



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Dickinson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, MI*

### 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 Dickinson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has been selected for a brownfields assessment grant. Dickinson is a rural county in the south-central region of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Approximately 9.1 percent of the county's 27,472 residents live in poverty, with an average per capita income of \$18,516. The current unemployment rate is 6.1 percent. Historically, industry in Dickinson County has centered around logging, mining, and light manufacturing. Mining ceased in the 1980s, which left the



### Assessment Grant

New  
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Dickinson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to inventory brownfield properties in the ten communities of Dickinson County, and to perform Phase I and II assessments at priority sites identified through the inventory. Funds also will be used for community outreach and education, and for redevelopment planning.

### 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](http://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.

economy dependent on the forest-products industry and light manufacturing. The county is scarred with more than 80 identified mine properties, and methane emissions from past industrial waste disposal practices. Grant funds will enhance the county's ability to stimulate redevelopment of underutilized properties, thereby avoiding development of greenspace.