



## **Brownfields 2013 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet** **Medford, MA**

### **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 cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. 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.

### **Cleanup Grants**

*\$400,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the City of Medford for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Lots 31 and 35 at the former 448 High Street site. The property was occupied by a steam laundry building, which began operations sometime between 1897 and 1903 and operated through 1939. In 1942, the steam laundry building was demolished. The site is currently used as a municipal parking lot and is bounded by commercial properties and a railroad line. It is contaminated with volatile organic compounds, primarily perchloroethylene, which has impacted indoor air in three adjacent commercial properties. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

### **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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