

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Project Fact Sheet



Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, San Diego, CA

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 Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program recipient. The Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation will focus its project on The Village at Market Creek, an underused, brownfields-impacted area in the center of the Diamond Neighborhoods of southeastern San Diego. The Diamond Neighborhoods are economically distressed, highly diverse communities of 84,300 residents. The unemployment rate in southeastern San Diego is estimated to be 20 percent. Median incomes are

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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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half of the countywide average. At least 12 sites in The Village are suspected to be contaminated brownfields. The area-wide planning process will incorporate input from community planning partners on brownfields site reuse priorities and adequacy of infrastructure to support those reuses. As a result of the area-wide plan, brownfields cleanup and reuse will be addressed in the Cultural Village Plan for the Village at Market Creek, already in development.