

Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

**Martin Aaron, Inc.
Camden, NJ**

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

BACKGROUND

EPA selected the City of Camden, New Jersey, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Camden is home to the 2.4-acre Martin Aaron, Inc., Superfund site. From 1887 to the 1960s, the property supported a variety of uses including tanning, leather manufacturing, wool and hair blending, and lawn mower manufacturing. Over the past 30 years, various companies, including Martin Aaron, Inc., used the site for drum recycling and reconditioning. In July 1999, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The site is in an economically disadvantaged community near a Brownfields Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

The City of Camden plans to use Pilot funds to develop a community-based plan that incorporates reuse considerations into the cleanup of the site. The city hopes to strengthen the effectiveness of community participation by hiring a consultant to translate technical aspects of the cleanup and reuse of the site for the community, and to conduct other community outreach as necessary.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Camden, NJ

Site Name: Martin Aaron, Inc.

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement
(\$100,000)

Profile: The city will reach community consensus and create a plan for reusing the site.

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