

EPA Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

Englewood, CO

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

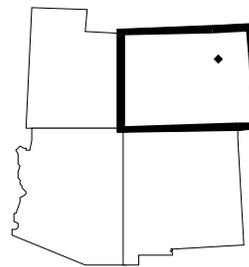
EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that 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

EPA awarded the City of Englewood supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Early this century, Englewood was home to many of the Denver area's heavy manufacturing industries. Several older facilities have become functionally obsolete, and residents near these sites suffer from below-average incomes and population growth. In many cases, the potential for environmental liability has kept prospective businesses from redeveloping these obsolete properties.

Englewood has focused its redevelopment efforts on the Sante Fe/Platte River redevelopment corridor. Redevelopment of the Sante Fe/Platte River corridor is considered a vital component to development of regional transportation and economic growth. Through the initial Pilot grant, Englewood has conducted environmental assessments at three corridor sites. One site, General Iron Works, is a 280,000-square foot former iron foundry on an 18-acre parcel that needs further study. To maintain city revitalization momentum, it is critical to conduct additional environmental characterization and redevelopment

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Englewood, Colorado

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March 2000

Amount: \$150,000

Profile: The pilot will target brownfields sites in the north Englewood portion of the Sante Fe/Platte River redevelopment corridor.

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planning at the General Iron Works site and undertake further environmental assessments in the Sante Fe/Platte River redevelopment corridor.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Englewood plans to use the information collected through this Pilot to have a better understanding of environmental conditions in the Sante Fe/Platte River redevelopment corridor. This will facilitate more effective land use planning and community involvement for this important transportation, economic, and environmental area.

To accomplish these objectives, the Pilot plans to:

- Inventory abandoned and/or contaminated sites in the targeted corridor;
- Conduct additional environmental assessments of brownfield sites in the targeted corridor, including the General Iron Works site;
- Evaluate possible land use restrictions due to environmental concerns; and
- Maintain community outreach and involvement.

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