

Brownfields 2020 Assessment Fact Sheet

Beaver County, PA

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Overview of the 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. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Assessment Grant

\$600,000

EPA has selected Beaver County for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and up to five Phase II environmental site assessments and develop three cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to develop area-wide and reuse plans, and conduct community outreach via community-wide, site-specific, and community-specific workshops. Assessment activities will focus on the City of Beaver Falls, and the Boroughs of Midland, Monaca, and Rochester. Priority sites in these communities are largely former steel factory sites and other blighted and polluted industrial spaces. The target areas of Beaver Falls and Midland contain Qualified Opportunity Zones. Coalition partners are the City of Beaver Falls, the Borough of Midland, the Borough of Monaca, and the Borough of Rochester.

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

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant application; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of the information. The cooperative agreement is negotiated after the selection announcement. Therefore, the funding amount and activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.