



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Painesville, 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 City of Painesville was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located between Cleveland and Ashtabula, Painesville (population 17,789) was established in 1805 and grew quickly. The growth was fueled by two railroad lines that ran through the city and turned Painesville into an economic center. Today, the city contains at least 15 idle brownfields that encompass almost 60 acres of land and are the remains of a once thriving industrial community. Brownfields located along the Grand River corridor have degraded the quality of the river and its aquatic life. Floods that devastated the city in 2006 contributed to environmental concerns. Painesville anticipates another setback when a local hospital will close in 2009, taking 1,076 jobs out of the city and leaving behind a large, vacant building. Sixteen percent



Assessment Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Painesville for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct three to five Phase I and two to four Phase II environmental site assessments and to support community involvement 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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of city residents live below the poverty level, and the per capita income is \$15,391. Brownfields assessments are expected to clarify potential environmental issues at sites and catalyze redevelopment.