



Brownfields 2013 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet Vancouver, WA

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 Vancouver as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant recipient. The city will work with the community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the Lower Grand Employment Area (LGEA). The LGEA is an older industrial area with several brownfields sites and vacant, underutilized, and undeveloped land. The city will engage the community, conduct existing conditions research, and develop plans for brownfields reuse that will help improve the economy and community amenities, and resolve environmental, traffic, infrastructure, and drainage issues. Key partners for this project include the State of Washington Department of Ecology, Clark County Environmental Services, Columbia River Economic Development Council, and various other neighborhood, business, and nonprofit groups.

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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