Brownfields 2022 Assessment Fact Sheet

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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

$500,000

EPA has selected the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct 17 Phase I and 14 Phase II environmental site assessments and three cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities. The target areas for this grant are Tuxedo Junction, a two-block stretch within Ensley, a historically Black neighborhood within the City of Birmingham; Indian Head Mill Village in the City of Cordova; and Warrior River Industries, east of downtown Cordova. Priority sites include the Belcher-Nixon building, Indian Head Mill, and the 47-acre Horsecreek Run.

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).

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