



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders 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 Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. The CVRPC serves 23 municipalities (total population 63,276) across Washington and Orange Counties. While Central Vermont is mainly rural, the state has a significant urban presence. In addition to the capital, Montpelier, the communities of Northfield and Waterbury were home to historic woolen mill operations, and Barre City and Barre Town are known for their once great granite industry. Today, the economies of these towns and the entire



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach, update the site inventory, perform five Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and complete four cleanup plans across the 23 communities served by the Commission. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. The Commission intends to perform eight Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments and complete four cleanup plans for petroleum-contaminated sites.

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.

region are based mainly on the service and public administration industries. Abandoned sites, remnants of the area's industrial history, litter the landscape of both the urban and rural areas of the region, affecting its major bodies of water, land, and people. The average annual wage in the region is only 72 percent of other

New England states. Assessment and eventual cleanup of the region's brownfields sites will reduce uncertainties about the potential health and environmental risks associated with these properties. Returning these properties to productive use as housing, greenspace, and job-generating businesses will help strengthen neighborhoods, contribute to the tax base, and support the Commission's planning goals to reduce sprawl in the region.