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# Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

## PENNSYLVANIA/Lancaster County

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 Pennsylvania will work with Lancaster County to expand the county's existing Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot to include cleanup efforts on sites contaminated with petroleum from underground storage tanks. Lancaster is part of Pennsylvania's Keystone Opportunity Zone Program, which stimulates private investment in economically distressed areas through the creation of tax free zones, known as "opportunity zones." The USTfields Pilot will address two sites that are contaminated by petroleum. The primary site is located in close proximity to an elementary school and within a quarter-mile of the Conestoga River, a primary tributary of the Susquehanna River. This site may have from three to five registered underground storage tanks and may have MTBE contamination. Funds available through Pennsylvania's Land Recycling Program will be leveraged to facilitate the cleanup of the contaminated sites where necessary. The state's Pollution Prevention Reimbursement Grant Program may be used to cover the costs of pumping out and disposing of product from the tanks.

### OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, Pennsylvania will team with Lancaster County to expand its existing Brownfields redevelopment efforts to include assessment and remediating activities at sites contaminated with petroleum products from underground storage tanks. The cleanup of these sites will promote sound land use practices and stimulate private sector investment in the redevelopment of vacant parcels within Lancaster County's urban communities.



**Applicant Name:** State of Pennsylvania

**Local Partner:** Lancaster County

**Date of Selection:** June 2002

**Profile:** Pennsylvania will work with Lancaster County to perform assessments and remediation activities at sites that are contaminated with petroleum products from underground storage tanks.

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### EPA USTfields INITIATIVE

EPA has not yet negotiated the Cooperative Agreement with the state or tribe to fund this pilot; therefore, activities are subject to change.