



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

City of Frankfort, MI

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Frankfort supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Frankfort (population 1,500) is a rural, Great Lakes coastal community in transition from an economy based on lumber production, shipping, and agriculture to a scenic waterfront resort and tourist community. This transition has left Frankfort scarred with many brownfields properties and a struggling economy. Most of the property within the city limits already is developed, and sprawl to surrounding areas would require new infrastructure, which this small town cannot afford.

The goal of Frankfort's brownfields program is to enhance and redevelop blighted properties, optimize existing greenspace, and attract new businesses in order to renew and sustain economic development. The city has established a Brownfields Redevelopment Authority with tax increment financing jurisdiction to implement assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfields. The original Pilot enabled Frankfort to conduct Phase I and II site assessments on eight sites and identify an additional seven sites with brownfields potential. There is a potential for migration of mercury and waste oil from two of the original eight sites toward Betsie Lake and into Lake Michigan. Another two sites appear to have arsenic contamination in the surface soils.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The supplemental assistance will be used to conduct further studies of four contaminated sites assessed through the original Pilot and assess the seven newly identified sites, some suspected of being contaminated with TCE, metals, waste oil, or lead arsenate. The first

PILOT SNAPSHOT



City of Frankfort, Michigan

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Amount: \$ 150,000

Profile: Frankfort will conduct additional assessments at four sites addressed by the original EPA Pilot and will conduct Phase I and II assessments at seven additional sites crucial to the economic redevelopment of the town.

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objective of this Pilot is to perform additional assessments and remedial planning crucial for economic redevelopment on four of the original eight sites. The second objective is to investigate the seven new sites critical to the economic growth of the residential areas of the community.

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Performing supplemental Phase II assessments on four of the original Pilot sites;
- Conducting Phase I and II assessments on seven new sites; and
- Conducting community outreach and public involvement activities.

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