



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Elmore, OH

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 Village of Elmore was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in northern Ohio, Elmore (population 1,426) lies in a rural area of the primarily agricultural Ottawa County. The targeted former Hunt's Sohio Gasoline Service Station operated from 1978 through 1994. Limited services, including vehicle oil changes and tire repair, were provided at the site until 2005. Although the four underground gasoline tanks at the site were emptied and the service island pumps removed in 1994, the tanks remain on the property. Limited sampling around the tanks has indicated that petroleum releases had occurred at the site. The dilapidated service station, located at the north end of the village, is one of the first sights seen by visitors entering the city from that direction. The site poses risks to human health and the environment and



Assessment Grant

\$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Village of Elmore for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments of the former Hunt's Sohio Gasoline Service Station at 408 Rice Street. There are four underground storage tanks at the site that have been out of service for about 13 years. 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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detracts from other nearby revitalization efforts. Assessment of the site is expected to provide the village with information about the extent of contamination at the property and facilitate cleanup activities.