



Brownfields 2010 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet Coralville, IA

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 City of Coralville was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Coralville (population 18,478) is a small city on the Iowa River that was settled in the 1800s by millers. The city's growth began after World War II as students from the University of Iowa began residing in Coralville. The construction of U.S. Interstate 80 along the city's northern border also resulted in unzoned and unplanned growth. As the population increased, unsustainable development of open space on the city's edge resulted in continued disinvestment and blight in the city's old industrial district. The city's unemployment rate is the highest it has been in 30 years. Its six Brownfield Zones contain 330 acres of brownfield sites. Disinvestment in the Brownfield Zones was compounded by the 2008 flooding of the Iowa River. Although the floods were devastating, they have given the city the opportunity to rebuild and recreate sustainable neighborhoods. Brownfield assessments are expected to lay the foundation for site cleanup, redevelopment, and greenspace creation.

Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$183,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Coralville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to perform up to 20 Phase I and 10 Phase II environmental site assessments, and conduct cleanup planning and community outreach activities.

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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