

UNDERGROUND TANKS

EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) promotes the cleanup and reuse of petroleum-contaminated properties such as old abandoned gas stations and industrial sites. As part of the USTfields Initiative, fifty pilots were awarded in 2000 and 2001 to assess, clean up, and reuse high priority petroleum-impacted Brownfields. Low-risk petroleum sites now are eligible for assessment and cleanup grant funding under the Brownfields program.

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FEDERAL FACILITIES

The Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office's (FFRRO) overall mission is to facilitate faster, more effective, and less costly cleanup and reuse of federal facilities. By focusing on partnering and public involvement, FFRRO, and its counterpart offices in EPA regions, have made great strides in improving federal facilities cleanup.

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RESTORING URBAN RIVERS

Eight urban rivers have been selected for pilots as part of the initiative to demonstrate the planning and implementation of urban river cleanup and restoration. The pilots will increase coordination and cooperation between EPA and the US Army Corps of Engineers with regards to remedial, water quality, and environmental restoration activities. The Urban Rivers Restoration Initiative is the result of a July 2002 memorandum of understanding between EPA and the U.S. Army to address water quality issues, economic revitalization, and the public use and enjoyment of urban rivers.

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LAND REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

More and more we are understanding the importance of cleaning up contaminated properties for reuse by future generations. In addition to protecting health, reuse of these properties spurs economic growth, provides land for recreation, and preserves forests, wetlands, and farmland.

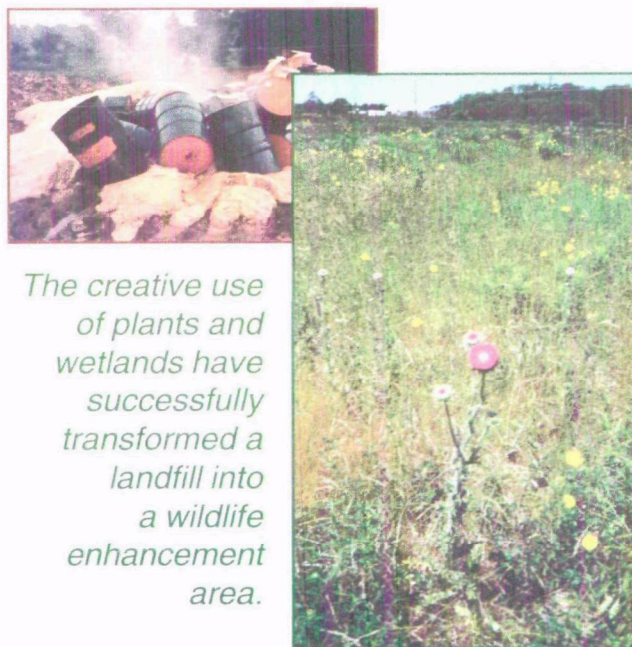
The Environmental Protection Agency is undertaking an important initiative to revitalize communities by making reuse an important part of all the Agency's cleanup programs. The Land Revitalization Initiative was launched to assist EPA staff in working with federal, state, local government, tribal, non-profit, and private sector partners to help make the reuse of once-contaminated property a reality. Through the Land Revitalization Agenda, EPA has identified over 60 actions being taken or under consideration to facilitate reuse in cleaning up contaminated properties. For example, area-wide pilot projects are being undertaken in each of EPA's ten Regions to demonstrate cross-program coordination in cleanup that revitalizes our communities.

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BROWNFIELDS

The Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse brownfields. Under the Brownfields Revitalization Act, EPA's Brownfields program provides financial and technical assistance for brownfields revitalization including grants for environmental assessment, cleanup, and job training.

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The creative use of plants and wetlands have successfully transformed a landfill into a wildlife enhancement area.

FAST FACTS

- The Superfund Program has already restored 60,000 acres of land to ecological and recreational use.
- Cleanups of underground storage tanks have been initiated at more than 380,000 sites, of which over 270,000 sites have been closed.
- Through its research labs and other activities, EPA participates in the development and application of innovative technologies for the characterization and treatment of contaminated waste sites, soils, and groundwater.
- 4.5 acres of greenspace are saved for each acre redeveloped.
- Each \$1.00 of public investment in Brownfields returns \$2.48 of private investment.

SOLID WASTE

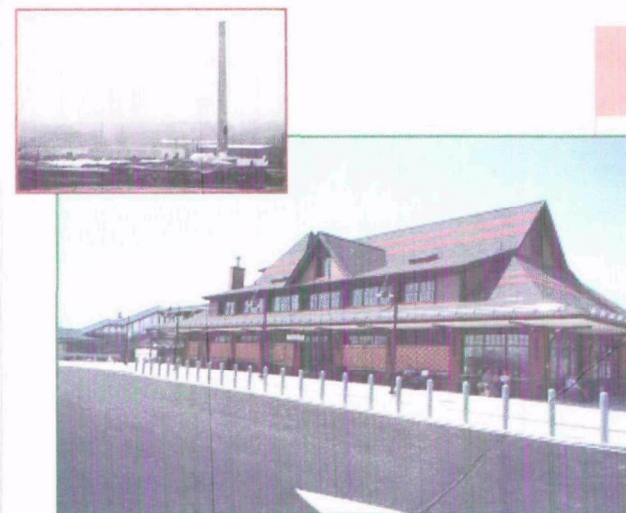
The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) was enacted in 1976 to address the safe management and disposal of municipal and industrial waste. The RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative helps expedite cleanup at RCRA sites by focusing on reuse possibilities and their benefits, such as the creation of new jobs, businesses, and greenspace for communities.

www.epa.gov/swerosps/rcrabf/pilots

SUPERFUND

The Superfund Redevelopment Program is EPA's coordinated national effort to facilitate the return of the country's most hazardous waste sites to productive use by implementing cleanup remedies that are consistent with the reasonably anticipated future land use. While EPA's primary mission is to protect human health and the environment, Superfund cleanups have also been instrumental in returning contaminated sites to productive use.

www.epa.gov/superfund/action/redevelop/index.htm



The former Industri-Plex Superfund site is now home to a regional transportation center.