



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

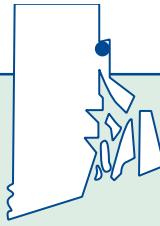
## Pawtucket, RI

### 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 Pawtucket was selected to receive three brownfields cleanup grants. Located along the Blackstone River, Pawtucket (population 72,727) was a thriving industrial city anchoring development throughout the Blackstone Valley for more than a century. As the 20th Century progressed, many of the industrial facilities along the river became obsolete and were shut down or underused. When Interstate 95 was constructed, it severed the already declining riverfront from the rest of the city. Many of the city's low-income and minority residents are concentrated in the older neighborhoods along the riverfront and within the city's industrial core. Nearly 31 percent of city residents are minorities, and the median family income is only 74 percent of the state median. The riverfront area is home to 20 known contaminated sites



### Cleanup Grants



#### \$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Pawtucket for three brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to clean up Parcels 5, 9, and 13 of the Front Street Parcels. These parcels housed a variety of operations, including a wood turning factory, yarn and dye company, print shop, and auto junkyard. The properties are contaminated with metals, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and other hazardous substances. Funds also will be used to support 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).

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and accounts for nearly half of the city's contaminated acreage. Once the Front Street Parcels are cleaned up, the city plans to link the area to the Blackstone Valley Bikeway and create mixed-use developments. Redevelopment will restore public access to the riverfront, create jobs, and increase city revenue.