



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

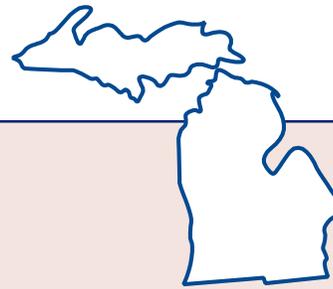
## *Michigan Department of Environmental Quality*

### **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 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was selected to receive a revolving loan fund grant. The state, with a population of almost 10 million, has a number of designated Enterprise Communities, Renewal Communities, and an Empowerment Zone. Decades of industry and manufacturing have left many properties degraded and contaminated with heavy metals and other hazardous substances. Brownfields problems are spread throughout the towns and villages of Michigan, many resulting from the secondary manufacturing processes of the state's larger industries. Target communities in the state's existing revolving loan program include many small, rural



### **Revolving Loan Fund Grant**



*\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Department of Environmental Quality will provide loans and subgrants to conduct cleanup activities. These funds will target small and economically distressed communities similar to the 18 communities that are part of the existing Michigan Revitalization Revolving Loan program.

### **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 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 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.

communities, such as Pinconning and Ishpeming. Many of these communities have unemployment rates of 10 to 15 percent. Michigan's existing revolving loan program has leveraged an estimated \$67 million in private investment and created 252 new jobs. The additional \$1 million is expected to leverage \$12.4 million and could create 46 new jobs.