



Brownfields Assessment Pilots

City of Yankton, SD

BACKGROUND

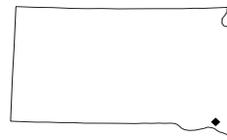
EPA has selected the City of Yankton for a Brownfields Assessment Pilot. The city also was selected to receive additional funding for assessments at brownfields properties to be used for greenspace purposes. Yankton (population 13,528) is located on the Missouri River in southeastern South Dakota. The city has targeted 250-acres along the Missouri River for this Pilot. The project area encompasses significant portions of the downtown business district, which has evolved from an industrial area into a mix of residential and commercial properties over the last 100 years. The city's industrial past is evidenced by the abundance of old industrial sites, abandoned railroad sidings, and agricultural chemical storage facilities. Yankton is concerned about environmental contamination from possible heavy metals, solvents, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and PCBs at abandoned sites in the target area. Many of the 442 potentially contaminated parcels in the project area have become barriers to public and private investment and have contributed to the economic decline of the riverfront project area.

The riverfront's economic decline has severely impacted local residents. The 816 residents in the project area have a poverty rate of 25.6 percent, which is more than double the citywide rate. Per capita income in the project area is less than the citywide income level, and the minority population is 9.4 percent as compared to the citywide figure 5.6 percent.

OBJECTIVES

Yankton's overall Pilot objective is to identify sites with potential environmental concerns and remove environmental obstacles that interfere with riverfront redevelopment opportunities. To accomplish this objective, the Pilot will fund environmental site assessments, cleanup planning, and community outreach along the river.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



City of Yankton, South Dakota

Date of Announcement:
May 2002

Amount: \$ 200,000

Greenspace: \$50,000

Profile: The Pilot targets brownfields in a 250-acre riverfront business district that contains properties with potential environmental contamination from Yankton's industrial past.

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http://www.epa.gov/region08/land_waste/bfhome/bfhome.html

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 Phase I and II environmental site assessments on target sites in the project area;
- Conducting community outreach; and

- Preparing cleanup plans for selected sites.

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