



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Lincoln Heights Community Improvement Corporation, 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 Lincoln Heights Community Improvement Corporation was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Lincoln Heights Community Improvement Corporation is a non-profit development company formed by the Village of Lincoln Heights to implement a community-wide Revitalization Strategy and Urban Renewal Plan. The Village of Lincoln Heights (population 4,113), a first-tier suburb of Cincinnati, is a federally designated Enterprise Zone



Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Lincoln Heights Community Improvement Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to excavate and dispose of approximately 1,750 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the Anthony Wayne Industrial Park site at 617 Wayne Avenue. The property is contaminated primarily with benzo(a)pyrene as a result of emplacement fill and asphalt plant operations on the fill area. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities and prepare cleanup plans.

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.

and a historically African-American community. The median household income is less than one-half of the county median. Fifty-three percent of residents over the age of 16 are in the labor force, and 30 percent of the residents live below the poverty line. Because of the village's limited size, approximately one square mile, and its declining population, Lincoln Heights has difficulty in generating sufficient revenues to meet community needs. The only significant property available for commercial development is a vacant,

24.4-acre parcel in the Anthony Wayne Industrial Park. However, a portion of the parcel is contaminated with hazardous substances, primarily benzo(a)pyrene, a known carcinogen. Cleanup of the site, which involves removing the carcinogenic chemical of concern from the site, will address potential risks to human health and the local environment and allow the village to construct a new access road into the industrial park to facilitate commercial development. Redevelopment of this brownfields property is expected to attract businesses to the community, create 50 to 100 new jobs, and generate approximately \$100,000 in property and income taxes for Lincoln Heights.