

PROPOSED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Environmental Services Division of the City of Oakland (City) plans to apply for two \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the year 2012. Brownfields Assessment grants provide funding to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites. For more information, please visit www.epa.gov/brownfields.

What are Brownfields?

Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

What Oakland Sites are Proposed for Grants?

San Pablo Corridor

The San Pablo Corridor is a 1.5-mile stretch of San Pablo Avenue that is physically defined by two major freeways on either end (I-980 and I-580), and runs from West Grand Avenue to 40th Street (see map). The San Pablo Corridor was selected due to the number of brownfields, the proximity of sensitive populations of children and seniors, and its depressed economic conditions.

The City is proposing to conduct environmental assessments at multiple sites located along the San Pablo Corridor in order to facilitate their cleanup and redevelopment. Sites will be selected based on input from the community, strategic partners, and the Oakland Redevelopment Agency.

Former Cryer Boatyard Site

The former Cryer Boatyard site is located at 1899 Dennison Street, adjacent to Union Point Park and the Estuary. The site consists of two parcels, one along the waterfront and the other encompassing the upland area near Dennison Street. The proposed grant application is for the waterfront parcel, which is contaminated by slag materials and related heavy metals.

During 2009 and 2010, the City cleaned up the upland portion of the site and developed it into a public park that includes a segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail. The City is now proposing to conduct environmental assessments involving soil and sediment sampling throughout the waterfront parcel in order to facilitate its cleanup and reuse as a recreational area with direct water access.



Questions or Comments?

The submittal deadline for these grant applications is November 28, 2011. If you have questions or comments, please call Gopal Nair, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 510.238.6361. You may also send him an email at gnair@oaklandnet.com.