



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

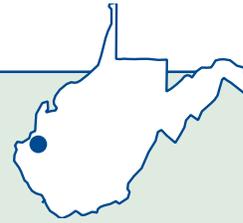
Barboursville, WV

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 Village of Barboursville was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Barboursville (population 3,183) is located in the Huntington-Ashland metro area in western central West Virginia, near the state's boundary with Ohio and Kentucky. This once agricultural community quickly grew and prospered as a manufacturing town, with mills, tanneries, and furniture factories. When the manufacturing facilities closed, the area's economy declined. Higher-paying manufacturing jobs that supported the community were replaced with minimum- to low-wage jobs in the retail sector. Many of these jobs do not provide health insurance or the opportunity for advancement. The community has been left with a legacy of vacant and underutilized facilities, including former brick-making facilities and landfills, that are likely contaminated



Cleanup Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Village of Barboursville for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, and clean up and develop reuse plans for the approximately 20-acre former Barboursville Brickyard on Peyton Street. Cleanup will include removal of impacted media, installation of engineering controls, and implementation of land use and groundwater restrictions. Soil and groundwater at the site are contaminated with petroleum products and hazardous substances as a result of 75 years of brick manufacturing at the now mostly vacant property.

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.

with hazardous substances. Cleanup of the village's brownfields will help reduce public health and safety hazards and eliminate the blight associated with the sites. Redevelopment of the properties is expected to increase the tax base, promote healthy living and investment in the community, and foster collaboration among residents, businesses, and private and governmental organizations. The village plans to redevelop the former Barboursville Brickyard site into multi-

family housing and a small mixed-use park. Successful reuse of this site is expected to spur additional cleanup and reuse of brownfields around the community.