



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Southern New Hampshire Planning 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 Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The SNHPC serves the City of Manchester, the largest city in New Hampshire, and 12 smaller towns (total population 263,713). The southern New Hampshire region has a long history of known contamination related to former mill and tannery operations and, more recently, to petroleum and oil spills. A state database lists 134 potential brownfield sites in the region. Many of the sites are located in town centers, near abandoned railroad lines,



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to review and prioritize the list of known sites, perform up to 12 Phase I and up to three Phase II environmental site assessments, and conduct community outreach activities throughout the Commission's 13 municipalities.

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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and along the region's four major river systems. These sites represent potential threats to public health and the environment, and reflect the economic distress related to the decline in manufacturing. Between 2000 and 2003, the region lost 2,300 manufacturing jobs. The newer replacement jobs are in the lower-paying service sector. Assessment of area brownfields will help stimulate both public and private investment in cleanup and redevelopment.