



Brownfields 2007 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet *Indiana Department of Environmental Management*

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 Indiana Department of Environmental Management was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Indiana (population 6,271,973) is a predominantly rural state that has historically relied on heavy manufacturing for employment, property tax revenues, and economic stimulation. Recent plant closings, job layoffs, and corporate downsizing have left many communities in the state suffering from disinvestment and an overall deterioration of neighborhoods. There are an estimated 10,000 brownfields in the state, ranging in size from a small corner gas station to large abandoned factories. Brownfields are located in urban and rural areas, and have created blight, reduced tax bases, and exposed residents to potential environmental threats. The Department plans to assess and clean up brownfields to develop trails and parks throughout the state, increasing recreational and exercise opportunities for residents. Brownfields redevelopment into greenspace and recreational areas will reduce blight, and attract new businesses and tourists to the state.

Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct an estimated 12 Phase I and nine Phase II environmental site assessments throughout the state. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks as 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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