



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Seneca Nation of Indians, Seneca Nation Territories, NY

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 Seneca Nation of Indians was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Seneca Nation (population 11,296) is one of the six Iroquois Confederacy nations in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Today the nation holds title to the Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Oil Springs territories. The Seneca Nation is economically distressed, with a 59 percent poverty rate and a 45 percent unemployment rate. The site targeted for cleanup is in the City of Salamanca, which is home to more than half of the nation's population. Illegal dumping and other potentially contaminating activities



Cleanup Grant



**\$110,000 for hazardous substances
\$90,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the Seneca Nation of Indians for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct community participation activities, develop a cleanup plan, clean up contamination, and conduct post-cleanups monitoring at the Consolidated Rail Yard site at 20 Atlantic Street in Salamanca, New York. Soils at the site are contaminated with metals and petroleum-related volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds. The site historically was used as a rail yard containing a roundtable and fueling and repair facilities.

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.

threaten Seneca Nation lands, the Allegany watershed, and water supply wells. Once cleaned up, the site will be used to house a tourist information center and possibly a rail car tour program. This redevelopment is expected to funnel motorists through the downtown corridor of Salamanca, thereby providing economic benefit through increased retail and restaurant revenues.