



Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot

City of Kenosha, WI

BACKGROUND

Kenosha is the fifth largest city in Wisconsin with a population of 90,000. Located between the Milwaukee and Chicago metropolitan areas, it also is minutes away from some of the most fertile dairy and farming land in the country. Kenosha has a proud past of famous manufacturers and heavy industrial activity. However, a changing world economy and functional obsolescence has long since rendered the physical plants of Kenosha's industrial past unsuitable for today's operations. Left behind many acres of large empty buildings and hundreds of acres of contaminated soils.

Over the past decade, Kenosha has set a determined course to reclaim former industrial sites for public and private development. The city has aggressively pursued revitalization projects in its poorer neighborhoods, but large abandoned facilities perpetuate blight conditions and hamper revitalization efforts. The city therefore is focusing on the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of larger, more complex brownfields. The city gained national recognition for its redevelopment of the former AMC-Chrysler manufacturing site into the residential, lakefront Harborpark community, and has been working for five years on another major cleanup project at a former drop-forge manufacturing facility. Cleanup of the latter site is almost complete.

BCRLF OBJECTIVES

Kenosha is expected to focus this Pilot on the Outokumpu Copper property. The factory was used to manufacture valves and plumbing fittings until it was closed two years ago. Its closing left 12 small city blocks unused with acres of contaminated soils and hundreds of employees without jobs. The now vacant factory is in the city's Lincoln neighborhood, an older, economically depressed section of the city. The city's goal is to redevelop the Outokumpu

PILOT SNAPSHOT



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Date of Announcement:
May 2002

Amount: \$1,000,000

BCRLF Target Area:
Outokumpu Copper property

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Copper site as a crucial part of an overall plan to revitalize the Lincoln neighborhood. The city will loan BCRLF funds to the Kenosha Redevelopment Authority to clean up the first of many parcels at the Outokumpu Copper site. The city currently is in negotiations to acquire the property and already is actively pursuing redevelopment options for the property.

FUND STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

The City of Kenosha is the cooperative agreement recipient and will serve as the lead agency. The Kenosha Redevelopment Authority will be the site manager. The City of Kenosha Finance Department will serve as the fund manager.

LEVERAGING OTHER RESOURCES

The BCRLF funds will be used in conjunction with funding from the current owners, state dollars from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce in the amount of \$1,000,000, and approximately \$4,000,000 of local municipal dollars. Along with providing financial assistance, the city will provide in-kind services of the Kenosha Development and Public Works Department.

Use of BCRLF Pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funding also apply to BCRLF funds.