



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Brunswick, ME

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 Town of Brunswick was selected to receive three brownfields cleanup grants. Located along the southern coast of Maine, Brunswick (population 21,172) is a college community that was once home to waterfront mills. The city has been trying for years to redevelop Maine Street Station, a former rail yard. The four-acre site lies in the heart of the city's downtown, adjacent to residential neighborhoods, Bowdoin College, and downtown businesses. Maine Street Station has been vacant since the 1980s, when coal ash contamination was identified. Brunswick is home to two distinct populations: local residents and the students and faculty of Bowdoin College. Local residents in many neighborhoods have high rates of poverty and live in multiple-family structures of poor quality. Cleanup and eventual redevelopment of Maine Street Station will



Cleanup Grants

New
2006

\$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Brunswick for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Pocket Park 1, Pocket Park 2, and Pocket Park 3 at Maine Street Station. The four-acre property at 210 Maine Street was the home of a series of rail yards dating back 100 years. It is contaminated with coal ash containing polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic. The three grants will be used to clean up properties dedicated for use as pocket parks within the larger, mixed-use redevelopment of Maine Street Station.

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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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

create new office and retail space, jobs, and new public spaces and pedestrian connections.