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Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Durham, NH

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 Durham was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Durham (population 12,664), a town of over 25 square miles, is home to the University of New Hampshire (10,850 students). The town and university community have a diverse and multi-national population. One-third of the town's population are youths, and the poverty rate is almost 28 percent. The target two-acre Craig Supply site is located near the Main Street gateway into town, in the middle of the university campus. It abuts the high-speed rail corridor that provides freight and Amtrak passenger service, the university's arena, and the women's soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey athletic fields. Cleanup of this site will help protect the health



Cleanup Grant

New
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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Durham for a brownfields cleanup grant. Funds will be used for community involvement activities and remediation of tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination in the soil and groundwater at the former Craig Supply Co. site. The contamination is the result of spills and leaks from an aboveground storage tank and railroad tanker cars at the site. The company distributed dry cleaning supplies and chemicals to dry cleaners in the area between the 1940s and 1989.

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.

of the student athletes who practice and play next to the site, visitors who attend events in the area, and passengers who utilize the local rail service. Once the site is cleaned up, Durham plans to build a much-needed parking facility to serve rail users, the university, and the adjacent arena; enhance access to mass transit and the university; and reduce congestion on the Main Street corridor. Proceeds from the parking facility will be invested in the town's infrastructure.