



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Clayton, NY

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 Town of Clayton was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in Jefferson County along the St. Lawrence River, Clayton (population 4,817) has experienced economic hardships over the past ten years as local manufacturing jobs have left the area. Clayton's per capita income is only 78 percent of the state level, and 11.7 percent of residents live below the poverty level. In addition to impacting the local economy through loss of jobs and tax revenues, the loss of manufacturing businesses has left behind sites with environmental concerns, including brownfields located on prime downtown waterfront property. The cleanup site, the former Frink America property, represents the largest potential for development in Clayton. It covers 8.3 acres and has 1,500 feet of frontage on the St. Lawrence River. Redevelopment



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Clayton for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to develop a work plan, perform community outreach, and remove contaminated soil from the former Frink America property at 205 Webb Street. Soil at the 8.3-acre site has been contaminated with volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, and metals from historic industrial operations on the property.

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.

of this property will provide locations for new commercial employers, create an estimated 75 new jobs, increase the tax base by up to \$325,000 a year, and create new park and greenspace along the St. Lawrence River.