



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## Torrington, 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 City of Torrington was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Torrington is a community of 35,202 persons in rural Litchfield County. Torrington is the regional economic center of the county. Historically, the city's economy centered around industry. However, the percentage of the population employed in manufacturing has decreased from 44 percent in 1970 to 21 percent in 2001. This decrease has led to increased unemployment and poverty in the city, which has a current poverty rate of 7.4 percent, and an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent. The city's per capita income and median household income are lower than the state average. Brownfields redevelopment will assist in leveraging additional

### Assessment Grant

New  
2004

\$199,130 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Torrington to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and II assessments at four potential brownfields sites in downtown Torrington. These four sites have housed manufacturing, machining, lumber, and other industrial facilities since the early 1900s. Grant funds will also be used to conduct community outreach and education activities.

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

private funding and boost ongoing redevelopment efforts. The four sites may be used for a new county courthouse, or part of the University of Connecticut/Torrington campus.