Brownfields 2013 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet

Shreveport, LA

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 through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area. Recipients selected under this program will receive up to $200,000 in EPA grant funding.

Project Description

$200,000

EPA has selected the City of Shreveport as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant recipient. The city will work with the residents of the Allendale and Ledbetter Heights neighborhoods, other community members and stakeholders to develop a brownfields area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the Cross Bayou area. This 120-acre tract of land along the southern bank of the Red River is immediately adjacent to the central business district of Shreveport. Within the project area is an existing scrap yard brownfields site and other possible contamination issues that will be examined under this project. The city will engage the community, research existing conditions, and conduct a market study in order to create a plausible and market-responsive brownfields reuse plan, along with detailed, specific, and consistent strategies for implementation. Key partners who will work with the city on this project include the Downtown Shreveport Development Corporation, the Master Plan Community Advisory Group, ABetterShreveport, Texas Avenue Corridor Association, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and Louisiana Brownfields Association.

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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