



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

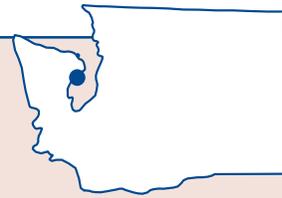
## *Kitsap County, WA*

### 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

Kitsap County was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and two cleanup grants. The population of Kitsap County (231,969) has doubled over the last 25 years, outpacing the county's land and growth management programs. At the same time, the cutbacks at the U.S. Navy facility, the county's economic base, have resulted in the loss of over 10,000 jobs. Approximately one-third of the eligible work force in the two targeted communities, Navy Yard City (population 2,685) and Gorst (1,500), is unemployed. Twenty-one percent of the population is disabled, more than 20 percent of families live below the poverty level, and 40 percent of families receive some form of public assistance. Assessment and cleanup of the numerous LUST sites, typically



### Assessment Grant

New  
2004

\$50,000 for hazardous substances  
\$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Kitsap County for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct site assessments, remediation and reuse planning, and community involvement activities at parcels along Charleston Beach Road in Navy Yard City that are contaminated with hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at parcels of the project that are contaminated with petroleum. Petroleum funding will also be used to inventory and prioritize leaking underground storage tank (LUST) sites county-wide, perform up to 10 Phase I and up to five Phase II site assessments, prepare redevelopment plans for up to two sites, and conduct community outreach activities.

### Cleanup Grants

New  
2004

\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Kitsap County for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances cleanup grant funds will be used to clean up two sites: the Evergreen Auto Wrecking Yard and the former Port Orchard Sand and Gravel Batch Plant along state Route 3 in Gorst. Both operations dumped industrial debris into the Gorst Creek Estuary in order to extend their properties. Grant funds will be used to conduct community involvement activities, remedial design, and cleanup implementation activities at the sites. The properties are part of a 130-acre estuary-wide restoration program.

located adjacent to marine, estuarine, and riparian environments, will help the county to address potentially severe ecological impacts and improve the aesthetic and economic health of existing commercial areas. Cleanup in Navy Yard City will generate new buildable land and create access points between the city and shipyard, enhancing redevelopment prospects. Cleanup at the Gorst Estuary will provide public access and recreational opportunities in the estuary, and stimulate additional community planning in the area.

## 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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[www.epa.gov/r10earth](http://www.epa.gov/r10earth), click on  
“Superfund,” scroll down to “Related  
Programs” and click on “Brownfields”

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