



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Sandusky, OH

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 Sandusky was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located west of Cleveland on the shores of Lake Erie, Sandusky (population 27,030) has a long and prosperous heritage of industrial and commercial activity related to shipping and rail access. Many of the factories are closed, and there are now over 55 acres of abandoned industrial properties within the city. These closings resulted in economic distress and a loss of population. Median incomes of city residents are far below state and county averages, and over 15 percent of residents live in poverty. The city has successfully leveraged previous brownfields grants and state, local, and private resources to redevelop several key brownfields. To build on these successes, the city will target new assessment grant funds for the Eastern Waterfront



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the City of Sandusky for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to support community outreach, and conduct up to 15 Phase I and up to three Phase II environmental site assessments. 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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District and the Downtown Waterfront District. These districts are home to numerous brownfields and some of the city's most distressed neighborhoods. Redevelopment will help surrounding neighborhoods address environmental justice issues.