



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

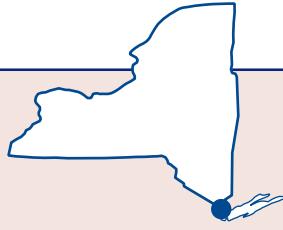
New York, NY

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, 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 New York was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. With a population of over eight million, New York is the largest city in the United States. Covering 321 square miles, it is an extremely densely populated area, and also a federally designated Empowerment Zone. More than 21 percent of city residents live in poverty, 65 percent of the population are minorities, and most of the low-income areas in the city are also minority communities. Brownfields sites to be assessed are likely to be located in the low-income and industrial areas of the city with little open space and high rates of asthma and blood lead levels among children. The city's portfolio of developable land is dwindling, and potential



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of New York for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities and perform Phase I and II site assessments, primarily in the low-income and industrial areas around the city.

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.

brownfields sites are nearly all that is left to meet the growing demand for land. Brownfields redevelopment will provide new residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational opportunities. It also will create jobs and allow business expansion.