



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

North Chicago, IL

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 North Chicago was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The city has a population of 35,918, which includes Naval personnel and families stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Base. It has an industrial legacy that has left behind contaminated industrial sites close to commercial, retail, and residential areas, and at least 184 acres of brownfields. Subtracting the Naval Base population, 88 percent of North Chicago's residents are African-American or Hispanic, 12 percent of families live below the poverty level, and the unemployment rate is 11.1 percent. When the brownfields are cleaned up, they will become an incentive for property owners to remediate and redevelop the properties. Brownfields redevelopment will decrease pollution, increase jobs, expand retail choices and opportunities, relieve the tax burden



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of North Chicago for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the R. Lavin & Sons property at 2028 Sheridan Road, which is contaminated with cadmium, copper, zinc, and boron. The 18-acre site dates back to the early 1900s, primarily being used for the use, processing, and refining of heavy metal-laden ores. Funds also will be used for community outreach 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.

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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.

on residents, increase spending on city services and education, and improve the quality of life for all residents.