

Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

Roseville, MN

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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, a 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 City of Roseville to receive supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Roseville (population 35,000) is located at the northern borders of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Located within the city is the Twin Lakes Redevelopment Area (Twin Lakes), a 170-acre area that developed as a hub for trucking companies and related businesses because of its proximity to highways and both downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. However, federal deregulation of the trucking industry in 1980 resulted in the relocation and downsizing of Roseville trucking-related businesses, and many companies went out of business.

Today, the Twin Lakes area contains contaminated, underutilized industrial, commercial, and residential land. In 1994, the city adopted a land use plan for the area that calls for a variety of multi-level office, high-tech, professional service, and multiple housing uses. In 1998, the city established the area as a tax increment financing district to facilitate redevelopment. To continue the revitalization of the Twin Lakes area, the city plans to construct the Twin Lakes Parkway, already funded at \$10.6 million and due for completion in 2002-2003, which will provide access to the redeveloped brownfields properties; this access is

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Roseville, Minnesota

Date of Award: April 2001

Amount: \$150,000

Profile: The Pilot plans to complete an area-wide groundwater study of the Twin Lakes Redevelopment Area in an effort to encourage and accelerate cleanup and redevelopment of the area.

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vital for their redevelopment. Environmental assessments performed under EPA's Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot have identified isolated areas of contamination in the proposed parkway right-of-way. The supplemental funds will be used to provide greater certainty on any required assessment and/or cleanup.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The Pilot will use EPA's supplemental assistance grant to encourage and accelerate cleanup and redevelopment of the Twin Lakes Redevelopment Area by conducting an area-wide groundwater study. By partnering with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the state regulatory agency, the contamination discovery process would be streamlined and cleanup costs minimized for individual property owners, resulting in more efficient cleanup and redevelopment of the sites. Additionally, it may encourage redevelopment of larger areas rather than parcel-by-parcel redevelopment. The groundwater study will also lead to protection of any deep groundwater resources and receptors discovered, and establish risk-based redevelopment goals on an area-wide basis.

The Pilot plans to:

- Collect existing groundwater data;
- Conduct Phase I environmental assessments;
- Develop a geographic information system database;
- Construct a conceptual groundwater model;
- Prepare and present to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency an area-wide groundwater monitoring program; and
- Develop a standard, risk-based approach for soil and groundwater assessments at individual properties.

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