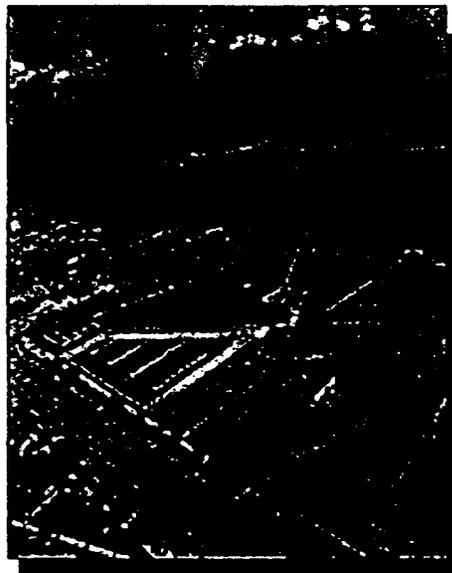


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Promoting Sustainable Communities

NOAA sponsored workshops in five coastal communities to help local, state, and Federal officials resolve issues for redevelopment of brownfield sites.

was developed in response to productive cherry farms and vineyards being subdivided for residential development. As a result of the Sustainable Communities Workshop, local government representatives within the watershed meet on a regular basis to coordinate activities within the Grand Traverse Bay watershed.



This redeveloped industrial site includes a park and riverfront walkway.

Promoting Brownfields Redevelopment

NOAA actively participated in the National Brownfields Initiative, which seeks to coordinate Federal clean-up and redevelopment programs in the abandoned or underutilized industrial and commercial properties. The centerpiece of the initiative is designation of 16 Brownfields Showcase Communities that serve as national models for community-based revitalization that incorporates environmental protection and economic development.

NOAA-sponsored workshops in Glen Cove, New York, Providence, Rhode Island, Stamford, Connecticut, Baltimore, Maryland, and East Palo Alto, California, brought together Federal, state and local officials to discuss coastal management issues related to the brownfields initiative. The workshops provided an opportunity to further define the role of NOAA and state CZM programs in the brownfields initiative.

Coastal Hazards Response Planning

The National Ocean Service (NOS) established pilot projects in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, as part of the NOS Coastal Hazards Response Plan. Activities in the states include:

- Collecting aerial photography following hurricane landfall in the coastal areas hardest hit;
- Completing port clearances by NOS through the deployment of survey launches and teams to re-open ports closed by the Coast Guard due to the threat of channel obstruction after storms;
- Communicating real-time water levels to state emergency managers;
- Removing debris from sensitive areas, such as marshes and wetlands, in an environmentally sensitive manner;
- Creating an environmental sensitivity index; ESI maps identify vulnerable coastal locations before a spill occurs, so that protection priorities