



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

*Two Rivers-  
Ottauquechee  
Regional  
Commission, East  
Central Vermont*

## 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 Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The region served by the commission covers 30 small rural towns (combined population 55,784) in east-central Vermont. Thirty-six percent of the towns in the region have poverty rates above the state



## Assessment Grant



### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to identify and prioritize sites and conduct six to eight Phase I and two to four 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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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average. Increasing housing prices are putting pressures on working families who are forced to commute long distances for employment. Cost factors are leading to the development of greenfields while old manufacturing sites remain idle. Brownfields are widespread in the region, from single sites in small towns to dozens of sites in larger towns. They include boarded up machine shops, vacant mills, rail sidings, and old dump sites. A recent inventory identified about 100 petroleum sites in eight of the 30 towns. These sites are often located in residential areas and along

the region's riverfronts. They pose a health threat to residents and an environmental threat to waterways. Assessment will help leverage investments that will attract business to the area. Redevelopment of brownfields will create jobs and much-needed housing in communities where residents will have access to public transportation.