



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

*Tiffin, 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 Tiffin was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in northwest Ohio along the Sandusky River, Tiffin (population 18,604) is the county seat of Seneca County. Once a key stop in the area's rail transportation network, the decline of rail shipping and lack of major highways through the area have resulted in the loss of many major employers. A series of manufacturing facility closings began in the 1980s, including the closing of the Tiffin Glass Factory in 1984. In 2002, the city lost its flagship manufacturing facility, National Machinery. Closings and downsizing left derelict and potentially contaminated properties throughout the city. The community's population declined with every census since 1980. Assessment funding will enable the city to identify priority brownfields and determine the extent



## Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the City of Tiffin for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach, identify and prioritize brownfields, and conduct up to five Phase I and up to two 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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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of contamination at these sites. This will help the city leverage cleanup and redevelopment funding from public and private sources. Returning the city's brownfields to productive use will expand the local tax base, reduce pollution in the Sandusky River, and preserve greenspace.