



National Brownfields Assessment Pilot

Stockton, CA

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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, 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. Between 1995 and 1996, EPA funded 76 National and Regional Brownfields Assessment Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. EPA is funding more than 27 Pilots in 1997. 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 selected the City of Stockton for a Brownfields Pilot. Many old shipyards, heavy manufacturing, mills, and industrial sites along Stockton's waterfront have been abandoned, contributing to unemployment and poverty in the Pilot area. The threat of contamination and liability has inhibited reuse and redevelopment at these sites while suburban sprawl expands. Over the last 25 years, the City's redevelopment agency has been acquiring many of the abandoned properties in the waterfront area, nearly all of which are potentially contaminated. At least 13 acres are known to be contaminated. The City is particularly concerned with the properties in the State Enterprise Zone, where contamination could present an additional obstacle to economic revitalization.

OBJECTIVES

The focus of Stockton's brownfields effort is to encourage economic revitalization of the urban waterfront area. Redevelopment of the waterfront will promote productive land use, reduce air and water pollution associated with urban sprawl, and expand job opportunities in locations accessible to low-income populations. To satisfy these objectives, a comprehensive master plan for brownfields

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Stockton, California

Date of Award:
March 1996

Amount: \$200,000

Site Profile: The Pilot targets a 50-acre collection of sites ringing Stockton's waterfront area. The pilot project area contains several brownfields and is adjacent to one Superfund site within the State Enterprise Zone.

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site assessment and remediation, and incentives for redevelopment will be developed.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Pilot has:

- Initiated a process to conduct the planned Phase I and Phase II site assessments on the Weber Block site in the brownfields project area.

The Pilot is:

- Developing a comprehensive brownfields environmental plan as part of the City's overall waterfront redevelopment plan;
- Developing a coordinated partnership for brownfields revitalization that includes the Waterfront Revival Task Force, residents, community agencies, private sector, and public entities; and
- Planning full site assessment on 4-5 sites owned by the Stockton Redevelopment Agency, and preliminary site assessment on up to 20-acres of other properties within the project area.

LEVERAGING OTHER ACTIVITIES

Experience with the Stockton Pilot has been a catalyst for related activities including the following.

- Developing and testing new funding mechanisms to assist in brownfields assessment, remediation, and reuse.
- Analyzing participation in the California Environmental Protection Agency's Expedited Remedial Action Program to develop and implement the City's remediation strategy.
- Expanding on the City's association with existing revitalization efforts, including the California Department of Boating and Waterways programs and other Federal and State programs.
- Combining the pilot activities with planning and funding resources provided by the State Enterprise Zone program.