



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

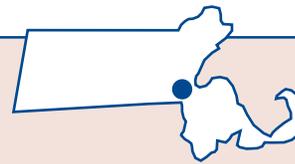
Norfolk County, MA

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

Norfolk County was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The targeted communities of Franklin and Wrentham (total population 40,114) are two of Norfolk County's (population 650,308) high-growth communities. From 1990 to 2000, Franklin experienced a 34 percent increase in population, and Wrentham experienced a 17 percent increase. Because commercial and industrial growth has not kept up with population growth, unemployment in the region has risen, and the region's average wage is approximately 12 percent less than the average wage in the state. Redevelopment of brownfields is expected to stimulate economic development that will allow the towns to diversify and increase their tax bases. Rede-



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Norfolk County for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to develop an inventory, evaluate and prioritize sites, and perform Phase I and II site assessments at sites with potential petroleum contamination in the towns of Franklin and Wrentham. Funds also will be used to establish a brownfields committee and conduct community outreach.

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

velopment also will help preserve greenspace in Franklin and Wrentham, where residential development already has replaced significant amounts of forest and agricultural lands.