

Portfields

Portfields is a federal interagency partnership Focused on the environmental and economic revitalization of port communities.



The Ports of Bellingham, Washington, New Bedford, Massachusetts, and Tampa, Florida are Portfields Demonstration Pilot Ports.

Through increased federal, state, and local coordination, Portfields is assisting the Pilot Ports in leveraging resources to revitalize waterfront areas, improve marine transportation, and protect and restore critical habitat.



The Portfields Partners will actively transfer best practices and lessons learned to other port communities.



Why Revitalize Port Communities?

To Sustain and Enhance our Nation's Economy...

America's coasts and waterways play a vital role in our nation's economy and high quality of life.

To Protect Human Health and the Environment...

Our coastal areas represent some of the nation's most valuable environmental resources.

To Promote Smart Growth and Clean Up Urban Shorelines...

As undeveloped land in ports becomes increasingly scarce, ports must look toward revitalizing abandoned or underutilized properties.

To Ensure Public Access...

With nearly one-half of the country's population living near a coast, communities benefit from having access to waterfronts for recreation and leisure activities.

To Provide for Increased Maritime Trade...

The capacity of many ports is strained by increased maritime trade and the increasing size of cargo vessels.

To Enhance Homeland Security...

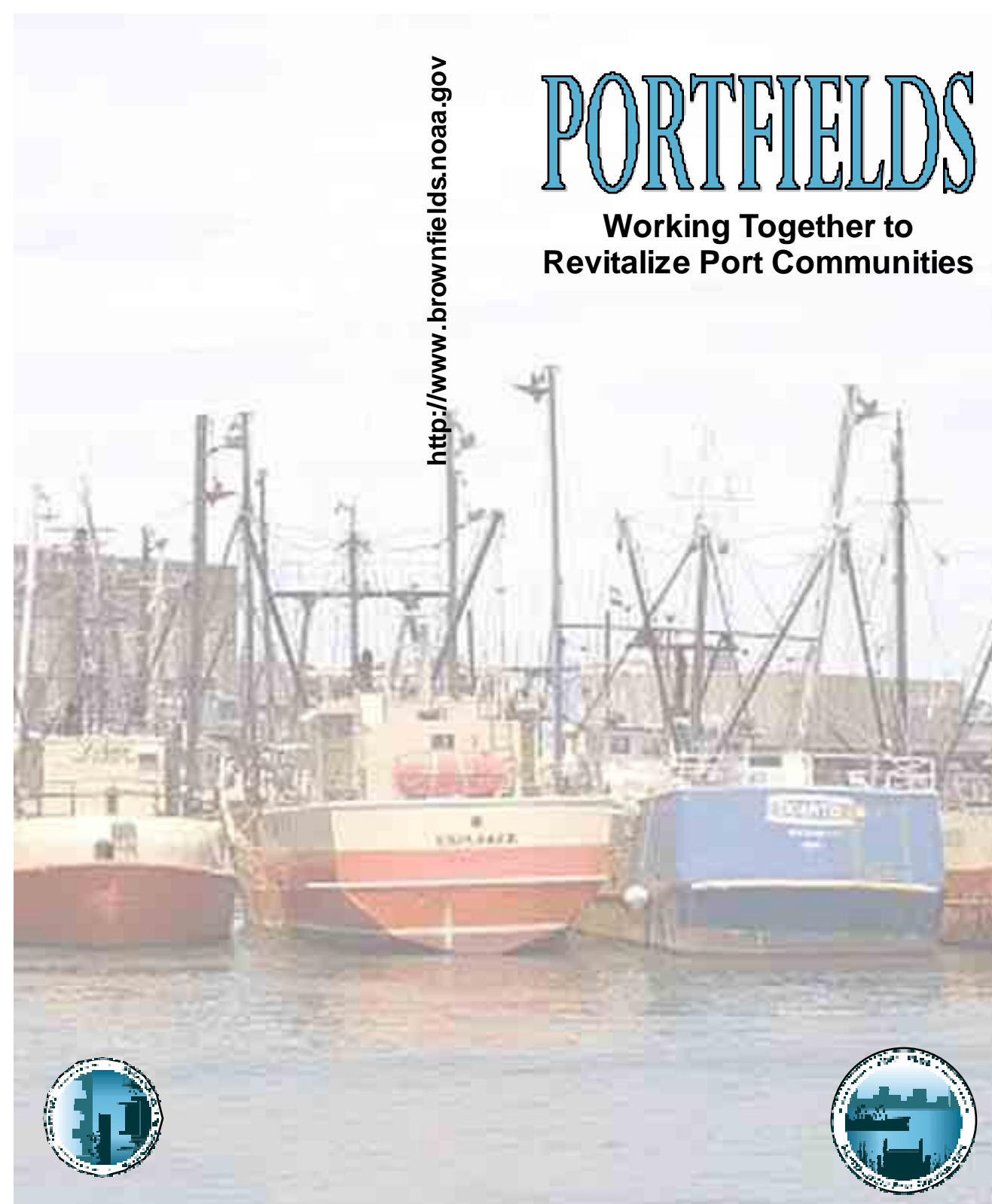
As gateways to the global marketplace, port communities play a key role in homeland security.



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Working Together to Revitalize Port Communities



Port of Bellingham



Port of New Bedford



Port of Tampa



The Port of Bellingham supports major industries including marinas, industrial manufacturing, ship building and repair, break bulk cargo, seafood processing, cold storage, and passenger ferries. Through Portfields, the Port is building on its existing planning efforts to address significant environmental contamination and revitalize idle and abandoned waterfront properties.

Home to one of the largest active fishing fleets on the east coast, the Port of New Bedford provides passenger ferry service and cruise ship docks, and is a center for recreational boating on Buzzards Bay. Through Portfields, the Port is improving the overall health of the harbor environment and the public's ability to use the resource, while facilitating economic revitalization.

The Port of Tampa is the gateway for nearly half of all seaborne commerce in the state of Florida, annually handling 3,700 vessels and up to 50 million tons of cargo. Tampa is working with the Portfields partners to facilitate environmentally responsible redevelopment and to improve economic conditions in and around the Port.



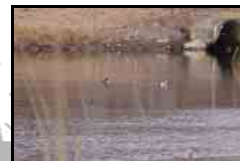
“Increased attention from federal agencies will help bring new ideas and resources into our effort to implement a comprehensive redevelopment strategy for Bellingham Bay.”

– Mike Stoner
Director of Environmental Programs
Port of Bellingham



“Through Portfields, we are developing innovative practices that will allow us to complete projects here at home and become models nationwide.”

– Mayor Frederick M. Kalsz, Jr.
City of New Bedford



“Portfields gives us a greater opportunity to further revitalize our Port in an environmentally and economically responsible manner...”

– Dave Parsché
Environmental Director
Tampa Port Authority



Projects:

- Central Waterfront Redevelopment
- Squalicum Creek Restoration
- Building the Fusion Center

Projects:

- Navigational Dredging
- Brownfields Remediation and Reuse
- Public Access to the Harbor

Projects:

- Innovative Storm Water Treatment
- Priority Brownfields Redevelopment
- Habitat Protection and Enhancement



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