



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet *Macomb County, 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

Macomb County was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in southeastern Michigan, Macomb County (population 832,861) was once an agricultural center, but the automotive industry in neighboring Detroit eventually dominated the county's economy. Today, its economy is at its weakest point in many years. More than 11,000 county jobs were lost between 1999 and 2002, and the county's unemployment rate is 8.3 percent. Some communities have poverty rates higher than 13 percent. The loss of manufacturing jobs has had a devastating effect on the older neighborhoods of southern Macomb County, where hundreds of properties have been underused due to bankruptcy. The county plans to make assessment of brownfields part of its economic



## Assessment Grants

New  
2008

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

EPA has selected Macomb County for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform up to 10 Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform 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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recovery strategy to attract new jobs. Assessments will help to dispel some of the uncertainties involved in redeveloping brownfields.