



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Troy, NY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development 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, the President 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 Troy was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The population of Troy is 49,170. Both brownfields sites are located in a federal Enterprise Community near the waterfront of South Troy. Half of these residents in this targeted area are classified as very low income, 11 percent are unemployed, and more than 20 percent live below the poverty line. As historical industries have declined, waterfront economic performance has faded, resulting in job losses, decreased property values and tax revenues, and disinvestment. After a 200-year industrial history, the entire South Troy waterfront is a brownfields site. Approximately 40 percent of the waterfront is vacant or underutilized, causing blight along the waterfront and in adjacent residential areas.



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$137,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Troy for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct a Phase II environmental assessment of a former factory and warehouse facility site, and develop a remedial plan for a former iron works and steel foundry currently used by the city's Department of Public Works as a transfer station for yard waste and large waste goods. Funds will also be used for community outreach communities.

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, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

The city is currently implementing the South Troy Working Waterfront Revitalization Plan, which will redevelop the waterfront and create an access road to re-route truck traffic around residential areas. Redeveloping the sites will reduce environmental risk and increase opportunities for new jobs and recreational areas.