



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

Town of New Milford, CT

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the Town of New Milford supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. New Milford is near the confluence of the Aspetuck and Housatonic Rivers in rural western Connecticut. Brownfields have significantly reduced the town's tax base and decreased employment opportunities. The town's population of 27,000 has a per capita income that is below the state average and a median household income of \$17,935.

The original Pilot targeted the 72-acre former Century Brass Products mill site, the only industrially zoned site in town that also is served with sewer and water. The site is in an excellent location for redevelopment because of a nearby natural gas pipeline, rail line, and major highway, but it is contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and hydroxide sludge that threaten the health of the rivers and residents. Under the original Pilot, the town completed extensive environmental assessments at this site and identified other possible brownfields. Funding from the supplemental grant will be used to complete the environmental assessments and finalize the cleanup plan begun under the original Pilot. In addition, the town will assess environmental conditions at the town garage and quarry sites.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

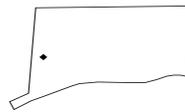
New Milford will use its supplemental assistance grant to expand on the original Pilot's efforts to address environmental issues associated with the former Century Brass Products mill site, which represents over 13 percent of the town's entire industrial zoned acreage. Supplemental assistance also will be used to assess environmental conditions at two other sites identified during the original Pilot.

PILOT SNAPSHOT

Date of Announcement:
May 2002

Amount: \$150,000

Profile: The Pilot targets the 72-acre former Century Brass Products facility that is contaminated with PCBs and is near the confluence of two rivers.



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Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting supplemental Phase III environmental assessments at the former Century Brass Products facility;
- Revising the draft cleanup action plan and cost estimate based on the results of the supplemental Phase III environmental assessment; and

- Conducting Phase I and II environmental assessments at the town garage and quarry sites.

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