



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

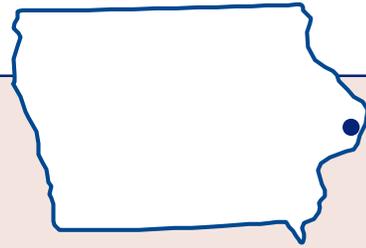
## Clinton, IA

### 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 Clinton was selected to receive an assessment grant. The city (population 27,800) is focusing its brownfields redevelopment efforts on the Liberty Square District. The decline of lumber mills, furniture factories, rail facilities, and foundries have resulted in disinvestment and wide-spread contamination in this area. The Liberty Square District contains about 10 percent of the city's elderly population, a significant portion of whom suffer from mental, physical, or sensory disabilities. The per capita income of Liberty Square District residents is 23 percent less than the city's average. Seven percent of the residents are unemployed, and 13 percent have incomes below the poverty level. The city's Liberty Square Redevelopment Plan will promote the sustainable reuse of brownfields sites through roadway improvements and new business development projects.



### Assessment Grant

New  
2003

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the City of Clinton for a brownfields assessment grant. Clinton will focus assessment activities on the eastern section of the Liberty Square District, where property acquisition and roadway construction activities will occur as part of improvements to the U.S. Highway 30 and 67 Corridor. Grant funds will be used to prioritize sites in the area for assessment, perform Phase I assessments of priority sites, and conduct Phase II investigations as determined by Phase I results. Grant funds also will be used to involve affected communities in assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment 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 at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Clinton also 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.