



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

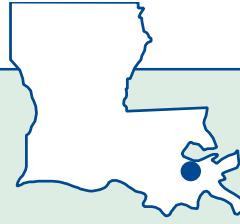
Progressive Church, Marrero, LA

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 Progressive Church was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in Jefferson Parish, Marrero (population 36,165) grew around industrial development along the Mississippi River. More than 16 percent of families and nearly 20 percent of individuals in Marrero live below the poverty level. The city's per capita and median household incomes are below the national averages. Many potential brownfield sites are located throughout the community, especially along 4th Street, which parallels the Mississippi River. The targeted site has been vacant since 2005. Site cleanup will reduce a significant health hazard to the neighboring residential and



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Progressive Church for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the approximately 18-acre Progressive Church site located at 6539 4th Street in Marrero. The site was used as a junkyard. Site soil is contaminated with inorganic hazardous substances. 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.

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commercial areas. Cleanup will allow redevelopment of the site into a Family Life Center, a school and day care facility, and an affordable senior housing center. These facilities are expected to create 150 new jobs, with an emphasis on job training and advancement. Redevelopment is also expected to increase surrounding property values and catalyze community revitalization.