

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Project Fact Sheet



Goshen, IN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. 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. Under 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 community 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 environmental and public health challenges related to brownfields, 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

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 cooperative agreement and/or direct technical assistance. Assistance will help recipients initiate development of an area-wide plan and identify next steps and resources needed to implement the plan.



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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 community involvement in site reuse planning and encourage the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of the Corridor for modern manufacturing and industrial reuse and generation of employment opportunities.