



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Northern Maine Development 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 Northern Maine Development Commission was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The Commission serves the Northern Maine Economic Development District (population 76,330), which comprises 71 municipalities and 137 organized territories in the northern part of the state. Parts of the district make up a federally designated Empowerment Zone. There are three main economic sectors in the region—potato growing and processing, forest products, and manufacturing. The region lost 1,145 jobs between 2001 and 2003. The poverty rate in the area



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Northern Maine Development Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to review the state's inventory of sites in the region and conduct up to six Phase I and up to three Phase II environmental site assessments. 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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ranges from 14.3 to 27.4 percent in the various towns in the district. There are 124 brownfield sites in the region that have yet to be assessed. The major focus for assessment will be in the village centers and downtown neighborhoods where many of the brownfields are located. The large, unused industrial and manufacturing sites in these areas pose potential risks to public health and safety, and are a drain on the local economy. The Commission envisions future cleanup activities that will be designed to create space for new mixed-use development, redevelop old structures, and increase greenspace.