



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Green Bay, WI

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. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Green Bay was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located on the Green Bay in northeast Wisconsin, Green Bay (population 102,313) was founded on a prosperous manufacturing economy that dates back to the 1800s. Many of the manufacturing facilities were built on the banks of the Fox River. With the decline in manufacturing, the city has been left with brownfield sites that pose potential health threats to nearby, densely populated neighborhoods and limit the city's potential tax rolls. In order to adapt to the changing economy, Green Bay plans to redevelop former manufacturing and commercial sites. It is focusing its efforts on three redevelopment areas: downtown Green Bay, and the Velp and Webster Avenue corridors. These areas have larger minority populations, higher vacancy rates, and significantly



Assessment Grants

New
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\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Green Bay for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to create a brownfields site inventory and enter brownfields information into a geographic information system. Funds also will be used to conduct 15 to 20 Phase I and eight to 12 Phase II environmental site assessments, and community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same activities at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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lower median household incomes than the rest of the city. The city plans to redevelop these properties into affordable housing and other productive uses. Brownfields redevelopment will generate jobs, create a vibrant downtown, and improve the health and well-being of area residents.