

PERRY COUNTY, OHIO

# U.S. EPA BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT

Perry County was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant to conduct environmental studies on eligible brownfield sites within the County. The ultimate goal of this grant funding is to create market-ready sites for new businesses to grow the local economy.



## WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

“...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence of or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.” Brownfield sites include residential, commercial, and industrial properties, as well as mine-scarred lands, and may be contaminated by controlled substances or petroleum products.





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## WHAT WILL THE GRANT PAY FOR?

The grant may be used to assess, identify, characterize, and plan cleanup activities at potentially contaminated sites.

Specifically, the County can help to complete the following:

- Inventory of Brownfields Sites
- Phase I and II Site Investigations
- Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint Surveys
- Remedial Action Plans

## WHAT ARE THE OVERALL GOALS OF THE PROJECT?

- Work with property owners and partners to leverage funds and encourage redevelopment
- Complete assessments and cleanup plans to redevelop properties
- Create opportunities for new businesses, jobs and growth

## WHY CONDUCT PHASE I AND II ASSESSMENTS?

- Paid for by the grant at no cost to the owner
- Assessment can increase the marketability of a property
- Assessment may be required for lending institution approval to obtain bank financing/loans
- Removes the uncertainty that buyers may have about asbestos or lead paint
- If a known or suspected issue in soil and/or groundwater is present, assessment can quantify the actual magnitude of risk, easing the fears of potential buyers to acquire the property

## WHAT AREAS ARE ELIGIBLE?

The funding may be used on any site within the jurisdiction of Perry County that meets the U.S. EPA property eligibility criteria. Property owner participation is voluntary. Sites will be prioritized based on eligibility, access, marketability, and community impact.

## HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

The public is encouraged to submit properties for consideration to:

**Mr. Benjamin Carpenter, President, Perry County Board of Commissioners**  
121 West Brown Street, Post Office Box 248, New Lexington, Ohio 43764

Additional information regarding the U.S. EPA Brownfield Grant Program is available online at [http://epa.gov/brownfields/assessment\\_grants.htm](http://epa.gov/brownfields/assessment_grants.htm)