



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

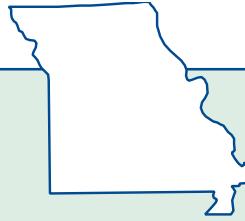
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

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 Missouri Department of Natural Resources was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. The natural resources and geography of Missouri (population 5,595,211) have helped define its industrial history. Rolling hills in the state's central region provided high quality clay for brick manufacturing and grazing land for cattle. More than a century of mining and smelting has depleted the state's mineral deposits and left behind potentially contaminated land and mounds of discarded dust and rock. Most of the state's refractory brick manufacturing plants have closed due to a decline in the steel industry and competition from abroad. Rural areas have been hardest hit by these changes, losing 36 percent of their population over the 20th Century. Suburban ring communities surrounding



Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 30 Phase I and nine Phase II environmental site assessments, primarily in rural towns and suburban ring communities throughout the state. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks for 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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the state's largest cities have experienced high unemployment rates, declining median household incomes, and surging poverty rates. The state has been left with numerous abandoned and underused properties, many of which are next to vulnerable water sources. Assessment of brownfields will help the targeted smaller communities address the potential health risks related to the properties and remove the blight that discourages redevelopment.