



Brownfields 2007 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. The Department of Natural Resources (state population 5,363,675) is focusing its assessment efforts on the 30th Street Industrial Corridor of Milwaukee, a federally designated Renewal Community. The corridor was once a major manufacturing center, but now has an unemployment rate of 19 percent. Of the corridor's 31,918 residents, 95 percent are minorities, and 39 percent live below the poverty level. The area's 200 known brownfields pose potential threats to public health and the environment. Brownfields assessment will raise the investment profile of this disadvantaged neighborhood. Brownfields redevelopment will create job opportunities for area residents, remove blight, and increase city revenues.

Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct about 15 Phase I environmental site assessments in the 30th Street Industrial Corridor area of Milwaukee. Funds also will be used for up to five site investigations, and community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks 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 (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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