



# City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

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#### Resolution

File Number: R-2006-0360 Final Action:

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Sponsor(s):

Safety & Development Committee

Resolution relative to authorizing the submittal of federal grant applications by the Director of Development and the subsequent appropriation of necessary local matching funds for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfield Assessment Grant Program and Brownfield Revolving Loan Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering a brownfield economic redevelopment initiative; and,

WHEREAS, the EPA is requesting applications to apply for funding for EPA's Brownfield Grant Programs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of West Allis wishes to promote economic redevelopment through the sustainable reuse of brownfields; and

WHEREAS, the EPA defines brownfields as abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination; and,

WHEREAS, in this action the Common Council of the City of West Allis authorizes the submittal of two applications for the Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program and two applications for the Brownfield Revolving Loan Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, in this action, the Common Council of the City of West Allis declares its intent to complete the activities described in each application, if funds are awarded, for properties and projects described on the attached Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated herein by this reference and make a part hereof to the said extent as if set out in full herein; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned properties, in West Allis, Wisconsin, meet the EPA's definition of a brownfield site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that the Director of Development is hereby authorized to submit applications to the EPA for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from the Brownfield Assessment Grant Program and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Brownfield Revolving Loan Grant Program, for clarifying and removing environmental issues associated with the aforementioned properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Development is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid application, together with other appropriate communications and support documents on behalf of the City to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

cc: Dept. of Development Patrick Schloss, Community Development Manager Chris Phinney, Grant Accounting Specialist

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**ADOPTED** 

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Paul M. Ziehler, City Admin. Officer, Clerk/Treas.

APPROVED

Jeannette Bell, Mayor

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Program

#### Community-wide Hazardous

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Project Name: Community-wide Grant for hazardous substances for impacted sites

Properties Included: Determined through planning and project need

Description: The City of West Allis, a first-ring suburban city, has experienced the loss of

significant tax base and jobs as a result of lost manufacturing and industrial operations. Throughout the City, there are numerous old industrial and commercial sites that require the financial means to complete the necessary investigative measures to determine a sites redevelopment potential. The City has been proactive in creating new tax base and jobs through successful brownfield redevelopment. The redevelopment of brownfields has been, and will continue to be, a cornerstone of the West Allis plan to grow the community, improve the quality of life, and cleanup the overall environment of the City. West Allis has been recognized for its innovative participation in brownfield redevelopment by

creating public/private partnerships and leveraging the public funding with private sector capital. A Brownfield Assessment Grant relating to hazardous substances

would provide a great tool to fund investigations regarding perceived or known issues of properties that are underutilized and restricted for development.

#### Community-wide Petroleum

Project Name: Community-wide Grant for Petroleum impacted sites

Properties Included: Determined through planning and project need

Boundaries: The City of West Allis has experienced numerous properties that have

been impacted by petroleum. The financial costs of site investigations has often restricted the potential of investment and redevelopment. The City has a proven track record of conducting investigations and working with

private entities in partnerships to address perceived and known environmental and petroleum risks. The Assessment grant would be catalyst to foster redevelopment of additional petroleum impacted

properties within the community.

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### U.S EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Program

Project Name: Community-wide Revolving Loan Fund

Properties Included: Determined through planning and project need

Description: The City of West Allis, a first-ring suburban city, has experienced the loss

of significant tax base and jobs as a result of lost manufacturing and industrial operations. By necessity, the City has been proactive in creating new tax base and jobs through successful brownfield redevelopment. The redevelopment of brownfields has been, and will continue to be, a cornerstone of the West Allis plan to grow the community, improve the quality of life, and cleanup the overall environment of the City. West Allis has been recognized for its innovative participation in brownfield

redevelopment by creating public/private partnerships and leveraging the public funding with private sector capital. The City has a demonstrated

need for the establishment of the RLF to assist with the continuing need

for funding Brownfield redevelopment.