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Framingham gets \$400k to assess brownfields

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The Environmental Protection Agency will provide its third brownfields assessment grant of \$400,000 to the town of Framingham, Mass.

This grant, which totals \$800,000 since 2007, offers Framingham hazardous substance and petroleum funding to help expand their assessment program.

Leveraging these funds will help bring additional resources to the downtown and Southeast Framingham, where the largest numbers of potential brownfields exist, EPA said. The funding is part of more than \$18 million in EPA brownfields investments in six New England states to protect health and the environment, create jobs and promote economic redevelopment. In Massachusetts this year, EPA is providing \$6.75 million in 33 separate brownfields grants to communities statewide.

There are an estimated 450,000 abandoned and contaminated waste sites in America. The EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and reuse brownfields, according to the EPA. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence of a hazardous material.

Grant funds can assist work to reclaim sites including old textile mills, sites containing hazardous substances and petroleum products and other abandoned industrial and commercial properties.



Courtesy of EPA.

EPA will provide Framingham with a \$400,000 brownfields assessment grant.