



Brownfields Assessment Pilots

Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, OH

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority for a Brownfields Assessment Pilot. The port authority has targeted brownfields sites in the City of East Toledo's waterfront Marina District. East Toledo (population 35,000) is an economically disadvantaged, predominantly African-American community situated on the eastern bank of the Maumee River in northwestern Ohio. Once an industrial, commercial, and transportation hub for the Great Lakes region, Toledo has experienced a substantial decline in its middle-class population over the last several decades due to a decline in industry. Consequently, the city and its environs, including East Toledo, have witnessed a dramatic increase in poverty, property deterioration, and abandonment. The port authority will focus on four specific abandoned or underused properties with land use histories that include rail lines, a steel mill, an oil refinery, a construction and demolition debris/stockpiling facility, a marina, and a coke oven gas line.

East Toledo's industrial and commercial decline has severely impacted the local community. Approximately 25 percent of East Toledo's population live in poverty, and 72 percent are minorities. Median income in most of East Toledo's census tracts is less than 80 percent of the median income of the City of Toledo as a whole. East Toledo is a state-designated Enterprise Zone and a Community Reinvestment Area.

OBJECTIVES

The port authority's long-term objective is to clean up the waterfront of East Toledo and redevelop the land into an entertainment, residential, and commercial complex. As part of this objective, the Pilot will remove the uncertainty associated with the extent of contamination at four key sites so that cleanup may proceed within the framework of the state's voluntary action program. The port authority

PILOT SNAPSHOT		Date of Announcement: May 2002
	Amount: \$ 200,000	
	Profile: The Pilot targets four abandoned or underused properties along East Toledo's waterfront for redevelopment into an entertainment, residential, and commercial complex.	
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will also establish effective community involvement activities throughout the process, making a particular effort to involve low-income, minority populations that might otherwise not become involved.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of the Pilot include:

- Conducting soil and groundwater sampling as part of a Phase II environmental site assessment at the four targeted sites;
- Conducting confirmatory soil sampling to identify any areas that exceed the cumulative risk cleanup standard established during the Phase II environmental site assessment;
- Completing the reporting requirements of the Ohio voluntary action program;
- Conducting groundwater monitoring; and
- Conducting community forum meetings to address environmental concerns and environmental justice issues.

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