



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

*Nashua Regional
Planning Commission,
Southern New
Hampshire*

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 Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The NRPC serves 12 municipalities (combined population 195,788) in southern New Hampshire. The region is located along the banks of the Merrimack River, and is the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution in New Hampshire. Five communities in the region are considered historic mill towns and have structures listed on the National Register of Historic



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to identify and prioritize brownfield sites in the NRPC's 12 municipalities. Grant funds also will be used to conduct four Phase I and II environmental site assessments and 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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Places. However, many former mills and industrial facilities throughout the region remain abandoned or underused. Communities in the NRPC region generally have higher unemployment rates than the state average, and one municipality contains areas with some of the highest poverty rates in the state. Brownfields assessment is the first step in returning underused brownfield sites to productive use. Brownfields redevelopment is needed to create opportunities in NRPC communities for new affordable housing, greenspace, and jobs for residents.