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Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Nashua, 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 City of Nashua was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. This city of 86,605 residents was founded on industry, and as a result, has many brownfields and asbestos-contaminated sites. There are approximately 880 sites in the state's contaminated sites database for the City of Nashua, of which about 65 are hazardous waste sites. Many of these sites are in downtown neighborhoods, where residents have the lowest income levels in the city, including many people living below the poverty level. The city is also home to half the state's minority population. A city-wide master plan calls for creating more pedestrian and bicycle greenways, developing a commuter rail station, and expanding open space



Assessment Grant

New
2005

\$173,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Nashua for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments, and to generate cleanup scenarios for each site. Funds also will be used to form a community steering committee 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.

networks along the Merrimack River. Redevelopment of brownfields will provide land for outdoor recreational opportunities, and allow new businesses to relocate in places such as old mill buildings, creating economic opportunities for neighborhood residents. Redevelopment will also eliminate contaminants that affect the air and water quality in downtown neighborhoods.