

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Project Fact Sheet



Tulsa, OK

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 Tulsa as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program recipient. The city will target the Evans/Fintube property and surrounding communities, which have 248,586 residents. The project area encompasses an area of northern Tulsa where many abandoned structures, vacant lots, and active industrial facilities are adjacent to residential and recreational areas. There are approximately 69 brownfields in the area. These communities are challenged by the number of additional potential brownfields and high poverty levels. They are home to a higher concentration of minority residents than surrounding

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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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For additional information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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areas. Development of an area-wide plan will help the city implement its Downtown Area Master Plan, which was created through public input and recently presented to the citizens of Tulsa. The area-wide planning process will facilitate community involvement in identifying potential reuses for brownfield sites, and help the city to prioritize brownfields cleanup and redevelopment as part of its larger planning initiative.