



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

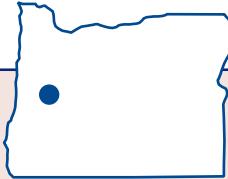
Lane County, OR

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

Lane County was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Most of Lane County's (population 329,400) rural communities are considered economically depressed by the State Economic and Community Development Department. For a long time, the county depended on the wood products industry for employment. With the decline in the timber industry over the last several years, the county has experienced higher than average unemployment rates. The county also is faced with 142 unresolved leaking underground storage tanks that have had a significant effect on property values and discouraged redevelopment. Cleanup of the McVay Highway property will reduce the risk of groundwater contamination to area residents and allow



Cleanup Grant

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\$197,520 for petroleum

EPA has selected Lane County for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to develop plans and install a dual-phased (vapor and groundwater) remediation system and groundwater monitoring wells at the McVay Highway property, the site of a former gas station. Funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities. Although all five underground storage tanks (USTs) on the property were decommissioned and removed by the previous owner, site assessments revealed groundwater contaminated with hydrocarbons near and downgradient from the removed USTs.

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.

the county to proceed with the plans to develop a biodiesel fueling station at the site. The county's partner in this development, SeQuential Biofuels (SB), will also use the site as a base for its operations in the county. This redevelopment is expected to bring jobs to the local community and help reduce dependence on petroleum-based products in the area.