



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

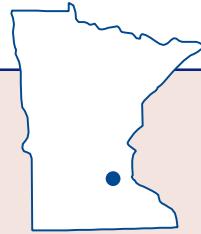
South St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority, MN

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, President George W. Bush 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 South St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Throughout the 1800s and 1900s, South St. Paul developed independently from the nearby major municipalities of St. Paul and Minneapolis as a stockyard town along the Mississippi River. Although technically a suburb of St. Paul, today South St. Paul is an economically independent community that has been engulfed by suburban sprawl. Historically, the South St. Paul Stockyards were among the



Assessment Grants

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the South St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct seven to ten Phase I and two to four Phase II site assessments, and to develop two to three cleanup plans. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct seven to ten Phase I and five to eight Phase II site assessments, and to develop four to eight cleanup plans. Funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities. Target areas are BridgePoint Business Park, North Concord Corridor, Concord Exchange, and other sites throughout the city.

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.

largest and most active livestock markets in the United States. The city's dependence upon the stockyards, however fruitful, was also detrimental. When the meat packing industry restructured in the 1960s and 1970s and the two major employers closed their facilities, the city's economic base was decimated. In the 1970s, 7,000 jobs directly related to the packing plants were

lost. The city's poverty rate remains higher than its neighbors. The primary location for brownfields commercial and business redevelopment is the BridgePoint Business Park, where all the properties are either known or suspected to be contaminated because of their past industrial uses. The city plans to develop the target areas with new, mixed-use commercial development and housing that will attract new businesses, create jobs, and revitalize a diminished tax base.