



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

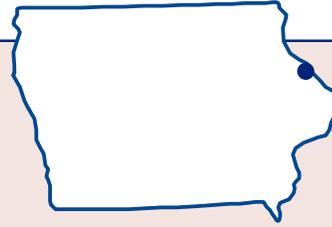
## *Dubuque, IA*

### 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 Dubuque was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Dubuque (population 57,686) is located on the Mississippi River in northeastern Iowa. The Port of Dubuque was for many years riddled with underused and abandoned industrial properties with a questionable environmental past. One such property, a former above-ground petroleum storage tank yard, is the focus of this cleanup grant. The project is located within low- to moderate-income downtown census tracts. Twenty-four percent of the residents in Census Tract 1 and nearly 33 percent in Tract 2 live below the poverty level. In recent years, the city has begun a major redevelopment project along the riverfront, transforming this blighted area into the



### Cleanup Grant

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*\$200,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of Dubuque for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up a petroleum plume that has contaminated soil and groundwater across several acres of prime riverfront development property adjoining the Mississippi River.

### 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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Grant Recipient: City of Dubuque, IA  
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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Dubuque has received brownfields funding for an assessment grant.

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

America's River Campus. Cleanup of the petroleum plume will enable the city to expand the Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark and create new recreational and entertainment attractions for community members and visitors.