

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Project Fact Sheet



Neighborhood Parks Council, San Francisco, CA

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 to assess and clean up brownfield sites.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program

EPA is piloting an area-wide planning approach to community brownfield challenges, which recognizes that revitalization of the area surrounding the brownfield site(s) is just as critical to the successful reuse of the property as assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of an individual site. The pilot program will help further community-based partnership efforts within underserved or economically disadvantaged neighborhoods by confronting local environmental and public health challenges related to brownfields, while creating a planning framework to advance economic development and job creation.

Pilot Project Description

EPA has selected the Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program recipient. NPC will facilitate community involvement in area-wide planning of the Blue Greenway for the revitalization of the brownfield-impacted community of Southeastern San Francisco. The Blue Greenway is a 13-mile corridor along the city's Southeastern waterfront, where open spaces will be linked together for new recreational opportunities, nature discovery, and public access to the waterfront. This area was the industrial heart of the city from the 1850s to the mid-1900s and included heavy industrial uses, sewer treatment facilities, and power generation facilities. The area neigh-

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EPA is awarding approximately \$4 million in total across 23 recipients. Recipients will each receive up to approximately \$175,000 in EPA cooperative agreement and/or direct technical assistance. Assistance will help recipients initiate development of an area-wide plan and identify next steps and resources needed to implement the plan.



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borhoods are historically underserved and economically disadvantaged, with a poverty rate of more than 21 percent, and an unemployment rate of more than 19 percent. The project area contains at least 12 brownfields near the Blue Greenway alignment. The NPC has led the effort for a Blue Greenway Project since 2003. The area-wide planning process will leverage existing efforts to identify and reduce threats to human health and the environment, and will facilitate assessment and cleanup of brownfields in the target area by identifying site-specific reuses for brownfield sites.