



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Anderson, IN

### 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 Anderson was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in east-central Indiana, Anderson (population 59,734) developed as a rail transportation hub in the mid-1800s with the arrival of the Indianapolis Bellefontaine Railroad. The city's population and economy exploded when manufacturers and other industrial and commercial operations opened. Over the years, as these industries closed, jobs were eliminated and the city's population declined dramatically. Today, 13.4 percent of residents live below the poverty level. More than 100 brownfields are scattered throughout the city, often located near residential neighborhoods, day care centers, parks, and senior housing facilities. Brownfields assessments will further the city's plans to



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Anderson for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to create an inventory of petroleum-contaminated brownfields, and conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used for 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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reuse priority sites as improved housing, parks, and new opportunities for business investment. Brownfields redevelopment will create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and reduce health and safety risks to area residents.