



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

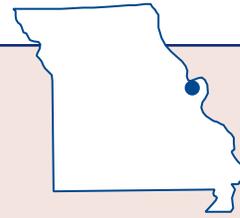
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

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 Missouri Department of Natural Resources was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Over the past three years, Missouri has led the nation in job loss. Smaller communities throughout the state have been hard hit by economic recession, the loss of jobs, and the effects of floods and natural disasters throughout the last decade. The grant targets six smaller cities in suburban and rural areas—Booneville, Fulton, Hazelwood, Hermann, Pacific, and Pagedale. The target cities have populations ranging from 2,674 to 26,200 and poverty rates that range from 6.3 percent in suburban Hazelwood to 29.5 percent in Pagedale. The six communities depend upon a diverse mixture of tourism, educational institutions,



Assessment Grant



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

EPA has selected the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances funds will be used to inventory potential sites and conduct assessments necessary to defining appropriate cleanup levels at brownfields sites in Booneville, Fulton, Hazelwood, Hermann, and Pacific. These sites include abandoned brick and automotive factories, and a railroad yard. Petroleum funds will be used to complete an inventory, and conduct preliminary assessments of at least 26 locations that have or once had underground storage tanks (former gas stations) in Pagedale, a small suburb of St. Louis.

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

and industry. Several are in federally designated Empowerment Zones or are designated as Enterprise Communities or Renewal Communities. Some of the suburban areas have potential environmental justice issues. Redeveloping brownfields is expected not only to improve the environment and strengthen the target cities economically, but also to help restore the original character and pride in these communities and surrounding areas.