



## **Brownfields 2017 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet Burlington, IA**

### **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 through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### **Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program**

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

### **Project Description**

*\$200,000.00*

EPA has selected the City of Burlington as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant recipient. The city will work with the community and stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the Downtown Burlington Self Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID). The 144-acre area includes five historic districts. It is composed of older and historic commercial, warehousing, and manufacturing buildings, and forms a special taxing district. The city has identified two catalyst, high-priority sites: the former Dresser-Rand Facility and the Typewriter Shop. The Typewriter Shop has been vacant for 20 years and with redevelopment, has the potential to demonstrate adaptive reuse of older structures to the community. The goal of this project is to convert the outdated downtown into a mixed-use, walkable historic neighborhood and booming economic center. The project will focus on planning for reinvestment in infrastructure and economic development, connecting redeveloped properties, and expanding transportation. Key partners who will work with the city on this project include Downtown Partners, Inc., the Great Burlington Partnership, and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission.

### **Contacts**

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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