



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

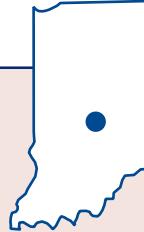
Indianapolis, IN

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 Indianapolis was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The difference between the population of Indianapolis (791,926) and the city's Metropolitan Statistical Area (1.6 million) demonstrates one of the city's largest challenges, a growing population dispersed throughout the suburbs and an erosion of the city's urban core. As a result, the city has numerous abandoned and neglected properties. Although there is renewed economic interest in downtown Indianapolis, redevelopment in the central core is inhibited by the many long-neglected contaminated properties that require environmental site assessments. The city and community groups have identified three areas replete with underused and potentially contami-



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Indianapolis for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to supplement the current volunteer-based inventory of brownfields sites, conduct Phase I and II site assessments, and perform human health and risk assessments in three areas within the inner city: the Fall Creek Place neighborhood, LaSalle Park area, and Monon Trail Greenway corridor. Funds also will be used to support 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.

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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.

nated sites: the Fall Creek Place neighborhood, LaSalle Park area, and Monon Trail Greenway corridor. Each of these areas is within the Central Township, the inner core of Indianapolis. Forty-six percent of Central Township residents are minorities, and more than 24 percent live in poverty. Assessment of sites in these inner city neighborhoods will enable the expansion of LaSalle Park, including new basketball courts, an additional soccer field, and the revitalization of nearby properties. These assessments also represent the first step toward converting several properties along the city's greenway to productive reuse.