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# Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

## OHIO/Youngstown-Boardman

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 Ohio will work with the City of Youngstown and Boardman Township in Mahoning County as partners in addressing multiple sites with abandoned underground storage tanks. Youngstown has created a brownfields development program called the Mahoning River Corridor of Opportunity for a 1,300-acre area along the Mahoning River; the program was a recipient of a Brownfields Assessment Pilot grant. There are two former gas stations with tanks in the center of a densely populated urban residential neighborhood in the area. In Boardman Township, the fire department discovered four underground storage tanks with petroleum contamination on a property that had been illegally abandoned for years.

### OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the state and local governments will work together to clean up several petroleum-contaminated tank sites. All assessments have been completed. Redevelopment of these sites, which includes the construction of an access bridge and interior roadway using other funds, is anticipated to begin in 2002.



**Applicant Name:** State of Ohio

**Local Partners:** City of Youngstown/Boardman Township

**Date of Selection:** June 2002

**Profile:** Ohio will work with the City of Youngstown and Boardman Township to clean up petroleum-contaminated sites that are currently obstacles to redevelopment efforts.

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### EPA USTfields INITIATIVE

EPA has not yet negotiated the Cooperative Agreements with states and tribes to fund these pilots; therefore, activities are subject to change.