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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

FLORIDA/Clearwater

EPA's USTfields Initiative funds states and tribes to conduct pilot projects in brownfields communities to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) at idle or abandoned commercial properties. Petroleum contamination has generally been excluded from funding under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and has not, therefore, been covered under EPA's Brownfields Program. In 2002, EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) competitively selected 40 state and tribal USTfields Pilots. In each pilot, the state will work with a local community or the tribe will work with its EPA Region to address identified sites. Each pilot is awarded up to \$100,000 of Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust funds to assess and clean up petroleum-contaminated sites; as a result, the sites will be ready for future reuse.

BACKGROUND

The State of Florida will work with the City of Clearwater to assess and remediate petroleum contamination at the former Clearwater Sheet Metal and Roofing site (also known as the Woodlawn/Tioga property) located in a low-income, minority residential area of the Clearwater Brownfields area. While the underground storage tanks on the property were removed in 1991, petroleum contamination of the soil and groundwater remain. Over the last three years, the city has developed an Environmental Justice Action Agenda. The City of Clearwater is a Brownfields Demonstration Assessment Pilot and the recipient of Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan funds. It is also the recipient of State of Florida Brownfields Redevelopment and Brownfields Assessment/Remediation funding.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the State of Florida will work with the City of Clearwater to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from underground storage tanks. The funds will help leverage over \$1 million in other funds in support of the city's redevelopment project. After the sites are cleaned up, the area will be reused for affordable housing that will include twelve new single-family homes. The city is negotiating with the Community Housing Development Organization to purchase adjoining properties.



Applicant Name: State of Florida
Local Partner: City of Clearwater
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: Florida will work with the City of Clearwater to clean up petroleum-contaminated sites to facilitate reuse of the sites for affordable family housing.

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