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City of Danville awarded \$500,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

The City of Danville has been awarded a \$500,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), supporting efforts to identify redevelopment opportunities and advance revitalization projects in key areas of the city.

The grant is part of a nationwide EPA investment of \$248 million in Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grants awarded to 190 communities. More than \$19 million of that funding was awarded to communities across the Mid-Atlantic region.

Danville's grant funding will support environmental assessment activities within historic districts of Danville with a strong focus on the North Main Street Business District and the Mechanicsville Historic District.

A brownfield is a property where redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Brownfields can include former industrial facilities, commercial buildings, vacant properties, and mixed-use sites located within business districts and neighborhoods. Danville has a long history of successfully leveraging brownfields funding to transform underutilized properties into productive community assets. The new grant builds on previous assessment and remediation efforts that have helped support redevelopment projects throughout the city.

"Redevelopment begins with understanding what is possible," said Project Manager Samantha Bagbey. "This EPA funding will help the City evaluate key properties, reduce barriers to investment, and create a stronger foundation for future redevelopment efforts. By preparing sites for reuse, we are opening the door to new opportunities that can strengthen neighborhoods, support private investment, and contribute to the continued revitalization of Danville."

Since its creation in 1995, EPA's Brownfields Program has provided more than \$3 billion in funding to assess and clean up contaminated properties nationwide. Brownfields investments have leveraged more than \$45 billion in cleanup and redevelopment activity and supported more than

228,900 jobs. Through fiscal year 2025, every dollar awarded through EPA Brownfields grants has leveraged an average of \$19.47 in additional public and private investment.

Additional information about the City of Danville's Brownfields Assessment Grant is available through the EPA's grant fact sheet at <https://java.epa.gov/acrespub/gfs/factsheet/12990>

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

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