



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

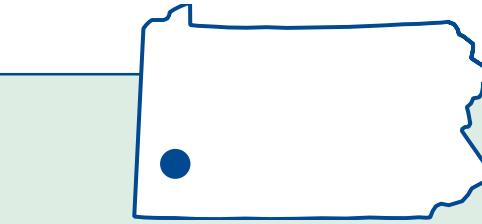
## *North Side Industrial Development Co., Allegheny County, PA*

### 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 this 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

North Side Industrial Development Co. (NSIDC) was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located near Pittsburgh in southwestern Pennsylvania, NSIDC is focusing its brownfields efforts on the Boroughs of McKees Rocks, Coraopolis, Carnegie, and Bridgeville and Stowe Township (combined population 33,189), communities within the Chartiers Creek watershed. Rail and steel-related industries, which grew rapidly along major rivers in the early 1900s, were affected by major flooding in 1936. Additional flooding and disinvestment since then have contributed to a 35 percent loss in population in the five municipalities. Unemployment in these communities is



### Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the North Side Industrial Development Co. for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to develop a brownfields inventory and perform five Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 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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nearly double the rates of surrounding areas. These older industrial suburbs have one of the best highway transportation systems in the region. Nevertheless, they have difficulties attracting private investment because of the large number of brownfields, especially in the riverfront area. Assessments are expected to encourage the transformation of these properties into community assets by motivating property owners to expedite redevelopment.