



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, MI

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 Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in south-central Michigan, Jackson (population 36,316) was once an industrial and commercial center in the region, drawing on the resources of the Grand River. Recent economic downturns have left abandoned, underused, and contaminated properties throughout the city. The city's poverty rate is 19.6 percent, and the average unemployment rate in 2006 was 10.3 percent. The state has identified 36 sites contaminated by hazardous substances, and 89 leaking underground



Assessment Grants

New
2007

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

EPA has selected the City of Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 12 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used for community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

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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storage tanks that are contaminated with petroleum in the city. Many of these sites are near the Grand River corridor and downtown areas. These brownfields pose potential threats to groundwater, the source of the city's drinking water supply. Brownfields assessment will leverage investment in the River Arts Walk project, an urban walking trail along the Grand River. Brownfields redevelopment will create jobs, increase the tax base, and reduce potential health threats.