



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Sandusky, 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 Sandusky was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Sandusky serves as the seat of government for Erie County and has a population of 27,030. The second largest land use in Sandusky is vacant brownfields and underutilized land. There are currently an estimated 372 acres of vacant industrial properties and possible brownfield sites in the city. They threaten the purity of ground water, which the city relies on for its entire water supply, and pose ecological impacts on Lake Erie. In addition, the city, which has an unusually high poverty concentration, is home to more than 65 percent of Erie County residents who live below the poverty level. The average household median income in Sandusky is also lower than the



Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the City of Sandusky for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances funds will be used to conduct 15 to 20 Phase I site assessments and two to three Phase II site assessments, and complete remedial planning and design. Funds also will be used to conduct community involvement and 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.

state average. Brownfields redevelopment will provide public access to the waterfront, and a pedestrian and bicycle trail through the city. This redevelopment also will eliminate risks to human health and the environment, address environmental justice issues, increase the local tax base, generate jobs, and create greenspace.