



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

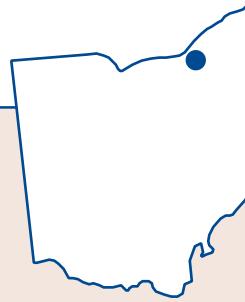
## *Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, Parma, OH*

### 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 Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Most of the City of Parma's 85,655 residents are elderly, blue-collar working families, or young families with children. Waste escaping from the targeted landfill site poses a risk to recreational users of the West Creek Preserve. In addition, it is interfering with extensive restoration plans for the entire watershed to become a 400-acre preserve. Preservation and restoration of the West Creek Preserve is expected to improve local quality of life, enhance property values,



### Assessment Grant

New  
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to assess the presence of hazardous materials at a former landfill and unregulated solid waste disposal site in the City of Parma in Cuyahoga County. The funds will be used for a topographic survey, geotechnical assessment, Phase I and II site assessments, site permitting, and community outreach 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.

retain residents and businesses, and reduce out-migration.