



Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot

**Coalition: The State of Maryland, Baltimore County,
and Prince George's County**

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

The Maryland BCRLF is a coalition with Baltimore County and Prince George's County. Within Baltimore County, target areas include the Eastern Baltimore County Revitalization Area, the Southwest Revitalization Area, and the County's 12 designated Commercial Revitalization Districts. Large sections of the County have experienced intensive heavy industrial activity over the past century. Much of the industrial property is in State-designated enterprise zones. The Prince George's County pilot area includes two sites (one in Hampton Industrial Park and another in Bladensburg) inside the Capital Beltway and other potential sites in the Prince George's County Enterprise Zone (PGCEZ). The site in Hampton Industrial Park adjoins an area with an 11 percent poverty rate. The site in Bladensburg is near an area with an 8 percent poverty rate. The PGCEZ area also has an 8 percent poverty rate.

BCRLF OBJECTIVES

The BCRLF Pilot will advance the State of Maryland's, the Baltimore County and the Prince George's County goals to remove hazardous substances, reduce barriers to brownfields redevelopment, and provide economic

PILOT SNAPSHOT



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BCRLF Target Area: Baltimore
County and Prince George's
County

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Visit the EPA Region 3 Brownfields web site at:
www.epa.gov/region03/waste/brown/index.htm

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:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

stimulation of distressed areas. Intended outcomes of BCRLF implementation include business and job creation, an increase in the tax base, and aesthetic improvements.

FUND STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

The Maryland Department of the Environment Voluntary Cleanup Program (MDEVCP) will serve as lead agency. Site manager responsibilities also will be fulfilled by MDEVCP. The MDE Waste Management Administration's Office of Administrative Services will serve as fund manager.

LEVERAGING OTHER RESOURCES

Maryland's BCRLF will be used in coordination with a variety of funding programs including Baltimore County's High Technology Loan Fund, Business Improvement Loan Program, and Small Business Loan Fund; Maryland's Brownfield Revitalization Incentive Fund; US Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant funds; State Enterprise Zone tax credits; State Workforce Training grants; County revitalization tax credits and loan funds; local real estate property tax abatements; and private funding from local financial institutions. The structure of the BCRLF will be compatible with the Maryland Clean Water Revolving Fund. To further leverage the BCRLF, the State and counties will provide additional needed program services.

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