



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

## Wyoming, 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 City of Wyoming was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Wyoming (population 69,368) is located on the southwest side of the City of Grand Rapids. Since the mid-19th Century, manufacturing has been the city's economic backbone. In recent years, the decline in manufacturing operations in the region has resulted in vacant factories, closed industries, and job losses. There also has been a decrease in overall economic activity, reduction of the tax base, and creation of numerous brownfields throughout the city's industrial area. Wyoming is facing the challenge of revitalizing this portion of the city. Brownfields assessment is expected to help make the sites more marketable and expedite redevelopment.



### Assessment Grant

New  
2008

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

EPA has selected the City of Wyoming for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, a site inventory, and 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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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