



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Cleveland Heights, 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, President George W. Bush 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 Cleveland Heights was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Cleveland Heights (population 50,769) is a first-ring suburb of Cleveland composed mostly of residential neighborhoods and retail and service-oriented commercial businesses. These businesses have supported the local economy since the 1930s. Since 1990, the city has experienced a 6.1 percent decline in its population. At the same time, the number of individuals living in poverty has increased significantly. The city is looking for ways to rejuvenate its social and economic health while retaining existing businesses and residents. Cleanup of the target sites along the Cedar-Lee Special Improvement District will remove a blight that divides the two ends



Cleanup Grants

New
2005

\$400,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Cleveland Heights for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to excavate and dispose of petroleum-contaminated soils, and install vapor barriers at the Domain on Lee-North site at 2223 Lee Road and the Domain on Lee-South site at 2231 Lee Road. Both sites are former service stations. Funds also will be used to remove and close five monitoring wells at the North site.

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.

of the district and limits foot-traffic in the retail district. The city plans to redevelop the sites with a 46-unit condominium complex, 18,000 square feet of new storefronts, and a 300-car parking garage. These improvements are designed to maintain existing residents and businesses, attract new ones, and spur further development along Lee Road.