



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

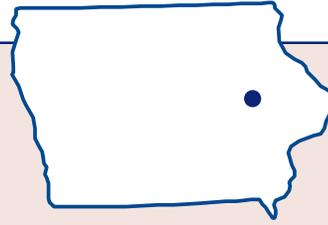
## Marion, IA

### 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 Marion was selected to receive an assessment grant. Marion is a small city (population 26,300), and 17 percent of families have incomes below the poverty level. The sites targeted for assessment are located within Marion's Central Corridor, the gateway to the city. The Central Corridor once was a vibrant railroad corridor providing economic opportunity and jobs for many residents. It is now characterized by inconsistent land uses, run-down buildings and residential dwellings, underused properties, and the presence of real or perceived contamination. Many industries once located in the Central Corridor have moved to other areas, adversely affecting the value of surrounding neighborhoods. Many segments of the community



### Assessment Grant

New  
2003

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

EPA has selected the City of Marion for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments of sites contaminated by hazardous substances and petroleum in the city's Central Corridor. Potential sites include abandoned railroad facilities, old industrial facilities, and auto salvaging yards. The city also will use grant funds to conduct community outreach.

### 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 grant funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Marion has not received brownfields grant funding.

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

came together to chart a new course for the corridor, including development of the Central Corridor Revitalization Plan.