



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Dayton, OH

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, the President 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 Dayton was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Dayton (population 166,179) was once a thriving manufacturing community. As manufacturing jobs were eliminated, the downtown area fell into disuse and disrepair. The current unemployment rate of city residents is 10.1 percent, approximately 23 percent of city households live below the poverty level, and 25 percent of residents never completed high school. Forty-seven percent of the city's population is made up of minorities, and 51 percent of the downtown target area population of 2,040 is African-American. The targeted parcels are part of a former industrial site that is associated with the largest brownfields redevelopment



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Dayton for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach, perform property-specific risk assessments, and conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments and remediation planning at up to four parcels of a former industrial site in downtown Dayton. Funding will also support an ecological risk assessment of the Mad River.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields website at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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

project in Dayton. Assessment of the parcels will enhance the eventual redevelopment of the entire project area and help set the stage for private investment and new employment opportunities for Dayton's citizens.