



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

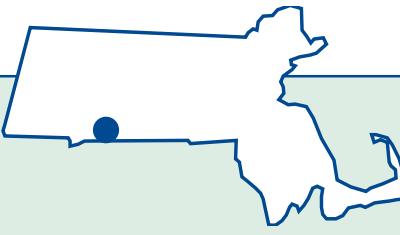
Springfield, MA

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 City of Springfield was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Springfield (population 152,082), once home to Bee-Gee airplanes, Rolls Royce cars, and Indian motorcycles, is a city with a proud tradition of manufacturing and invention. As businesses fled and jobs were lost to suburban neighborhoods, the city faced economic decline and disinvestment. It was left with a legacy of unused contaminated land. Springfield's current unemployment rate exceeds the state average by four percent, and 23 percent of its residents live below the poverty level. The populations of the two areas targeted for assessment, the North End and Mason Square, are 74 and 95 percent minorities, respectively. Fifty-six of the 75 listed brownfields in the city are in these two areas. Brownfields deter economic investment and contribute



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the City of Springfield for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to update the city's brownfields inventory, and to perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities. Petroleum funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

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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to neighborhood deterioration. Assessment of priority sites will make the properties more competitive in the marketplace and help the city leverage private investment in the areas.