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**Mayor Dellums Says Federal Stimulus Funds Will Help Clean and Green Oakland**  
*“Brownfield” Grants Transform Formerly Contaminated Sites into Viable Properties*

Oakland, CA — Mayor Ron Dellums joined the Oakland Housing Authority today to accept \$800,000 in “brownfield” grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate potential contamination in targeted redevelopment areas. The grants are largely funded from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

EPA awarded the City of Oakland \$600,000 in grant funding to assess contamination throughout West Oakland and in the area surrounding the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Seminary Avenue in East Oakland.

EPA announced the awards at a press conference held at Lion Creek Crossing, a new housing development in east Oakland for which the Oakland Housing Authority is receiving \$200,000 to complete nearby cleanups previously subsidized with EPA grants.

“Our efforts to aggressively advocate for much-needed resources for our community are beginning to bear fruit,” said Mayor Dellums. “In partnership with the EPA, DTSC and local agencies like the Oakland Housing Authority and EBALDC, we are cleaning and greening Oakland, transforming previously contaminated areas into vibrant, dynamic, healthy communities where families and businesses can thrive.”

All work contracted under the grants will be performed by professional environmental consulting firms certified as local Oakland businesses, helping protect Oakland jobs and stimulate Oakland’s local economy.

Over the last ten years, the City has received over \$2.5 million from the EPA to assess and clean up contaminated properties, or “brownfields.” Oakland development projects where EPA grant monies have previously been spent include the Fruitvale Transit Village, the Uptown mixed-use development and several affordable housing projects scattered throughout the city.

All these brownfield redevelopment projects have been accomplished through public-private partnerships. In all, they have brought over 1,000 new units of housing and 75,000 square feet of new retail space to Oakland.

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