



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

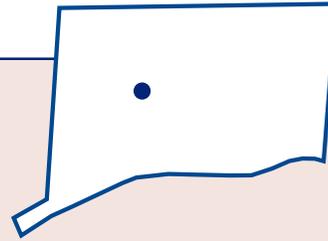
New Britain, CT

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 City of New Britain was selected to receive a cleanup grant. New Britain is an old manufacturing town and is the seventh largest city in Connecticut. Since the 1960s, New Britain has experienced a significant decline in employment and many working-class neighborhoods were hard hit. Almost 27 percent of New Britain's residents live in poverty, and the city's unemployment rate is almost 13 percent. The 207 Oak Street site is located in the heart of the North/Oak Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, which is designated for higher density residential land use. The city wants to clean up this site because it does not conform with the neighborhood's land-use needs. The city plans to use the site as a part of the Urban Oaks Organic Farm once it is cleaned up.



Cleanup Grant

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\$60,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of New Britain for a cleanup grant. This cleanup grant will be used to clean up petroleum contamination at a gas and auto repair station at 207 Oak Street. This site sits adjacent to the Urban Oaks Organic Farm, which is a nonprofit community-based organization.

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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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of New Britain has received brownfields funding for an assessment grant.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.