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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

NORTH CAROLINA/Concord

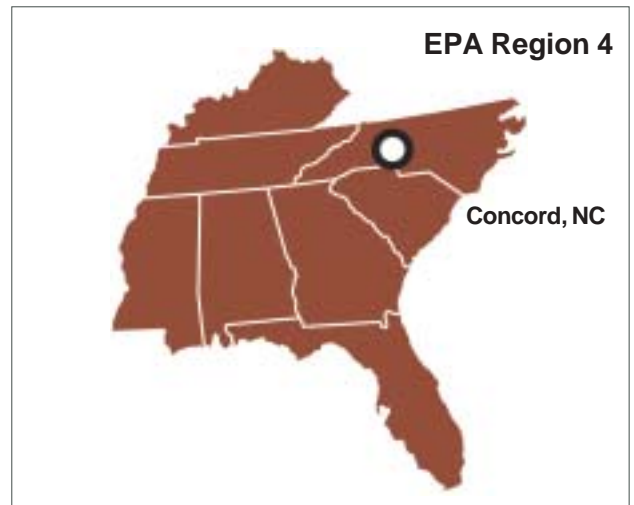
EPA's USTfields Initiative funds states and tribes to conduct pilot projects in brownfields communities to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) at idle or abandoned commercial properties. Petroleum contamination has generally been excluded 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 North Carolina will work with the City of Concord to assess and clean up petroleum contamination at underground storage tank sites. The city is working on a project called Gateway to Center City, a multi-phase revitalization project for Concord's Cabarrus Avenue. Cabarrus Avenue is the primary entrance into the Center City and runs through several neighborhoods and commercial areas. The city knows of at least five tanks on the five parcels that comprise the section of the Cabarrus Avenue targeted for this pilot; it suspects that two additional tanks may be present. The Gateway to Center City improvements are part of an overall economic strategy for the city, and with the assessment and cleanup of petroleum and MTBE contamination, the city expects to stimulate economic growth. The City of Concord a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the State of North Carolina and the City of Concord will assess and clean up petroleum and MTBE contamination at underground storage tank sites. This will help the city build on its successful Brownfields Initiatives and foster future economic growth for an area currently considered in need of commercial and industrial redevelopment.



Applicant Name: State of North Carolina
Local Partner: City of Concord
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: North Carolina and the City of Concord will assess and clean up contamination at underground storage tank sites currently presenting an obstacle to redevelopment initiatives.

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