GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE For Environmental Assessments



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Does your community have a property with serious redevelopment potential that's plagued by environmental concerns? Conducting an environmental assessment may help. Knowing exactly what chemicals and materials are on the site and in the ground beneath it can help you plan for remediation and reuse.

FUNDS

The West Virginia Land Stewardship Corporation received a \$300,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2019 to conduct environmental assessments over a three-year period.

This fall the WVLSC used those funds to kick off the Mon River Sustainable Planning and Assessment for Recreation and Commerce (SPARC) Project, which aims to assess properties along a five-mile stretch of riverfront in Monongalia County that encompasses Morgantown, Westover, Granville, and Star City. This project will unite these individual cities' multi-year efforts to revitalize their respective riverfronts and attempt to capitalize on the area's character-rich infrastructure while addressing potentially harmful materials. Working in partnership with these four municipalities, the WVLSC plans to perform environmental assessments, identify properties with high redevelopment potential, and help communities with reuse planning that will maximize other federal and state resources and private investment.

* Grant funds may also be used in other areas; WVLSC's reach is state-wide. Priority will be given to commercial or industrial properties that are candidates for entry into the WVLSC Land Bank and those for which there is a redevelopment vision.



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