



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Jackson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, MI

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 Jackson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in southern Michigan, Jackson County (population 158,422) is comprised of one city, 19 townships, and seven villages. It has been an industrial community since the mid-1800s, serving as a major railway hub and home to many automobile manufacturers. Today, none of the auto manufacturers remain in Jackson County, and many other manufacturers have left. The county's unemployment rate is eight



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the Jackson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform about 12 Phase I and eight 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.

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percent, and 14.8 percent of residents live below the poverty level. Many of the county's 100 brownfields, including those in a target community near the county airport, are near low-income populations. Brownfields have discouraged investment and had a negative effect on property values. Assessment of brownfields is expected to clarify the extent of contamination and leverage investment in redevelopment at sites throughout the county.