



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

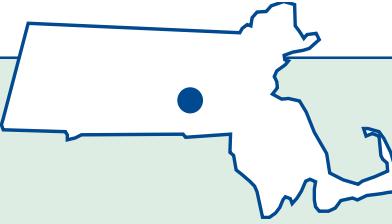
Worcester, MA

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 Worcester was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The third largest city in New England, Worcester (population 172,648) can attribute much of its success and growth to its industrial heritage and manufacturing innovation. However, it has experienced a steady decline in its manufacturing base over the past three decades, which has contributed to the physical deterioration of older neighborhoods that once thrived on local industries and businesses. Approximately 18 percent of the city's residents live at or below the poverty level, and the median household income is only 70 percent of the state average. There are at least 200 brownfields in the city, which contribute to blight and pockets of severe distress in some neighborhoods. When the targeted brownfield is cleaned up, it will be redeveloped as a



Cleanup Grant



\$156,300 for hazardous substances
\$43,700 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Worcester for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the 11-acre former 3 Sons Trucking Company site at 65 Armory Street. The site is contaminated with petroleum and PCBs. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement 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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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

mixed-use area with affordable housing, recreational opportunities, and commercial and industrial developments. Redevelopment is expected to increase jobs, improve neighborhood pride, and provide the city with additional tax revenue.