

# Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Project Fact Sheet



## *Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, WA*

### 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 Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program recipient. The Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in rural north-central Washington. The CCT is focusing this project on two brownfields sites within approximately one mile of each other in the Nespelem District of the Colville Indian Reservation. Approximately 2,503 tribal/non-tribal members are affected in this project area. The national housing industry downturn has led to recent layoffs, and increased the unemployment on the reservation to more than 50

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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.

### Contacts

For additional information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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percent. The CCT plans to develop and implement a public participation plan that will involve residents in decisions for cleaning up and reusing these sites and promote area-wide revitalization. Development of an area-wide plan is expected to facilitate the cleanup and redevelopment of the two brownfield sites, leading to an improved central recycling center with capacity to handle an expanded list of recyclables, an improved local solid waste system, and new jobs for residents of the reservation.