

**BROWNFIELD PRESENTATION & OPEN HOUSE
JANUARY 19, 2008, 6:00 PM OTSEGO CITY HALL**

The City of Otsego would like to invite you to a Brownfield Presentation and Open House on January 19, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Otsego City Hall located at 117 E. Orleans Street, Otsego, Michigan. The goal of this meeting is to acquaint all interested citizens, organizations, and other stakeholders in the City with our new Brownfield redevelopment initiative funded by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield redevelopment grant. In addition, we want to identify any potential Brownfield in the City based on public input.

What is a Brownfield?

EPA defines a "Brownfield" as meaning real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

An example of a potential Brownfield that may have existed in the City at one time is a foundry, automobile repair service center, machine shop, dry cleaners, unlicensed dump, or any other use that involved the storage and use of chemicals which may have resulted in environmental impact to the site.

Purpose of Meeting

The EPA grant funds are available for environmental assessment of eligible Brownfields in the City. Our first task is to identify as many Brownfields in the City as possible, then identify priority sites for environmental assessments to be funded with grant money. To that end, we invite all participants at the January 19, meeting to bring a list of known or suspected Brownfields in the City. Additional information about the history, use, contamination, and other pertinent issues related to the sites will be appreciated.

Assessment Grant Background Information

The U.S. has awarded the Cities of Allegan, Otsego and Plainwell (Coalition) a \$200,000 Environmental Assessment Grant to help identify, characterize and prepare Brownfields for redevelopment. The Coalition plans to use the grant to develop an inventory of Brownfields within the Communities, and then perform environmental assessments on priority sites to identify issues of concern and help prepare them for sale and/or redevelopment. Grant money will be available to assist with site assessments for environmental due diligence and reuse planning at properties where a committed developer and redevelopment plan have been identified.

U.S. EPA Assessment Grants provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to Brownfields. An eligible entity may apply for up to \$200,000 to assess a site contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances commingled with petroleum) and up

to \$200,000 to address sites contaminated by petroleum. The Coalition successfully applied for a hazardous substances grant in 2007 and was awarded the grant in 2008.

The agenda for January 19, 2009, includes a short presentation on Brownfield and the City program, and time for questions. Please bring your ideas as well as information regarding potential Brownfields. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

What: Brownfield's Open House/Presentation

Date: January 19, 2009

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: Otsego City Hall

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