



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Brunswick, 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, the President 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 Brunswick was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The railyard corridor is in the heart of downtown Brunswick, adjacent to residential neighborhoods and Bowdoin College. Approximately 14,079 of Brunswick's 21,172 residents live in the affected neighborhoods. These neighborhoods house some of the highest concentrations of poor people in the community. Eighty-four percent of the families that live within walking distance of the target sites live in poverty. This grant will enable the town to learn more about its downtown brownfields, and ultimately may result in reuses such as new office and retail space, while removing blight from the town's historic core.



### Assessment Grant

New  
2004

\$150,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Brunswick for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to identify sites along a former railroad corridor, now buried with coal ash contamination. It is not known if the contaminants, which resulted from more than a century of railroad operations, have permeated underlying soils or groundwater. The funds will support Phase I and Phase II assessments of the area, a community design charette, and a redevelopment master plan.

### 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](http://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.