



Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

**RSR Corporation
Dallas, TX**

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 Dallas, Texas, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Dallas is home to the RSR Corporation Superfund site, which was used for lead smelting from 1934 until 1984. Operations at the site contaminated the West Dallas community through air emissions from the smelter's smokestack, disposal of smelter wastes, and lead slag and battery casing chips in fill material in residential areas. Residents of the neighborhoods around the site are mostly minority. After investigating the property and surrounding areas, EPA designated the entire West Dallas area as the RSR Corporation Superfund site, and in September 1995, added it to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. Dallas is a Brownfields Showcase Community.

OBJECTIVES

Dallas plans to use Pilot funds to bring together all key stakeholders to help assess community needs. This needs assessment will help stakeholders identify and rank potential future uses for the site. The city will next develop a reuse plan that details the planned uses. After proposing the plan, the city will test its feasibility, consulting those who would be key to its implementation. Finally, the city will develop a communication strategy designed to share the reuse plan with residents and city decision-makers. A main goal of this project is to bring the diverse ethnic neighborhoods of West Dallas together to create an economic plan that will be beneficial to all of them.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Dallas, TX

Site Name: RSR Corporation

Date of Selection: July 2000

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

Profile: The city will assess community needs, reach community consensus, and create a reuse plan.

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