The U.S. EPA supports revitalization efforts throughout Minnesota by funding:

- Assessment Grants
- Cleanup Grants
- Revolving Loan Fund Grants
- Job Training Grants
- Areawide Planning Grants

Since 2001, EPA Brownfields grants and loans have directed over $30 Million to 24 different Minnesota communities for site cleanup and redevelopment activities. These funds have made possible 3250 new jobs and $505 Million in cooperative investments statewide. Every dollar granted by EPA leverages $16 in private investment.

EPA has also awarded Brownfield Revolving Loan Funds to the MN Department of Employment & Economic Development, Hennepin County, Duluth, South St. Paul, and the St. Paul Port Authority.

Since 2009, three St. Paul Port Authority Revolving Loan Funds have yielded:

- $75 Million in private investment
- 555 new jobs
- Over $1 Million increase to local tax base

CASE STUDY

COON RAPIDS - PORT CAMPUS SQUARE

- Largely vacant, obsolete shopping center acquired in 2010.
- EPA Grant awarded to City for environmental assessments of several properties including an auto repair shop.
- City completed cleanup and demolition.
- Over $40 million in new construction has occurred to date, including a new public ice arena, and a 167-unit affordable senior apartment building.
The U.S. EPA’s Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment efforts have been a success in Minnesota, but there is much more to do. Brownfield redevelopment can be a key engine for economic growth and job creation.

More than 10,000 contaminated sites remain in Minnesota.

U.S. EPA Brownfields funding is a critical complement to state funding sources. Together, these tools improve the environment and the health of our citizens, while providing economic development and business opportunities.

**CASE STUDIES**

**MINNEAPOLIS - SURLY BREWING COMPANY**
- Dilapidated former potato processing facility with a long history of pollution.
- Leader in MN’s craft-brewing industry selected this site from 80 others to relocate from suburbs.
- New location boosts production, expanding to 200 FTE jobs and $200,000/year tax base increase.
- A regional tourist destination and catalyst for surrounding redevelopment.

**HASTINGS – GREAT RIVER LANDING**
- Former downtown Riverfront Dump and adjacent industrial sites with multiple releases along Mississippi Riverfront.
- A key part of the City of Hastings’s Riverfront Renaissance project.
- 2015 EPA Cleanup funds are enabling current restoration of the site.
- 18.8 million housing and commercial site including park development along the Mississippi River.

**ST. CLOUD - COOPER AVE. CATALYST SITE**
- Prominent location on TH-23 near downtown St. Cloud. Redevelopment hindered by blighted structures and outdated electrical station.
- $200K Assessment Grant to City will determine necessary mitigation.
- Redevelopment consists of 120,000+ s.f. retail and office complex and restaurant pads. Project will catalyze redevelopment of adjacent residential and commercial opportunities.

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