



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, Cleveland, OH*

### 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 Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in northeastern Ohio, the Cuyahoga SWCD serves the City of Cleveland (population 478,403). Cuyahoga County is home to approximately 14,000 potential brownfields. Many of these former industrial sites are believed to be responsible for some of the contaminated sediments found in the Cuyahoga River that are dredged and placed into



### Assessment Grant

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

EPA has selected the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments of the Dike 14 Nature Preserve site along the southern shore of Lake Erie in Cleveland. The site is contaminated with volatile organic compounds, metals, and ten different polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. Grant funds also will be used to conduct a risk assessment, develop cleanup plans, and implement community involvement 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](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.

confined disposal facilities. The city is targeting the Dike 14 Nature Preserve site, used between 1979 and 1999 as a confined disposal facility, for assessment. A 1997 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers analysis of sediment samples indicated the presence of volatile organic compounds, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals in the sediments. Dike 14 borders a federally designated Empowerment Zone. The neighborhood surrounding the site is a densely populated, urban, working-class community. More than 50 schools are

within close proximity to the site. Brownfields assessment and redevelopment is expected to allow the Cuyahoga SWCD to address environmental, health, and safety concerns in the area, and preserve the site to continue to provide a natural area that will allow wildlife to flourish and Cleveland residents and visitors to enjoy additional greenspace for recreation and environmental educational programs.