Brownfields 2011 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet

Lakewood Housing Authority, CO

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 cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this 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 Lakewood Housing Authority was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. In the late 1800s, a rail corridor was constructed through the center of Lakewood (population 141,937), which is west of Denver. During the past 50 years, activity along the corridor declined, leaving behind many contaminated sites. Much of the contaminated land along the rail corridor is slated for mixed use and housing redevelopment because the land is near planned future transit stations. Redevelopment plans are hindered by environmental contamination and inadequate infrastructure. The target site is in the Two Creeks neighborhood just south of the rail line. The presence of many brownfield sites in this neighborhood has raised residential health concerns and slowed economic development. Two Creeks has a higher percentage of minority residents and a lower median income than the rest of the city. Site cleanup is expected to facilitate the Housing Authority's redevelopment plans, which include the creation of mixed-income housing, a community services building, and three acres of outdoor recreational space.

Cleanup Grant

$189,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Lakewood Housing Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the Lamar Station Apartments site at 6150 West 13th Avenue. The five-acre site was used for a variety of industrial, auto-related, and commercial purposes until it became vacant in 2004. The site's long history of auto-related use has resulted in subsurface 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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