



Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

Blackburn and Union Privileges Walpole, MA

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

BACKGROUND

EPA selected the Town of Walpole, Massachusetts, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Walpole is home to the Blackburn and Union Privileges Superfund site. In the 18th and 19th centuries, several industrial and commercial businesses used hazardous substances, including chromium, arsenic, and mercury, in their operations on the property. In 1915, Standard Woven Fabric Co. began manufacturing asbestos brake linings by crushing raw asbestos. Over 20 years later, the property was sold to Kendall Co., which used the property to produce cotton and other fabrics. The many years of use took a toll on the property, leaving it heavily contaminated. In May 1994, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The site is near a Brownfields Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

The Town of Walpole plans to use Pilot funds to help determine the likely reuse and develop a plan with the goal of stimulating the economy of Walpole. To do this, the town will form a community group of stakeholders, perform a reuse assessment, hold informational workshops for the community and local government, and recommend options for reuse.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Walpole, MA

Site Name: Blackburn and Union Privileges

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement (\$100,000)

Profile: The community will determine the likely reuse of the site and develop a plan with the goal of stimulating the economy of Walpole.

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