



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Emeryville, CA

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 Emeryville was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Emeryville (population 8,500) is a 1.2-square-mile city on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay. The median household income in the city is lower than the county median, and the poverty and unemployment rates are significantly higher than the county rates. The sites targeted for cleanup are in the Park Avenue District, the historic center of Emeryville. There are about 65 acres of brownfields scattered throughout the city. The development of a cultural arts center and open space are two of the priorities in the Park Avenue District Plan. Once the Hollis Street site is cleaned up, the city plans to renovate the architecturally significant building to provide a cultural arts center. The city also plans to add new recreational and open space on the Park Avenue



Cleanup Grants



\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Emeryville for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to clean up the 4060 Hollis Street site. The former manufacturing site is contaminated by spills and off-site migration. Grant funds also will be used to clean up the Park Avenue Park site at Sherwin and Halleck Streets. This former railroad site also was used for chemical handling and steel manufacturing and recycling. Contaminants of concern include metals and volatile organic compounds. Funds from both grants will be used to develop cleanup plans and monitor cleanup 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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Park site, which is along the Emeryville Greenway. This new park will triple the amount of open space in the area.