



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

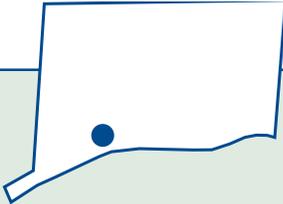
## *Shelton, CT*

### 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 City of Shelton was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in southwest Connecticut, Shelton (population 38,000) has about 70 acres of brownfields resulting from the decline and underutilization of the city's former Central Business District, accompanied by job loss and decreased tax revenues. The percentage of residents living below the poverty level has increased by 40 percent since 1989, and the number of minority residents has nearly doubled since 2002. Underground storage tanks are a source of contamination to soil, groundwater, and the Housatonic River. Redevelopment of the property is part of an area-wide plan to add housing, businesses, and open space in the downtown riverfront area. Brownfields redevelopment will convert blight into community assets, attract new businesses, create jobs,



### Cleanup Grant

New 2006

**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Shelton for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to remove underground fuel oil storage tanks, associated piping, and soil contaminated by petroleum at the former Rolfite property at 131 East Canal Street. The site was formerly used for petroleum storage and manufacturing. Grant funds also will be used for community involvement 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, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

reduce threats to human health, and improve ecological conditions along the Housatonic River.