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Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

Lockland, OH

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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, and safely clean up brownfields to promote their sustainable reuse. Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years, with additional funding provided for greenspace) to test assessment models and facilitate coordinated assessment and cleanup efforts at the federal, state, tribal, and local levels; and 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 program (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) to provide financial assistance 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 has selected the Village of Lockland to receive supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Lockland was hard hit when a number of its largest industrial employers closed in the early 1990s, leaving behind antiquated buildings and eliminating 40 percent of the village's job opportunities. This lowered property values by 30 percent and tax revenues by 40 percent. More than 75 percent of Lockland's industrial land—over 200 acres—became brownfields. Currently, two-thirds of Lockland's households fall below the county's median income level, and 17 percent of residents live in poverty.

The supplemental assistance will expand on work begun during the original Pilot on three heavy industrial sites (Mill Creek Commerce Park, Celotex II, and Stearns Complex) and address a new site—CertainTeed, a 32-acre site that closed in December 2000. CertainTeed previously manufactured asphalt asbestos shingles. Two developers are interested in redeveloping this property for mixed-use office space if potential environmental problems can be addressed. The other three sites were used for heavy industrial

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Lockland, Ohio

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Amount: \$150,000

Profile: The Pilot targets four heavy-industry brownfields in the most economically depressed area of Lockland. The targeted sites have the potential to provide over 1,000 new jobs for residents.

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purposes. A developer has expressed interest in building its corporate headquarters at the Mill Creek site, which comprises 20 percent of Lockland's overall brownfields, if environmental concerns can be addressed. All of the proposed sites are contaminated or suspected of being contaminated, and many are in neighborhoods plagued with high crime levels and other social problems.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The use of supplemental assistance will focus on Lockland's major brownfields areas and encourage redevelopment of several targeted sites by performing environmental assessments consistent with the Ohio Voluntary Action Program. Supplemental assistance will be used to continue assessment activities at the Mill Creek Commerce Park, Celotex II, and Stearns Complex, and to begin new assessment activities at CertainTeed. Supplemental assistance also will be used to conduct a public outreach program and encourage property owners to participate in the Ohio Voluntary Action Program.

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Performing three Phase I environmental site assessments;
- Performing four Phase II environmental site assessments;
- Conducting one risk assessment at the Mill Creek Commerce Park site; and
- Providing a public outreach program that informs the public on Pilot activities and encourages property owners to participate in the Ohio Voluntary Action Program.

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