



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## *New Albany, IN*

### 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 New Albany was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. New Albany (population 37,603) is located in Floyd County just across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky. The target area, the Scribner Place Project, is in a blighted commercial district of downtown New Albany, once the center of the city's commercial activities. The commercial uses of the six target parcels included machine shops, boiler manufacturers, foundries, coal yards, and freight and passenger train services. The combined population of the four census tracts surrounding the project area is 8,973. The poverty rate in this community is 27.7 percent, nearly double the 14 percent rate of the city. Almost 57 percent are considered low- to moderate-income, and 22 percent are disabled. Development



### Cleanup Grants

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\$382,765 for hazardous substances  
\$17,235 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of New Albany to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances funds will be used to clean up soils contaminated with heavy metals and poly-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) on six contiguous parcels comprising a portion of the Scribner Place Project. Five of the parcels are located south of Main Street between 1st Street and the alley between Bank and East 3rd Streets, and the sixth parcel is on West Main Street. Petroleum funds will be used to clean up a portion of the Dierking property on West Main Street, once occupied by an abandoned tire and auto service business. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

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

plans for the Scribner Place Project include a YMCA, a natatorium, a plaza, a 100-room hotel, and an 80-unit condominium or apartment complex. This project also includes a pedestrian plaza that will link East Main Street to the Ohio River Greenway, connecting New Albany with its neighbor.