



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Hillsborough, NH

### 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 Hillsborough was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Hillsborough (population 5,402) is a small rural community in southwestern New Hampshire. The town developed as a dense urban village around the industrial sites built along the Contoocook River in the 19th Century. The legacy of the town's industrial history has left several underused or abandoned properties in the downtown area. The town's former textile mills and related facilities, which once lined the river banks, continue to release contaminants even though the mill operations have long since closed. More than 44 percent of residents have low-to-moderate incomes. Cleanup of the Woods Woolen Mill property will remove blight and the significant health hazards associated with the site. The



### Cleanup Grant



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

EPA has selected the Town of Hillsborough for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the 2.6-acre former Woods Woolen Mill property at 23-25 Mill Street. Contaminants of concern include heavy metals and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. Funds also will be used to conduct 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).

EPA Region 1 Brownfields Team  
617-918-1424

<http://www.epa.gov/region01/brownfields/>

Grant Recipient: Town of Hillsborough, NH  
603-464-5378, ext. 227

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

town plans to create a park that will provide much-needed access to the river and an existing rail trail. The additional space will serve as a hub for recreational activity in the heart of downtown and spur economic development.