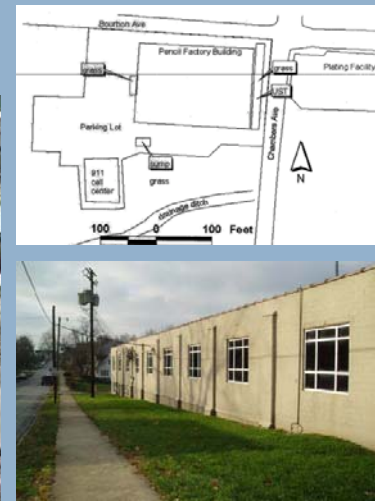


# Cleanup of the Former Empire Pencil Factory

## Project Fact Sheet



*In May 2009, the City of Georgetown was awarded grant funding from U.S. EPA, under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, for cleanup of the former Empire Pencil Factory property. The grant, totaling \$200,000, will be used clean up the Former Empire Pencil Factory in order to remediate asbestos and hazardous substances at the site, demolish the existing building, and create a clean site for redevelopment to benefit the surrounding neighborhood.*

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### What grant did Georgetown receive?

The City received a \$200,000 Brownfield Cleanup Grant from U.S. EPA under the 2009 American Recovery Act. The grant is to be used for the cleanup of the former Empire Pencil Factory property.

### 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."

### What is the history of the site?

The site is comprised of six parcels located at 550 Bourbon Street in the Boston area of downtown Georgetown. From 1946 through the mid-1990s, the site housed the operations of Empire Pencil, formerly Mallard Pencil, a lead pencil manufacturer.

In March 1996, the City purchased the property and utilized it to house the police department, building inspection and electrical inspection offices. In 2006, as a result of growing health concerns, the City vacated the building. Since that time, the property has remained vacant.

### What are City's overall goals for the grant?

The grant will be used to demolish the existing building on site and properly address and dispose of hazardous substances present in the building, including asbestos, lead-based paint, and lead dust. It is the City's intent to remove the blight of this property on the local neighborhood and prepare the site for beneficial reuse and redevelopment.

### How will the grant funds be spent?

The project includes the following five tasks as outlined in the workplan:

- Project management and required EPA and Recovery Act reporting
- Public meeting and establishment of information repository
- Completion of an Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives
- Demolition and cleanup activities
- Completion of the Remedial Action Completion Report to KDEP

### Who will implement the grant?

The lead organization that will manage the project is the Georgetown City Engineer Department. Mr. Eric Larson, City Engineer will act as Project Manager and will work in conjunction with U.S. EPA Region IV, the Kentucky Dept. of Environmental Protection (KDEP), and the selected environmental consultant, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., to oversee and implement the project.

### What happens next?

#### Key steps in the U.S. EPA grant process

- City receives grant
- Secure contract with U.S. EPA
- Competitive procurement to select consultant
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
- Preliminary sampling
- Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives
- Public notice / public meeting
- Advertise bids for cleanup contractor
- Complete demolition and cleanup
- Remedial Action Completion Report

May 2009  
September 2009  
September 2009  
December 2009  
January 2010  
February 2010  
February 2010  
March 2010  
April-June 2010  
July 2010

The majority of the grant will be used for contractual expenses and actual cleanup activities as shown below:

Management/Reporting	\$1,000
Public Outreach	\$3,000
Development of ABCA	\$20,000
Cleanup Activities	\$157,000
Completion Report	\$15,000

The remainder of the grant will be used by the City to cover grant-related travel expenses. As the project was funded through the 2009 Recovery Act, no local match is required.

### How can I participate?

The City will host a public meeting to review the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives and solicit public comment. The details of that meeting will be announced in the Georgetown News-Graphic and on the City's website.

In addition, an information repository has been established at the City Engineer's office. Grant-related documents will also be posted on the City's website. The public is encouraged to submit comments or questions to the City Engineer.

