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EPA Grants \$600,000 to Fund Final West Meadows Cleanup

The City of Springfield today was awarded three brownfields grants totaling \$600,000 by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 7. The grant money will be used to continue and fully complete the environmental cleanup phase of the Jordan Valley West Meadows. Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks was on hand to personally break the news at the site in Springfield today.

The City applied for three grants during this round of applications and received all three. Approximately \$1.8 million was awarded to four cities in Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska (Region 7 also includes Kansas). Springfield received one third of the four-state total, and was the only community in Missouri selected for grant awards.

Environmental cleanup is the first step toward redevelopment of brownfields sites, which are areas where development or reuse may be complicated by hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants. Cleanup efforts in the West Meadows area (which is roughly between Grant and Fort avenues north of College Street) includes soil removal and disposal; continued soil sampling; and final soil stabilization, grading and re-vegetation.

Cleanup work funded by previous EPA brownfields grants is ongoing. Work funded directly by the grants announced today will likely begin in mid-2012 and take three years to complete. After that, the final redevelopment of West Meadows as envisioned in the citizen-based Jordan Valley Concept Plan can begin.

Additional resources include:

- [Today's EPA Region 7 news release announcing grants for the four-state region](#)
- [West Meadows fact sheet](#)
- [Conceptual landscape plan for West Meadows](#)

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