



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

City of Saginaw, MI

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Saginaw supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Saginaw (population 69,500) is located approximately 100 miles north of Detroit at the north end of Michigan's industrial corridor and near the gateway to the state's recreational areas. The lumber, oil, and coal industries have been replaced by automotive manufacturing, medicine, education, and agriculture as the area's principal employers. Saginaw's 32 percent poverty level is among the highest in the nation, and unemployment among city residents is 9.7 percent.

The original EPA Pilot completed an inventory of brownfield properties located on the city's waterfront and within the tax-free, state-designated Renaissance Zone. Supplemental funding was used to complete assessments on target properties. The success of the original EPA Pilot and supplemental funding for this area of Saginaw has led to the assessment of 28 properties, leveraging \$34 million in redevelopment funding, and the projected creation of more than 575 permanent jobs. This second supplemental grant will be used to assess and facilitate the redevelopment of new sites within or adjacent to the Renaissance Zone, particularly, brownfield properties along Saginaw's riverfront corridor in the downtown area.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The goal of Saginaw's brownfields program is to encourage redevelopment and create jobs in the pilot areas by encouraging public and private investment. The objectives of this Pilot are to select priority sites among those inventoried within or adjacent to the city's Renaissance Zone, complete the assessments on properties with high redevelopment potential, and continue to provide outreach to the community.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



City of Saginaw,
Michigan

Date of Announcement:
May 2002

Amount: \$ 150,000

Profile: The Pilot will target properties within or adjacent to the state-designated Renaissance Zone.

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For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
www.epa.gov/brownfields

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting approximately 12 Phase I environmental assessments;
- Conducting approximately 10 Phase II environmental assessments;

- Conducting approximately 8 baseline environmental assessments; and
- Continuing outreach to the community.

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