



# Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

## City of Nashua, NH

### BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Nashua supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Nashua is located approximately 30 miles south of Concord on the southern border of New Hampshire. The city (population 86,600) has experienced decreasing property values and extensive job losses in neighborhoods containing brownfield sites. The city currently is in the process of creating the Broad Street Parkway, a two-mile-long, four-lane parkway that will connect the main highway to the downtown area. As part of environmental studies prepared for this project, more than 30 contaminated industrial sites were identified in the vicinity of the project area. Although the new parkway will greatly increase their value by improving their accessibility, uncertainties regarding site contamination have discouraged new businesses from returning these sites to use.

The original EPA Pilot has enabled the city to complete an inventory of contaminated sites within the new Broad Street Parkway corridor. The Pilot completed an assessment of an industrial property known as the Whitney Screw Site. The Pilot also performed a site investigation of the Bennett Street Site. Additional work is needed to determine the extent of contamination at the Bennett Street Site.

### OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Supplemental assistance will be used to complete site investigations at the Bennett Street Site, which is located in the Broad Street Parkway corridor. More detailed information on this site will be obtained to define the extent of environmental contamination, address liability issues identified during the original Pilot, and evaluate potential cleanup strategies. Through efforts initiated during both the Pilot and the Broad Street Parkway initiative, the city will sponsor additional public meetings to solicit community input.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



City of Nashua, New Hampshire

Date of Announcement:  
May 2002

Amount: \$ 100,000

Profile: The Pilot targets a Broad Street Parkway corridor property requiring detailed site investigation.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region01/brownfields/>

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[www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

#### Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Installing and sampling from 10 microwells at the Bennett Street Site to define the source of groundwater contamination;
- Obtaining soil borings and sample analyses from the Bennett Street Site to define the extent of soil contamination;
- Evaluating potential cost-effective approaches for cleanup and redevelopment of the Bennett Street Site;

- Conducting outreach and community involvement activities; and
- Developing a model for resolving brownfield issues.

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