



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

Canton, IL

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development 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 Canton was selected to receive assessment and cleanup grants. The city's population is approximately 15,000. Residents near the International Harvester site have a lower per capita income and higher poverty rate than residents of other areas of the city. Because of the location of nearby strip mines, the outward expansion of the city is limited, and the 33-acre former International Harvester site is ideally located in the center of the city. The vacant site is located in a state Enterprise Zone that has been plagued by fires, bankruptcies, and environmental citations. The site was used to manufacture farm implements and equipment between 1840 and 1984. After International Harvester ceased operations in 1984, the site was sold and subdivided. Leased parcels were used for tire-shredding, cleaning and casting operations, and mobile home scrap recovery. The redevelopment plan for the site includes retail, cultural, and light industrial areas, all of which would promote economic activity in the area.



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Canton for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform a Phase II environmental investigation of hazardous substances, develop a remedial action plan, and conduct community involvement activities at a former farm equipment manufacturer site. Petroleum assessment funding will be used to conduct an assessment of the west-central portion of the site.

Cleanup Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Canton for a cleanup grant. The cleanup grant will be used for contaminant cleanup on the northwest parcel of the former International Harvester site, which was used for the manufacturing of farm implements and equipment between 1840 and 1984. The site was used for a variety of purposes after 1984 and is currently vacant. Contaminants present include nonaqueous-phase liquids (NAPL), metals, cyanide, and friable asbestos.

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 at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: City of Canton, IL
309-647-0065

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Canton has received brownfields funding for assessment grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.