



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

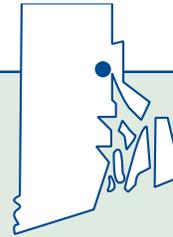
*Johnson & Wales
University,
Providence and
Cranston, RI*

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

Johnson & Wales University was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Johnson & Wales is a diverse university in Providence and Cranston (combined population 252,887), with students from all 50 states and 97 countries. The total population of the university, including students, faculty and staff, is 11,427. The University's Providence campus is in a federally designated Enterprise Zone. Approximately 45 percent of Providence residents are minorities, and



Cleanup Grants

New
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\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Johnson & Wales University for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to cap the 25-acre Parcel 10 and the ten-acre Parcel 9 segments of the University's Harborside Campus. Surface and subsurface soils at the sites are contaminated with arsenic and various polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons dating back to the use of the area as a shipyard during World War II.

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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Grant Recipient: Johnson & Wales University, RI

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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.

24 percent live below the poverty level. Much of the University's Harborside Campus, situated on Fields Point, is part of the former Providence Shipyard used during World War II for building the Liberty Ships. Contamination at the Harborside Campus is thought to be related to this and other industrial activities at Fields Point. Cleanup of the parcels will help eliminate human exposure to contaminated soils at the sites and reduce the environmental risk to the Narragansett Bay. The sites are part of a 100-acre parcel that the University plans to develop into a world-class campus with student residential facilities, walking and jogging trails, field and track facilities, and public greenspace along the Narragansett Bay.