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Grant to Transform Brownfield into Residential Development

In September 2006, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato joined Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Kathleen McGinty to announce a \$275,000 Growing Greener II grant from Governor Ed Rendell to transform a former industrial site into a residential development.

The 4.3-acre site, which is the largest vacant tract of land in Pittsburgh's Manchester neighborhood, was also designated for Brownfield Action Team (BAT) assistance, which helps to speed environmental cleanup and redevelopment. The Manchester Citizens Corporation (MCC) will use the grant to cover a portion of the environmental assessment and remediation costs associated with preparing the site for redevelopment. Other resident groups, including the North Side Community Development Fund, are involved in the project planning. The site formerly housed an American Electric Facility that manufactured lighting fixtures.

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