



Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot Project

Cuyahoga County, OH

BACKGROUND

The City of Cleveland and the surrounding Cuyahoga county have seen an exodus of middle-income families since the 1950s. As the City's traditional manufacturing base has declined, poverty, unemployment and abandoned industrial facilities have taken root in what is considered the "inner ring" of Cleveland suburbs.

Cuyahoga County received a U.S. EPA Assessment Demonstration pilot in 1994 and was awarded a Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) pilot in May 1999. The MidTown Corridor, composed of 18 suburbs adjacent to the City of Cleveland, is the focus of the County's BCRLF. The poverty rate within this area is 58%, with a 99% rate for minority populations.

STRUCTURE OF THE BCRLF PROGRAM

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (CPC) is the Lead Agency for the BCRLF pilot. The State of Ohio serves as the site manager and the County Office of Management and Budget is providing assistance as Fund Manager for the program.

BCRLF BORROWER

The Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners is the recipient of a \$315,000 intra-governmental loan from the BCRLF. The loan will be repaid in one year. The Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners is required by Juvenile Court to provide a new, expanded and modern youth intervention and wellness facility and will use the BCRLF loan for the removal of contaminated soils from one portion of the property.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Date of Loan:
October 2001

Amount: \$315,000

Loan Profile: The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission is making a \$315,000 loan to the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners.

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BCRLF CLEANUP SITE

Within the MidTown Corridor, along Quincy Avenue, the Cuyahoga County BCRLF will lend funding to cleanup a 15 acre site formerly occupied by Schmidt's Brewery. The site consists of three parcels, 7.27 and 5.1 adjacent acres and a 2.7 acre lot across the street from the larger site. Between 1889 and 1951, the southern parcels were the location of the Peerless Automobile factory, a plating and manufacturing plant, a foundry and the American Brewing Company, (later Schmidt's Brewery).

Chemicals of concern on the site are arsenic and PAHs that exceed residential standards under Ohio's Voluntary Action Program (VAP). A USEPA-approved PCB removal was conducted by The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and the Ohio EPA on the southwest corner of the property. An underground storage tanks and asbestos were removed when the building was demolished in 1994. Contaminated soils will be excavated for building construction and grading to conform with clean fill will serve as a remedy to attain the residential standards for soil. Most of the site is within the Urban Setting Designation (USD) for groundwater.

PROPOSED SITE REUSE PLAN

The Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners will cleanup the site with BCRLF loan funds so that the land may be reused to build a Youth Intervention Center, the first of its kind in the nation following U.S. Department of Justice guidelines. In addition to a new facility, expanded social services and innovative family outreach programs will be provided. The Youth Intervention Center will serve as a model for the rehabilitation of young people, as well as a "green" facility.

The design incorporates energy efficiency and will feature a community garden and greenhouse on the north parcel of the property to enhance the quality of life for inhabitants, workforce, and neighbors.

BCRLF LEVERAGING

BCRLF funds will be used in conjunction with the new State brownfields financing program, the Clean Ohio Fund. This will be the first cleanup in Ohio under the VAP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) track.

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