



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Bellingham, MA

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 Town of Bellingham was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Bellingham (population 15,314) is a moderately sized residential community 30 miles southwest of Boston. The town evolved from an agricultural village, to a small rural town, to a suburb without becoming a center of economic activity. However, this situation is changing. Bellingham is experiencing a dramatic influx of commerce and industry. The former Caryville Mill site, first developed in 1735, was used for textile milling, light industry, and commercial operations until it was abandoned in 1999. Cleanup of the site will remove a blighted, underused, and contaminated property from the surrounding residential, historic neighborhood. The town has rezoned the property to allow for the development of 100 units of senior housing to accommodate its aging



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Bellingham for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 22-acre former Caryville Mill site located at 23 and 26 Pearl Street. Assessments indicate the presence of pesticides and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in the site's soil. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach 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.

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population. This redevelopment is expected to generate an estimated \$245,000 in annual property tax revenues, create numerous skilled construction jobs, and incorporate wetlands and open space preservation on the property.