



Brownfields Assessment Pilots

Clackamas County, OR

BACKGROUND

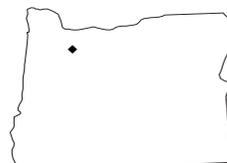
EPA has selected Clackamas County for a Brownfields Assessment Pilot. Clackamas County (population 345,150) is one of three counties in the Portland Metropolitan Region of northwest Oregon. Nearly 13 percent of the land is urban, one-third is National Forest land, and the remainder is rural. The county is losing businesses and jobs to neighboring counties due to a shortage of industrial land to meet its needs. As a result, the county's economic base and the quality of life of its residents has declined. Since 1990, the population of Clackamas County has grown 18.6 percent, but 52 percent of the workforce commutes outside of the county for employment.

The county has developed a preliminary inventory of 109 candidate brownfield sites using state and county records as well as professional contacts. The focus area of this Pilot is the area within the county's Urban Growth Boundary. This area has the necessary infrastructure and offers the greatest opportunity for economic redevelopment and revitalization. Approximately 7 percent of the county residents live below the poverty level, and 6.4 percent are unemployed.

OBJECTIVES

The county's primary objective is to stimulate the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields in order to reuse the county's industrial land area. The Pilot hopes to accomplish this objective by performing environmental site assessments at strategic brownfields that have already been inventoried and prioritized, and conducting community outreach to keep the public informed of Pilot activities. The county's goal is to collaboratively redevelop strategic brownfield sites. The Pilot will be the focal point for economic diversification and revitalization that will help the county to create more jobs, increase property values, and reduce blight and health hazards for its citizens.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



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May 2002

Amount: \$ 200,000

Profile: The Pilot is targeting brownfields within the county's Urban Growth Boundary for outreach and site assessment activities to stimulate the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields.

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Visit the EPA Region 10 Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth>, click on "Superfund",
scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
www.epa.gov/brownfields

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting outreach to the public and property owners to inform them of resources and cleanup techniques;

- Providing technical assistance to up to 20 property owners, informing them of contamination issues, possible remediation strategies, funding sources, and next steps;
- Performing Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments for up to three priority brownfields; and
- Preparing an integrated plan for remediation and redevelopment for at least one site.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.