



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## Elyria, 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 Elyria was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Elyria (population 55,853) typically exceeds the state and national unemployment and poverty rates, and trails behind the state and nation in median household income. The target area for assessment, the Black River Corridor, is the location of numerous underused and abandoned sites, including junk and salvage yards, marginally used industrial sites, and storage operations. They pose a potential threat to human health and to the Black River watershed. The neighborhoods adjacent to the sites are typically the poorer neighborhoods in the city. Assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of the brownfields sites will help the city resolve the potential threats to



### Assessment Grant



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

EPA has selected the City of Elyria for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, perform two to four Phase I and two to three Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop one to two remedial action plans for sites adjacent to the Black River Corridor.

### 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, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

residents and the environment and improve the economic viability of the impacted neighborhoods. Reclamation of the brownfields properties is expected to increase greenspace and recreational opportunities that will attract residents and visitors and act as a catalyst for the Black River Corridor Redevelopment Plan.