



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

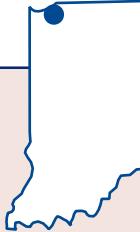
## *Michigan City, IN*

### 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 Michigan City was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Approximately 10.4 percent of families and 13.3 percent of the city's 32,900 residents have annual incomes below the poverty level. In addition, 7.3 percent of the labor force is unemployed. The area targeted for redevelopment is the Trail Creek Waterfront Redevelopment Area, which includes abandoned and underutilized former manufacturing and commercial sites. Plans for the Trail Creek Waterfront Redevelopment Area include the creation of parks, walkways, and public spaces; the expansion of the municipal marina; and the potential development of a mixed-use commercial and entertainment center. Redeveloping abandoned former industrial sites in the



### Cleanup Grant

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

EPA has selected the City of Michigan City for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to plan and implement cleanup of the Benz Enterprises LLC Boat Storage facility, which lies within the Trail Creek Waterfront Redevelopment Area. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. The 0.7-acre property was part of a larger parcel used from 1921 to 1976 for the manufacture of power plant and scientific instruments. The site later was used for boat engine repair and maintenance activities. Site soils and groundwater are contaminated with metals, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and chlorinated solvents.

### 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.

target area will create jobs, increase tourism, remove blight, improve the health of the community, and remove the potential for continued pollution of Trail Creek.