



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

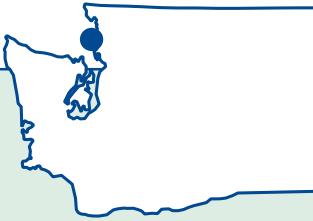
Swinomish Tribal Community, WA

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 Swinomish Tribal Community has been selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located on a peninsula at the southeast side of Fidalgo Island in Skagit County, the Swinomish Reservation has a total reservation population of 4,800, of whom 800 are enrolled tribal members. The reservation includes 420 acres of freshwater wetlands, and many more acres of estuarine wetlands. The Swinomish Tribe has a 16 percent unemployment rate. More than 200 tribal fishermen are involved in harvesting salmon and crabs. Because shellfish and fish consumption in the community is much higher than that of the general population, the reservation's tribal members are at a



Assessment Grant

\$99,310 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Swinomish Tribal Community for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory and prioritize eight to 12 sites, assess a minimum of three sites throughout the Swinomish Reservation, and conduct community outreach.

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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greater risk of toxic exposure from fish contamination. Contaminated sites also pose a health risk to the 30 to 40 percent of the population that draws drinking water from groundwater wells. Brownfields on the reservation include at least eight open dump sites as well as former industrial sites. Brownfields assessment will remove barriers to the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields on the reservation, which will reduce contamination of reservation waters.