



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

## Marinette, WI

### 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 Marinette was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in northeast Wisconsin along the Menominee River and the Green Bay, Marinette (population 11,749) is targeting older and blighted downtown areas for redevelopment, where some of the state's more economically depressed areas are located. This downtown area contains many former industrial and manufacturing sites that have been abandoned or are underutilized. The average per capita income of the residents in the proposed redevelopment area is \$15,699, only 73 percent of the national average. Shoreline and harbor areas along the Menominee River waterfront contain sediments contaminated by the area's long history of industrial operations. Redevelopment plans include commercial buildings, affordable housing, and office



### Assessment Grant



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

EPA has selected the City of Marinette for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform environmental site assessments throughout the city, and conduct community outreach.

### 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.

and retail space. Brownfields redevelopment is expected to return underutilized properties to more productive use, raise property values, elevate the local tax base, create jobs, remove blight and environmental health concerns, and help restore the Menominee River shoreline.