



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Trenton, NJ

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 City of Trenton was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in west-central New Jersey, the City of Trenton (population 85,403) is the state capital and located in one of the wealthiest counties in the nation. Today, Trenton is one of the poorest cities in the state, with 21.1 percent of the city's population living below the poverty level. Approximately 72 percent of the city's residents are minorities. The discrepancy between the county's affluence and the city's poverty represents a chronic problem but emphasizes Trenton's potential for revitalization. The target area has a poverty rate of 35.6 percent and 78.1 percent of residents are minorities. Brownfields redevelopment is expected to be a keystone for community improvement by allowing the relocation of existing basketball courts that have



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Trenton for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to remove contaminated soil and construct a soil cap at the 1.45-acre Thropp Site at 960 East State Street, which is contaminated with PCBs and metals from historic manufacturing uses of the site. Grant funds also will be used to complete cleanup reporting requirements and conduct community outreach activities. The city plans to redevelop the former metal fabrication facility and adjacent parcels for use as basketball courts.

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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attracted illicit activities and detracted from community safety. Once the target site is cleaned up and the basketball courts relocated, the city will be able to construct affordable housing at the original location of the courts. Brownfields redevelopment also will generate revenues, remove threats to human health, and eliminate blight.