

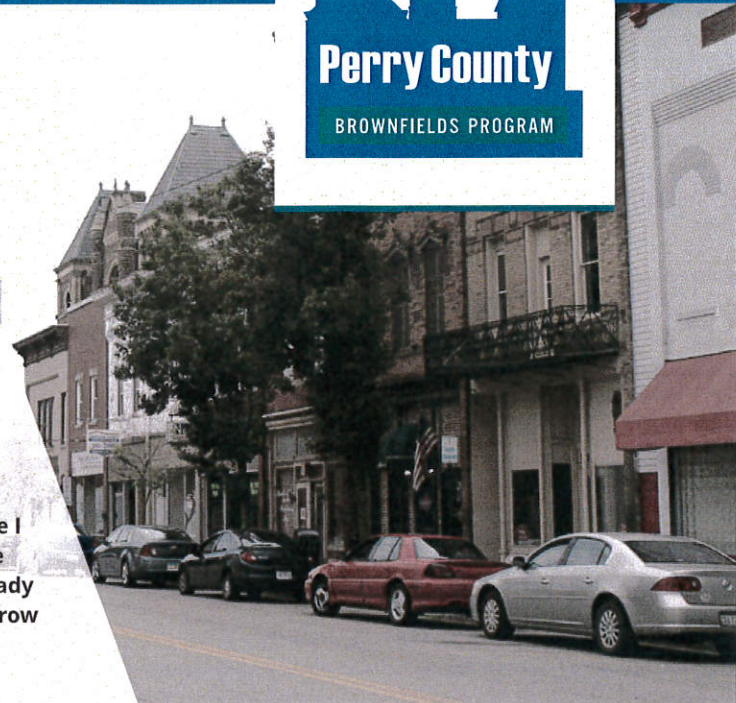
# FACT SHEET



PERRY COUNTY, OHIO

## U.S. EPA BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT

Perry County received \$400,000 in grant funding from U.S. EPA to be used for the assessment of brownfields throughout the County. The County will use the grant funds to conduct environmental assessment studies, including Phase I and II Assessments, and cleanup planning on eligible sites. The ultimate goal of the grant funding will be to create market-ready sites for new businesses, revitalize local neighborhoods, and grow the local economy.



### WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

"...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence of or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant." Brownfield sites include residential, commercial and industrial properties, as well as mine scarred lands, and may be contaminated by controlled substances or petroleum products.

### WHAT COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

The grants may be used to assess, identify, characterize and plan cleanup activities at potentially contaminated sites. Specifically, the County plans to complete the following: Inventory of Brownfields Sites; Phase I and II Site Investigations; Remedial Action Plans; and, Community Outreach Meetings.

### WHAT ARE THE OVERALL GOALS OF THE PROJECT?

- Work with property owners and partners to encourage redevelopment on sites held up by environmental issues
- Conduct assessments and complete cleanup plans to redevelop properties
- Create opportunities for new businesses, jobs and growth

### WHY ARE THE STUDIES NEEDED?

- Assessment can increase the marketability of brownfields
- Assessment may be required for lending institution approval
- Quantifies environmental risk for property value assessments
- Opportunities for cleanup funds at the state and federal level

### WHAT ABOUT SITE CLEANUP?

If it is determined that cleanup of a site is necessary, the County or local municipalities may pursue additional grant funding. Cleanup funding is available from the U.S. EPA Brownfield Cleanup Program and Jobs Ohio Revitalization Funds.

### KEY STEPS IN THE U.S. EPA GRANT PROCESS

1. County Receives Grant
2. Contract with U.S. EPA
3. Competitive Selection of Consultant
4. Workplan / Quality Assurance Plans
5. Selection of Sites / Access Agreements
6. Site Eligibility Determinations
7. Public Meetings
8. Phase I Site Investigations
9. Phase II Site Investigations
10. Risk Assessments
11. Remedial Planning and Design
12. Plan for Cleanup and Redevelopment

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### WHAT SITES ARE ELIGIBLE?

Sites will be prioritized based on eligibility, access, marketability, and community impact. If you have a site that would like to participate, please contact us. If the site is deemed eligible by U.S. EPA representatives, then an access agreement with the owner will be required to provide access for environmental studies as appropriate.

### HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Community outreach throughout the 3-year project period will providing opportunities for input and public comment. The details of meetings will be announced on the Perry County website.

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