

Cleanup of the Former Empire Pencil Factory



Funded by a U.S. EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant under the
2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

City of Georgetown, KY



Meeting Agenda



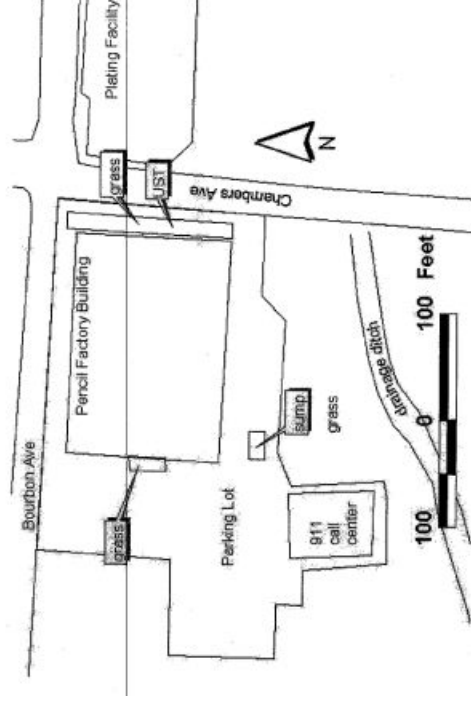
- Project background / site history
- The City's overall goals for the cleanup grant
- How grant funds will be utilized
- Key steps in the U.S. EPA grant process
- Ways to participate and learn more about the project

What is a brownfield?



- “real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”
- Brownfield sites include all “real property,” including residential, commercial and industrial properties.

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- Located at 550 Bourbon Street in the Boston neighborhood of downtown Georgetown
- Housed the operations of Mallard Pencil/Empire Pencil from 1946 through mid-1990s
- City purchased property in 1996 and used it to house the police department, building inspection and electrical inspection offices
- Property was vacated in 2006 as a result of growing health concerns among City employees



History of the Former Empire Pencil Factory



- City applied to Kentucky DEP to perform a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment under the Kentucky Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Program
- Phase I ESA was completed in October 2007; recommended Phase II ESA be completed
- Phase II ESA was completed in June 2008 under the TBA Program
- Confirmed presence of asbestos, lead-based paint and lead dust in the building on the property



Why are we here? Successful U.S. EPA Grant



U.S. EPA awarded Georgetown \$200,000 for site cleanup

- Funding awarded from the 2009 Recovery Act
- Purpose: to remediate hazardous substances at the property and support community outreach activities
- Sept 2009 – Aug 2012



Georgetown's Overall Goals...



- Safely demolish existing building on site
- Contain and properly dispose of hazardous substances present in the building, including asbestos, lead-based paint and lead dust
- Remove blight of the vacant property on the local neighborhood
- Prepare the site beneficial reuse and redevelopment

What will the grant funds be used for?



- Project management and required reporting
- Public meeting and establishment of information repository
- Completion of an Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (to present an evaluation of possible cleanup alternatives and cost estimates)
- Demolition and cleanup activities
- Completion of the Remedial Action Completion Report for submittal to KDEP



Grant Budget

The majority of the grant will be used for contractual expenses and actual cleanup activities.

The remainder of the grant will be used to cover grant-related travel expenses.

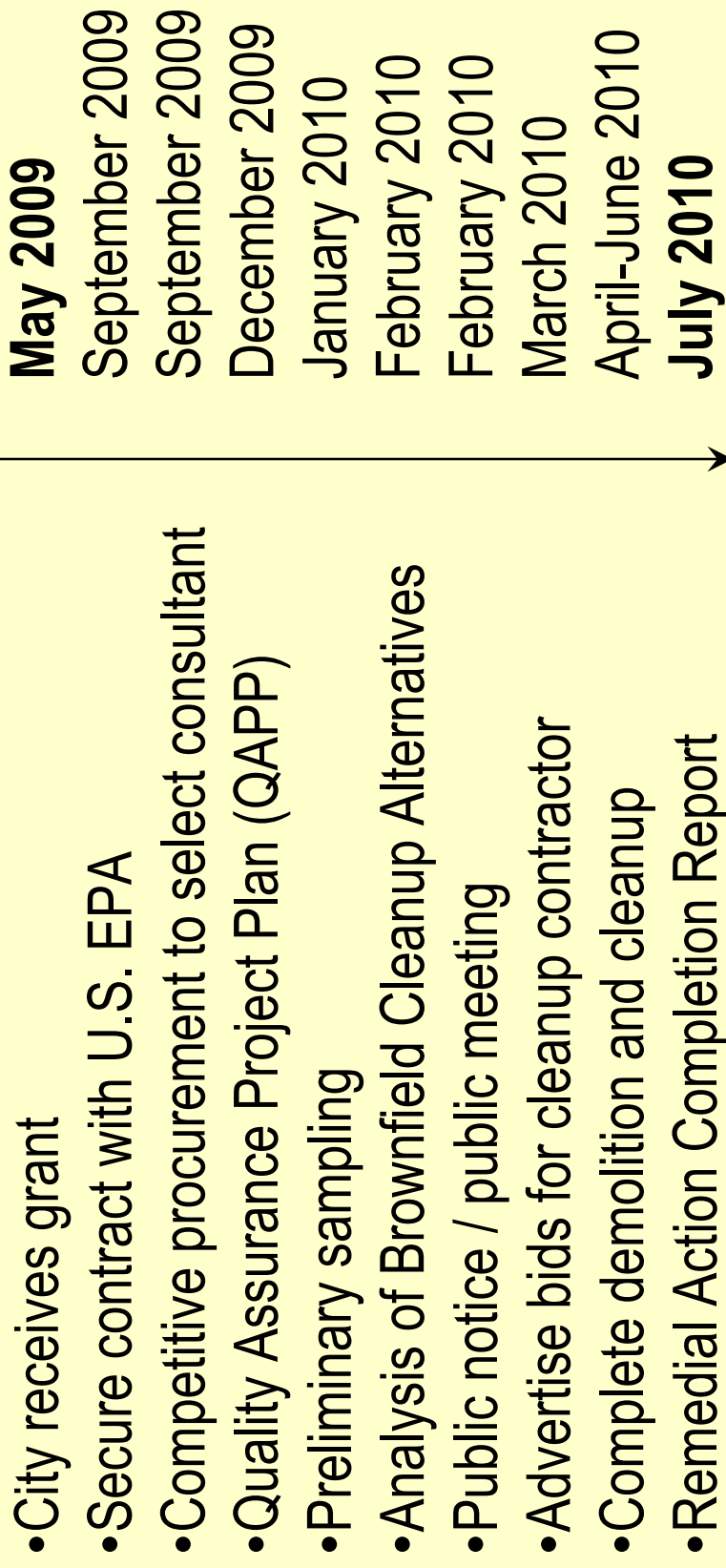
As the project was funded through the 2009 Recovery Act, no local match is required.

Project Budget	
Management/Reporting	\$1,000
Public Outreach	\$3,000
Grant-Related Travel	\$4,000
Development of ABCA	\$20,000
Cleanup Activities	\$157,000
Completion Report	\$15,000
Total	\$200,000

What happens next?



Key steps in the U.S. EPA grant process



Opportunities for Public Participation



- Fact sheet available at the City Engineer's office and on the City website: www.georgetownky.gov
- Information repository has been established at the City Engineer's office
- ABCA will be made available to the public for a 30-day public comment period, followed by a public meeting (expected in February 2010)
- Public is encouraged to submit comments or questions to the City Engineer

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