



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Springfield, 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 Springfield was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in west-central Ohio, Springfield (population 65,322) is a post-World War II industrial boom town that has experienced urban problems since local industries started closing. The 2002 closure of the former International Truck and Engine Corporation Lagonda Assembly Plant resulted in a \$2 million decrease in local income tax revenues. The neighborhood surrounding the cleanup site is one of Springfield's most distressed areas, where more than 75 percent of residents earn low or moderate incomes, and the area unemployment rate is 7.5 percent. Site cleanup will make the property available for use as a new industrial park, which will bring an estimated 250 new jobs to the area. Brownfields



### Cleanup Grant



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

EPA has selected the City of Springfield for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater at the 65-acre former International Truck and Engine Corporation Lagonda Assembly Plant site at 2069 Lagonda Avenue. The site, originally developed in 1880, was used for farm equipment manufacturing, foundry activities, woodworking, and parts painting. Grant funds also will be used to support 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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cleanup and redevelopment is expected to significantly increase the local tax base that, in turn, will benefit the city school system. Redevelopment plans include natural landscaping around Buck Creek, which will enable new recreational uses of the creek.