



Brownfields 2015 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet *Camden Redevelopment Agency, 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. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

Project Description

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant recipient. CRA will work with the community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the Mt. Ephraim Choice Neighborhood, an area characterized by high unemployment and poverty rates, and low income levels. The area is predominantly residential and commercial, and contains many vacant brownfield sites. CRA will build upon existing planning activities that the community has already developed for initiatives such as housing rehabilitation, new business creation, and the rehabilitation or demolition of existing business structures. The Area-Wide Planning project will focus on brownfields that are a major impediment for these redevelopment considerations, particularly the Camden Laboratories catalyst site. Project activities also will include additional community engagement activities, evaluation of existing planning documents and environmental data to determine the extent to which contamination and other issues will impact revitalization, and a market analysis. Key project partners who will work with the CRA include the Housing Authority of the City of Camden, Cooper's Ferry Partnership, and the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority.

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 (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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