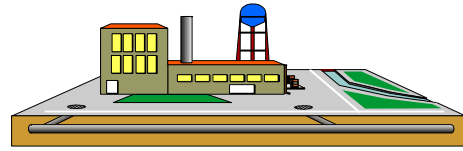


# U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Fact Sheet

Defiance County received a \$200,000 U.S. EPA Hazardous Substances Assessment Grant. The performance period of the grant is three years (2009 to 2012). During this period, the County anticipates completing the following activities:

- County-wide brownfields inventory
- Brownfields site prioritization
- Phase I/II environmental assessments
- Hazardous materials assessments
- Redevelopment/cleanup planning and marketing



## **What is EPA's Brownfields Program?**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

## **What are Assessment Grants?**

Assessment grants provide funding for a grant recipient to:

- Inventory Sites: Compile a listing
- Characterize Sites: Identify past uses
- Assess Sites: Determine existing contamination
- Conduct Cleanup and Redevelopment Planning: Scope and plan process
- Conduct Community Involvement: Inform and engage community

## **What are Brownfields?**

A brownfield site is a 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.

## **What sites are eligible to receive U.S. EPA Assessment Grant Funds?**

- Sites located in Defiance County that are:
  - Contaminated or suspected to be contaminated by a hazardous substance

## **What sites will be a priority for Defiance County grant funded assessments?**

- Sites with developer interest
- Sites that present an imminent danger to human health
- Sites that are located in designated development zones
- Sites with redevelopment potential
- Sites that will benefit the community
- Redevelopability/constructability

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