



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Findlay, 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 Findlay was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Within the city (population 38,967), the target area is the River District. Substantial amounts of industrial space that compose many of the city's brownfields have been left behind by industry for the city to address. The majority of these idle industrial facilities and the city's largest brownfields are located within the more impoverished areas of the city. The Findlay River Corridor contains the largest brownfields in the city, as well as a disproportionate number of low- or moderate-income residents. The location of brownfields in the corridor, in particular, poses an imminent threat to the Blanchard River. The city hopes to revitalize the river corridor by



Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the City of Findlay for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances funds will be used to conduct ten Phase I and two to three Phase II site assessments in the Findlay River District. Grant funds also will be used to create a brownfields inventory, plan cleanup actions, and support community outreach activities. Petroleum funds will be used to perform the same tasks at petroleum-contaminated sites.

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.

using redevelopment opportunities to introduce mixed land use developments that satisfy the needs of the neighborhood. The area has been mentioned as a potential site for a new Findlay-Hancock Public Library, and properties developed by the University of Findlay, including the training facility for the Center for Environmental Excellence. Brownfields redevelopment will increase tax revenue, create more and diverse employment