



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

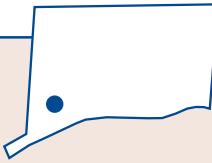
*Valley Council of
Governments,
Naugatuck, CT*

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, 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 Valley Council of Governments was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The Naugatuck River Valley area has a population of 292,022. It was once the brass and munitions manufacturing center of the country, and now has nearly 200 brownfields. The poverty rate in some communities within the valley is as high as 16 percent, and the unemployment rate is as high as 7.7 percent. A large immigrant population of Albanian, Hispanic, and Portuguese residents has often occupied inner-city, older housing in brownfields neighborhoods. The percentage of minorities in some of these brownfields-



Assessment Grant



\$125,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Valley Council of Governments for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I, II, and III site assessments, and develop conceptual remedial action plans for sites with potential petroleum contamination in the 11 communities of the Naugatuck Valley.

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.

impacted neighborhoods is as high as 40 percent. Redevelopment will create more job opportunities, increase tax revenues, improve the health of residents, and reduce blight in neighborhoods throughout the valley.