of the selected sites, and conduct community outreach activities.

Cleanup Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Lewiston for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used for cleanup activities, including removal and off-site disposal of soil, flooring, and other materials, at the W.S. Libbey Mill site at 6 Mill Street. Over the mill's 220-year operating history, a variety of industrial processes contributed to the contamination at the site.

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.

Downtown Master Plan and build on the benefits of ongoing redevelopment in the area, including much-needed jobs and pride in the community. Cleanup and redevelopment will also reduce threats to human health

and the environment in the area of the Androscoggin River, the city's largest natural asset. Cleanup and redevelopment of the former W.S. Libbey Mill as a hotel or similar scaled mixed-use project is expected to bring 200 jobs to the city and attract more visitors to the downtown area.