

# EPA Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

## Coralville, IA

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5105)

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

EPA awarded the City of Coralville supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Historically, the economy of Coralville is agriculturally based, and industrial land use has declined to approximately 6.7 percent from 1958 to 1991. However, the city's population has grown by an estimated 60 percent in the last 10 years and the dynamics of its economy are changing.

The State of Iowa is experiencing urban sprawl as industries continue to develop on greenfields sites. The City of Coralville, which has limited developable land, is concerned that the increased development of greenfields is neglecting the potential use of the city's brownfields. The Pilot target area—the Old Industrial Park bordering the First Avenue Corridor—has historically been the site of a municipal dump; an on-ground uncovered coal pile storage area; asphalt plant; a railroad yard; automotive and trucking repair businesses; and a waste transfer station. There is great potential for industrial redevelopment at the site of the Old Industrial Park, which is located in the center of the city, away from residential areas, and provides access to the riverfront as well as easy access to Interstate 80 by way of First Avenue.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



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**Date of Announcement:**  
March 2000

**Amount:** \$100,000

**Profile:** The Pilot targets the 200-acre Old Industrial Park, which is part of the First Avenue Revitalization Project.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region07/specinit/brown/brownfields.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/>

## OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The Pilot will use supplemental assistance to continue the assessment of properties with perceived contamination within the target area—200 acres of the Old Industrial Park. The objective of the Pilot is to eliminate any real or perceived environmental impairments and encourage sustainable redevelopment.

By assessing any potential threats to public health and the environment and encouraging the increased enrollment of target area properties in the Pilot program, the city hopes to spur redevelopment of industrial properties and preserve the greenspace and agricultural areas that are the basis of the state's economy.

To accomplish these objectives, the Pilot plans to:

- Engage the community in the redevelopment effort through meetings on successes, roadblocks, and land use planning;
- Conduct meetings with property owners to gain their consensus on the brownfields process and to increase the percentage of properties enrolled in the Pilot;
- Meet with partners, developers, and agencies to leverage additional resources;
- Double the number of properties enrolled in the Pilot for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs); and
- Prioritize properties receiving Phase I ESAs for Phase II assessment activities.

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