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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

SOUTH CAROLINA/Greenville

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 South Carolina will work with the City of Greenville to perform site assessments and conduct corrective action at six properties west of downtown Greenville with known or suspected petroleum contamination from underground storage tanks. The West Greenville/Reedy River Corridor, which includes over 3,000 acres along the Reedy River, is in the center of the City of Greenville's Brownfields Assessment Pilot study area. The city is developing a revitalization plan for the West Greenville neighborhood and, in partnership with Greenville County and Clemson University, is developing a master plan for a 16-mile stretch of Reedy River. All of the targeted contaminated properties for this pilot are located at the intersection of four city streets nicknamed by the residents as "Greasy Corner."

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the State of South Carolina will work with the City of Greenville and other entities to assess and clean up petroleum contamination at underground storage tank sites. Funds will be used for ground-penetrating radar studies to locate tanks and for environmental assessment, cleanup, and monitoring activities. The city will actively promote redevelopment of the properties, consistent with the master plan for the area, after the assessments and any needed cleanups are completed.



Applicant Name: State of South Carolina
Local Partner: City of Greenville
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: South Carolina will work with the City of Greenville to assess and clean up petroleum contamination to help the city revitalize its West Greenville neighborhood.

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