



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

## Genesee County Land Bank Authority, MI

### 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 Genesee County Land Bank Authority was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants and a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in the eastern part of Michigan, Genesee County (population 443,947) includes the cities of Flint and Mt. Morris, which are federally designated Enterprise Communities and Renewal Communities. Flint was the birthplace of General Motors, but 80 percent of its high-wage jobs have been lost since 1970 and the population has dropped by 73,000. Both Flint and Genesee County have unemployment rates higher than the



### Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the Genesee County Land Bank Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to complete an inventory and database of potential sites, and conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used for cleanup planning and community outreach activities. Petroleum funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

### Cleanup Grant



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

EPA has selected the Genesee County Land Bank Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the four-acre Spring Grove site at the 500 block of Ann Arbor Street and 600 block of West 2nd Street. Past uses of the site include a feed and flour mill, coal storage site, junk yard, lumber warehouse, and concrete batch mixing plant. When the site is cleaned up, it will provide greenspace and public access to a planned trailway connecting to a regional bike trail system.

### 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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national and state average. Several communities in Genesee County have poverty rates higher than the state average, and 26.4 percent of the population in Flint lives below the poverty level. The area contains approximately 9,000 brownfields, which have contributed to the county's financial hardship. Once the brownfields are assessed and eventually cleaned up, they will become part of a strategy to create parks, open space, and mixed-use developments that will fuel a new market for housing and commercial development. Brownfields redevelopment will increase the local tax base, generate jobs, create greenspace and trails, and revitalize neighborhoods.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.