



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

West Allis, WI

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 West Allis was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. West Allis (population 61,254) is a first-ring industrial suburb of Milwaukee. Since 1979, the city has experienced a loss of residents and thousands of manufacturing jobs, and a significant drop in the average wage. The unemployment rate in West Allis is consistently lower than Milwaukee's, and the area continues to lag behind in per capita income growth. At the same time, the city has been left with a large corridor of industrial properties that have experienced disinvestment, deterioration, and environmentally compromised conditions. At least 372 brownfields have been identified in the city. Many have impacted groundwater and area waterways. There are 35 leaking underground storage tanks, six abandoned gas stations, and six other petroleum sites in the



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the City of West Allis for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to five Phase I and three to five Phase II environmental site assessments in five targeted redevelopment areas. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct up to ten Phase I and three to five Phase II environmental site assessments in five targeted redevelopment areas. Funds from both grants also will be used for 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.

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city. The city is focusing its assessment efforts in five redevelopment areas within industrial corridors, residential neighborhoods, and commercial districts. Brownfields redevelopment will create new jobs, add to the tax base, and provide environmentally sustainable development.