



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## *City and County of Denver, CO*

### 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 and County of Denver was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The City and County of Denver (population 544,116) is targeting the 10th and Osage Street site for brownfields cleanup. The site is located in the La Alma/Lincoln Park neighborhood. More than 80 percent of residents in three of the four census tracts in this neighborhood are minorities. Neighborhood poverty rates range from 23.5 to 51.8 percent, compared to the citywide rate of 14.3 percent. The 10th and Osage Street site is adjacent to 270 affordable housing units owned by the Denver Housing Authority and a light rail station. It is viewed as an underused eyesore that poses a potential

### Cleanup Grant



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

EPA has selected the City and County of Denver for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 2.5-acre 10th and Osage Street site located next to the 10th and Osage Light Rail Station. The site is contaminated with arsenic and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from former railroad operations.

### 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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health threat to area residents. Cleanup of the site will allow Denver to move forward with plans to create a transit-oriented development center in this low-income neighborhood. Brownfields redevelopment is expected to increase economic activity in the La Alma/Lincoln Park neighborhood, bringing new jobs to the community and increasing the tax base.