



## **Brownfields 2013 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet** **WaterFire Providence, RI**

### **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**

*\$600,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected WaterFire Providence for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Parcels A, B, and C of the former Uniroyal US Rubber Plant site, located at 475, 485, and 495 Valley Street in Providence. The larger site was an integral part of a large industrial complex that was subdivided a number of times over the past 50 years. It currently consists mostly of paved areas and a loading dock. One of the structures located on the site include a one-story warehouse building constructed in 1929. Environmental concerns include the presence of metals, semi-volatile organic compounds, and arsenic. Parcel C also is contaminated with PCBs. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach 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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