



Brownfields 2006 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet Goshen, IN

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 Goshen was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Goshen (population 29,700) is located in north central Indiana about 12 miles from the Michigan border. Manufacturing has played a significant role in the history of the city and currently provides nearly 42 percent of the jobs in Goshen. This history has left a legacy of contamination and abandoned and underused industrial properties. Partial inventory efforts have suggested the presence of at least 100 brownfields sites in the city. The 14-acre Millrace Canal area, targeted for assessment, is one of the oldest industrial areas of the city, with many facilities dating back to the 1860s. The residential area in the Millrace census tract is home to some of the poorest people in the city. Latinos make up 27 percent of the residents, and 59 percent of neighborhood children are eligible for free or reduced-rate school lunches. Assessment and eventual cleanup of brownfields properties will help address concerns about the health risks posed by the sites and the potential for their redevelopment. The city plans to revitalize the industrial properties into a large mixed-use complex with 200 housing units, a park, and bike and walking trails along the Millrace Canal. This project is expected to have a positive impact on the adjacent central business district and provide greenspace to the community.

Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Goshen for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach, inventory and prioritize sites, perform eight to ten Phase I and a select number of Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop cleanup and reuse plans for one or two high-priority sites within the Millrace Canal Redevelopment project area. Petroleum grant funds will be used for the same tasks at petroleum sites.

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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