



# Brownfields Assessment Pilots

## City of Dubuque, IA

### BACKGROUND

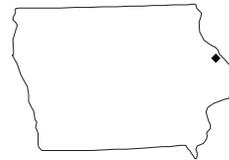
EPA has selected the City of Dubuque for a Brownfields Assessment Pilot. The city is located in an agricultural and dairy area of northeastern Iowa on the Mississippi River, a designated American Heritage River. Dubuque (population 57,687) has targeted several properties on 64 acres in the Port of Dubuque for this Brownfields Pilot. The city's riverfront has a long history of manufacturing and industrial use, and that pattern, though declining, continues today. Current and previous industrial uses, including food processing, farm machinery manufacturing, shipbuilding, bulk petroleum storage, and coal storage, have resulted in various degrees of subsurface soil contamination in portions of the target area. Because of the legacy of environmental problems in the city's old industrial areas, much of the city's growth has been in greenfields to the west.

Although no one lives in the target area, which is separated from residential neighborhoods by an expressway and railroad tracks, low- to moderate-income residents live within sight of the port. Minorities constitute about 4 percent of Dubuque's population. Dubuque's unemployment rate is 5 percent, per capita income is \$12,377, and 7.6 percent of families live below the poverty level.

### OBJECTIVES

The city's overall objective is to redevelop the entire Port of Dubuque into a new urban neighborhood, complete with tourist attractions and commercial and recreational complexes. The Pilot will help the city accomplish this objective by providing funds for assessing environmental conditions and planing response actions on properties not yet under city control. The city intends to gain control of many properties needed to redevelop the entire area. The majority of the Pilot funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments and develop cleanup plans and funding strategies for selected properties.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



City of Dubuque,  
Iowa

**Date of Announcement:**  
May 2002

**Amount:** \$ 200,000

**Profile:** The Pilot targets 64 acres in the Port of Dubuque for redevelopment into a riverfront commercial, recreational, and entertainment complex.

### Contacts:

City of Dubuque  
(563) 589-4393

Regional Brownfields Team  
U.S. EPA Region 7  
(913) 551-7988

Visit the EPA Region 7 Brownfields web site at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/region07/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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments on identified sites;
- Developing cleanup and reuse plans for the target area; and

- Conducting community involvement and outreach activities.

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