



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

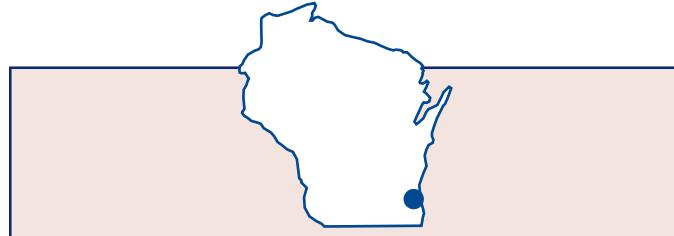
West Allis Community Development Authority, WI

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 West Allis Community Development Authority was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. West Allis (population 61,254) is an older first-ring industrial suburb of the City of Milwaukee. For most of its history, it served as a center of heavy manufacturing. During the recession of the early 1980s, several of the large manufacturers in the community permanently closed. As a result, over 8,200 manufacturing jobs were lost, the city's population declined by more than 10,000, and the average wage declined by 25 percent. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has identified more than 500



Cleanup Grants

New
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\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the West Allis Community Development Authority for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to facilitate community involvement, develop a remedial action plan, and conduct site remediation activities at the eight-acre Pressed Steel Tank site at 1445 South 66th Street. From 1906 until recently, the plant operated continuously as a pressure vessel and tank manufacturing facility. Grant funds also will be used to perform the same tasks at the Novak Lime Pit site located at 1960 South 67th Place. This 11.6-acre former carbide gas manufacturing facility is surrounded on three sides by a predominantly residential neighborhood. The bulk of the soil and groundwater contaminants on site are widely distributed polyaromatic hydrocarbons.

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.

contaminated sites within West Allis. The target areas, including the West Allis Historical Industrial Corridor and the 60th and Burnham area, contain numerous brownfields properties surrounded by low-to-moderate

income neighborhoods. Cleanup and redevelopment of these properties will help the city eliminate hazardous conditions, stabilize its distressed neighborhoods, and reposition the West Allis area to be competitive in the 21st Century.