



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

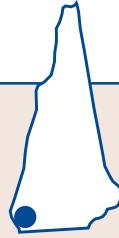
Keene, NH

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, 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 City of Keene (population 22,560) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The target site lies within the Keene Industrial Heritage Corridor, which is adjacent to the city's central business district and extends to a residential area and the Keene State College area. The city plans to redevelop former mill buildings and commercial and industrial properties within the Corridor to create alternative transportation, business and commercial opportunities in a mixed-use setting that also will include open space. About 6,400 residents live within a half-mile radius of the former Perkins Machine Shop property. The area tends to have a higher number of children under age ten and a higher poverty level (17 percent) than the rest of



Cleanup Grant



\$164,240 for hazardous substances
\$35,760 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Keene for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum funds will be used to clean up abandoned underground storage tanks and impacted soil at the former Perkins Machine Shop property. Hazardous substances funds will be used to clean up chlorinated solvents and asbestos contamination on the same site. The former Perkins Machine Shop property operated as a woodworking shop from 1900 until 1919, and as a machine shop until the 1990s. The property also has buildings on it that were used for automobile repair shops. The site will be redeveloped into 10-15 townhouse units.

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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Grant Recipient: Keene, NH

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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.

Keene. The area also contains some of the oldest housing stock in Keene, with many of the units dating from the 1800s. Redeveloping the property with townhouses will provide much needed rental housing, and will return the property to the city's tax rolls.