



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Elkhart, 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 Elkhart was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in northern Indiana, Elkhart (population 51,701) has a long history of manufacturing and industry, including the production of band instruments and recreational vehicles. Brownfields are mostly located in economically depressed areas of the city, surrounded by dense neighborhoods that could be affected by environmental hazards. The city is focusing its brownfields efforts on three redevelopment areas: the downtown-West Benham neighborhood, a former manufacturing area on the north side of the city, and a residential area in the central city. In these target areas, 42.5 percent of residents are minorities, and the median household income is significantly lower than the rest of the city



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Elkhart for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 15 to 20 Phase I, and eight to ten Phase II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used to create a brownfields inventory and conduct 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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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and county. When brownfields are assessed and eventually cleaned up, the city plans to create pedestrian plazas, retail centers, and greenspace. This redevelopment will remove blight, create jobs, and improve neighborhood conditions.