



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Southeast Florida

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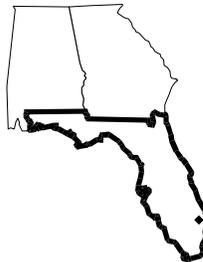
EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Since 1995, EPA has funded more than 200 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. The Pilots 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 Southeast Florida, encompassing the eastern portions of Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties, for a Brownfields Pilot. The Pilot designation follows as part of EPA's commitment to Southeast Florida as a Brownfields Showcase Community. The Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership, which oversees the Pilot, is comprised of local, State, regional, and Federal government agencies, as well as public, private, and non-profit community organizations in southeast Florida. The Eastward Ho! Initiative was established in 1995 to direct future growth to the region's urban core and away from the threatened Everglades ecosystem to the west. Because contaminated lands are a significant barrier to redevelopment in the Eastward Ho! corridor, the identification, assessment, cleanup, revitalization, and redevelopment of brownfields on a regional scale is essential to the Eastward Ho! strategy.

The Eastward Ho! corridor spans approximately 115 miles along the eastern portions of Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties, with a combined population of more than 2 million. While the entire corridor is not characterized by poverty, it contains pockets of some of the most severe poverty in the country. Three State-designated Enterprise Zones fall within the corridor, and much of the Miami-Dade County portion of the corridor is within a Federally

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Southeast Florida

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Profile: The Pilot targets brownfields along a 115 mile-corridor on the eastern portions of Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties.

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designated Enterprise Community. The corridor, which developed along two railroad tracks, contains more than 2,100 known contaminated sites, varying widely in size, and degree and type of contamination. Miami-Dade and Broward Counties have completed databases of known contaminated lands; Palm Beach County is developing similar information.

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

OBJECTIVES

The Eastward Ho! Partnership offers a model of how a regional coalition can accomplish environmental restoration and urban revitalization in a highly fragmented administrative structure. A three-pronged approach of collaboration, strategy, and action will allow the Partnership to address regional brownfields issues. Rehabilitation and redevelopment projects will feature sustainable reuse, including mixed-income housing, sound urban design principles, and bicycle, transit, and pedestrian friendly development. Establishing replicability, and taking advantage of existing financial tools (including the Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive and streamlined governmental processes for brownfields redevelopment) are priorities for the Partnership.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Leveraging the Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership's designation as a Brownfields Showcase Community to form new Federal partnerships, encouraging sustainable reuse of brownfields properties;
- Developing mechanisms for corridor communities to easily access the Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive;
- Working with Federal, State, and local agencies to develop standard guidelines and processes for working with brownfields, and publishing these models for streamlining permitting and other processes for use by communities across the country; and
- Establishing a computerized regional inventory of brownfields properties, integrated with socio-economic, health, and transportation data properties.