
MEMORANDUM
Community and Economic Development Department

TO: John Phillips, City Manager

SUBJECT: USEPA Brownfields RLF Subgrant to GROWTH

DATE: 7/06/11

In 2010 the City was awarded a \$500,000 grant from USEPA to capitalize a Revolving Loan Fund for brownfields cleanup. USEPA allows RLF funding, at the City's discretion, to be distributed to not-for-profit entities as subgrants. The City has received a formal request from Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation (GROWTH) for RLF funds in the form of a subgrant to assist in environmental remediation of soils on the former Illinois Oil property.

The cleanup plan approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency includes the removal of contaminated soil at four locations and the installation of an engineered barrier, a parking lot, on the south portion of the property. The largest area of contamination is in City right-of-way along the west side of 25th Street.

EnviroNET's bid of \$419,410 includes

- excavation and hauling contaminated soil to an approved landfill
- testing the soil
- lab fees
- replacing the excavations with clean fill
- constructing an engineered barrier (parking lot)
- completing all environmental reports

GROWTH held a public meeting June 28 at the Rock Island Township Hall to discuss the remediation project and solicit comments on the proposed cleanup plan.

Last month, the City Council agreed to provide \$100,000 in Tax Increment Financing Funds from the Downtown TIF for excavation, disposal and clean fill on the portion of the site within City right-of-way. The \$300,000 subgrant will be used to remediate soils and construct an engineered barrier on the portion of the site housing the Jackson Square development.

Recommendation: The City Council approve a subgrant in the amount of \$300,000 to GROWTH from the City's USEPA-funded Revolving Loan Fund, and authorize the City Manager to sign the RLF agreement.

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