



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

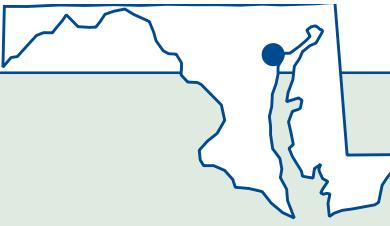
Baltimore, MD

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders 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 Baltimore was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The largest city in Maryland, Baltimore (population of 651,154), was industrialized in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. Industries were surrounded by densely developed residential neighborhoods that supplied the labor force. Abandoned brownfields are now blighting Baltimore's neighborhoods. Baltimore's population decreased 11.5 percent from 1990 to 2000, and the per capita income is only 66 percent of the state average. Approximately 64 percent of residents are African-American. There are at least 56 brownfields in the city, ranging from 1,016 to 2,400 acres. The cleanup site is in the Brooklyn-Fairfield neighborhood, where the per capita income is 57 percent of the state average, and 21.8 percent of residents live below the poverty level.



Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Baltimore for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 8.7-acre 101 West Garrett Street site, which is contaminated with volatile organic compounds, semivolatile organic compounds, PCBs, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, metals, and pesticides. The site has been used as a junkyard, used car sales lot, and automobile repair facility. Grant funds will be used to excavate and dispose of contaminated soil, construct a passive methane vapor system or vapor barrier, implement engineering and institutional controls, and conduct 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.

The cleaned up sites will be used for residential, commercial, and light industrial purposes. Brownfields redevelopment will create jobs, increase tax revenues, and stop sprawl development.