



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

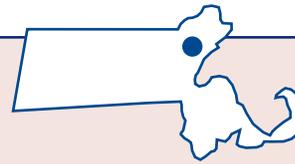
Mystic Valley Development Commission, Medford, MA

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 Mystic Valley Development Commission was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. The commission represents the tri-county partnership of the communities of Everett, Malden, and Medford (combined population 150,000). The minority population rates for the three communities range from 13 percent to 28 percent. All three towns have lower per capita incomes than the state as a whole. The targeted sites are located in the 200-acre contiguous brownfields site known as TeleCom City. Historically, the site supported numerous industrial facilities along the Malden River until they closed down or relocated, leaving behind low-end businesses, trailer



Cleanup Grants



\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Mystic Valley Development Commission for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to clean up the Malden River Park portions of the former Paonessa property, a concrete recycling, excavation, and demolition site, and the former Kazanjian property, a box trailer storage and automotive body repair site. Both sites are in the city of Medford. Remediation includes the construction of a three-foot cap over both properties to allow for reuse of the sites as recreational space, walkways, and general open space.

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, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

storage, and abandoned properties. The average poverty rate in the TeleCom City project area is 8.6 percent. Cleanup and redevelopment of these two properties, totaling 7.7 acres, as parkland, will allow public access to the waterfront for the first time in over 100 years. Although the sites are in the Medford project area, all three communities will benefit, since the park abuts the city line and is within easy reach of the other two towns. This project is critical to the entire TeleCom City development. When completed, the project will bring office, research and development, manufacturing, and public open space to the area.