



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Clinton, IA

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 Clinton was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Clinton (population 27,772) was founded in the early 1800s as a port city along the Mississippi River. The city was originally a major lumber producing center. Later its economy was based on transportation, trading, manufacturing, and retail. With the decline of the railroads, the economy of the city, located in one of the most fertile regions of the country, turned to agricultural businesses. Today, the smoke stacks and the air emissions from these industries characterize Clinton's skyline. Many of these sites are in the Liberty Square brownfields project area, home to a large number of low-income and minority residents. Over the past decade, the area's population has declined by more than 18 percent while the minority



Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the City of Clinton for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances funds will be used to conduct community outreach and health monitoring activities, perform up to 60 Phase I and a select number of Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop cleanup plans for several lots located in the Liberty Square brownfields project area. The area contains five hazardous waste generators, five non-petroleum spill sites, a solid waste processing facility, and an air emissions contaminant source. Petroleum funds will be used to perform the same tasks at above and underground storage tank and spill sites in the Liberty Square brownfields project area. Phase I site assessments in the area have revealed widespread soil and groundwater contamination.

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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<http://www.epa.gov/Region7/citizens/brownfields/index.htm>

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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.

population and the number of housing vacancies have increased. Residents of the project area are burdened with a high proportion of environmental and safety hazards. Assessment and cleanup of these brownfields

sites will help reduce the risk of exposure for area residents. The city plans to create a greenspace strip along the south side of the project area to buffer Liberty Square from the industrial area to the south. Liberty Square will serve as a transition zone between the industrial area to the south and the residential neighborhood to the north.