

# THE CITY OF KENTWOOD'S BROWNFIELD GRANT

## About the City of Kentwood:

The City of Kentwood is a dynamic, active, growing community. A report issued by the United States Census Bureau named Kentwood the fastest growing city in West Michigan and placed it in the top five in the state.

~Mayor, Richard L. Root



## Demographics:

- Population: 46,924
- Median Income: \$48,492
- Unemployment: 7.5%
- Total households: 18,477
- Family households: 11,523
- Married-couple families: 8,929
- Within 50 Miles of Kentwood:
  - Grand Valley State University
  - Calvin College
  - Aquinas College
  - Hope College
- Education:
  - 84% hold High School Diploma
  - 27% hold Bachelor Degree or Higher

## For more information:

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## What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield is any land that is abandoned, idled, or under used because redevelopment and/or expansion is complicated by environmental contamination that is either real or perceived. Brownfields represent an economic or social challenge, since they complicate development and therefore, impact local economies. When a brownfield is redeveloped it offers the community a reduction in blight and an increase in property values.



## What is the City doing?

The City of Kentwood has received a site assessment grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund environmental assessment activities that will assist the city in its redevelopment efforts. The City of Kentwood has funding available through this grant to help reduce the cost of redevelopment.



## What is the process?

Applicants requesting funding under the grant will complete the following procedure.

1. Complete a Site Nomination Form and submit to the City Grant Administrator.
2. If the project meets the Nomination Criteria, the City Grant Administrator will complete an Eligibility Determination for review by the EPA.
3. If the Eligibility Determination is approved, a not-to-exceed funding amount will be awarded to the project.
4. The applicant will receive an agreement indicating the amount approved and the applicant's portion of the cost, if the total cost is greater than the not-to-exceed amount, or in the event that additional costs are incurred.
5. Once a Work Plan has been approved by the EPA, and the agreement executed, site work will begin.
6. Once the assessment has been completed, the applicant will receive three paper copies and an electronic copy of the assessment report. Additional electronic copies will be provided to the City Grant Administrator and the EPA.

## What is eligible?

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
- Soil and Groundwater Investigation
- Asbestos Inspections
- Hazardous Materials Surveys
- Lead Based Paint Inspections
- Baseline Environmental Assessments
- Due Care Plans
- Remediation Options Analysis

Not sure if your property or activity is eligible? Schedule an appointment with Ms. Lisa Golder by calling (616) 554-0709

