EPA Brownfields Program

EPA’s Brownfields Program empowers states, communi-
ties, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent,
assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brown-
fields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion,
redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated
by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous
substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small
Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization
Act was passed to help states and communities around
the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Un-
der this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible
applicants to assess and clean up brownfield sites.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program

EPA is piloting an area-wide planning approach to com-

munity brownfield challenges, which recognizes that
revitalization of the area surrounding the brownfield site(s)
is just as critical to the successful reuse of the property as
assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of an individual
site. The pilot program will help further community-based
partnership efforts within underserved or economically
disadvantaged neighborhoods by confronting local envi-
ronmental and public health challenges related to brown-
fields, while creating a planning framework to advance
economic development and job creation.

Pilot Project Description

EPA has selected the City of Goshen as a Brownfields
Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program recipient. The city
(population 31,385) will target the 9th Street Industrial
Corridor, which is 12 blocks long and contains 350 parcels.
A long history of intensive manufacturing has left a legacy
of contamination and abandoned, vacant, or underutilized
industrial properties throughout the Corridor. There are at
least 61 brownfields in the Corridor, which is surrounded
by residential areas and several schools. The target area is
economically disadvantaged and traditionally underserved.
The city’s Comprehensive Plan and Community Vision
2004-2013 identified the Corridor as a redevelopment area
in 2004, and the Goshen Redevelopment Commission
has continued planning for the area. The area-wide plan
will advance critical redevelopment and brownfield reuse
efforts, identify cleanup goals, and evaluate infrastructure
conditions. Development of the plan will facilitate commu-
nity involvement in site reuse planning and encourage the
assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of the Corridor
for modern manufacturing and industrial reuse and genera-
tion of employment opportunities.

Pilot Program Description

EPA is awarding approximately $4
million in total across 23 recipients.
Recipients will each receive up to
approximately $175,000 in EPA cooper-
ative agreement and/or direct technical
assistance. Assistance will help recipi-
ents initiate development of an area-
wide plan and identify next steps and resources needed
to implement the plan.

Contacts

For additional information, brownfields news and
events, and publications and links, visit the EPA

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curacy of this information. The cooperative agreement
and/or direct technical assistance have not yet been
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