



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Goshen, IN

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

The City of Goshen was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in north-central Indiana, Goshen (population 29,700) has a long manufacturing history that has left a legacy of contaminated, abandoned, and underused industrial buildings. Brownfields inventory efforts have identified at least 100 sites in the city. The Goshen Street Department/ former Rieth-Riley Construction Company property is located in the Millrace Canal Redevelopment Area, the center of the city's earliest industrial development. A hydroelectric plant located in the canal supplied power for early major industrial facilities. The canal also likely provided a convenient location for disposal of industrial waste. An estimated one third of residents in the target area are minorities. Cleanup of the site will help reduce the potential threat of exposure to contamination and



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Goshen for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 6.7-acre Goshen Street Department/former Rieth-Riley Construction Company property at 311 Madison Street. Since the 1860s, the site has been used as a saw mill, lumber storage yard, and construction equipment storage facility. It is currently used as a vehicle maintenance and materials site for the Goshen Street Department. Site soil and groundwater are contaminated with metals and other contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach 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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serve as a catalyst for rehabilitating homes in surrounding neighborhoods. Plans call for redeveloping the site with housing, and providing recreational and transportation opportunities for the community.