



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

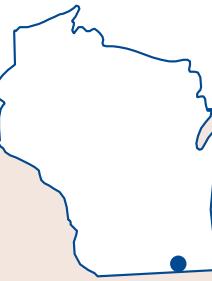
Delavan, WI

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 Delavan (population 7,956) was selected to receive five brownfields cleanup grants. The five target properties are all part of the Ann Street Brownfield Railroad Corridor, a four-block, approximately 14-acre corridor of light industrial/commercial properties in a mixed-use area within one-quarter of a mile of historic downtown Delavan. The corridor is considered low- to moderate-income and has become a stable residential area for much of the city's Hispanic population. Twenty-five percent of the residents in the surrounding neighborhood (population 1,077) are Hispanic. More than 16 percent are low-income. Over the years, the rail corridor housed a variety of manufacturing operations, bulk oil storage firms, auto paint



Cleanup Grants



\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Delavan for five brownfields cleanup grants. The cleanup grants will be used to clean up groundwater and soil contamination, involving chlorinated solvents, aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals, at five properties (725, 829, 915, and 917 Ann Street and 231 South Seventh Street), reflecting five separate cleanup grants, in the Ann Street Brownfield Railroad Corridor.

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.

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Grant Recipient: Delavan, WI

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

and salvage facilities, consumer cooperatives handling creosote, grain, and chemicals, and a rail yard depot, fueling and storage area. These operations have left behind contaminated, blighted properties that pose a health and safety threat to the community. Redevelopment plans for the area include a mix of high-density land uses, including commercial, retail, residential, and greenspace. Preliminary assessments indicate that the tax base within this corridor would increase at least \$250,000 if the blight were removed.