



Brownfields 2008 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. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this 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 Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Located along the Delaware River across from the City of Philadelphia, Camden (population 79,838) is one of the poorest cities in the country. The city's poverty and unemployment rates are 35.6 and 15.8 percent, respectively. Nearly 87 percent of residents are minorities. Camden is a federally designated Empowerment Zone and Renewal Community. The CRA has identified 52 brownfields in the city. Contamination at the former Tire and Battery site poses a threat to



Cleanup Grants

New
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\$400,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Camden Redevelopment Agency for two brownfields cleanup grants. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up Lots 4 and 5 of the former Tire and Battery site at 1350 Admiral Wilson Boulevard. There are 11 abandoned underground storage tanks on the site, as well as other equipment associated with the site's use as an automotive center. Soil and groundwater sampling indicate the presence of benzene and polyaromatic hydrocarbons. Grant funds will be used to remove the tanks, remove and dispose of the tanks' contents, and transport and properly dispose of tons of petroleum-contaminated soil. Grant funds also will be used for short-term groundwater cleanup on part of 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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human health and the environment, including the Cooper River, which is only yards from the site. Once cleaned up, the site is expected to become part of the

planned Gateway Office Park, being created, in part, to allow for the expansion of the Campbell Soup Company's World Headquarters facility. Keeping this Fortune 500 company in Camden is expected to help the city retain over 1,000 jobs and its largest taxpayer. The Gateway Office Park is expected to become the cornerstone of a vibrant community, leading to hundreds of additional employment opportunities.