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NORTH CHICAGO, IL. (April 22, 2010) – Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin (D-IL) today announced that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded eight grants totaling \$2,650,000 to Illinois communities to assess, clean, and redevelop “brownfield” contaminated waste sites. Today’s funding is part of \$78.9 million awarded nationwide by the EPA. The grants target local, under-served and economically disadvantaged areas. Since 1995, the EPA has awarded more than 2,500 grants totaling nearly \$800 million through the brownfields program.

North Chicago’s \$400,000 in funding will go to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for community-wide brownfield site assessment and planning. “We are extremely grateful for the generous award from Senator Durbin. These funds will help with our continued momentum in identifying and characterizing environmental conditions on abandoned, underutilized, and idled properties throughout North Chicago fortifying our revitalization efforts,” said Leon Rockingham, Jr., Mayor of North Chicago.

Brownfields are properties upon which expansion, redevelopment, or reuse is complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous materials and substances. Brownfield properties include abandoned gas stations, old textile mills, closed smelters, and other abandoned industrial and commercial properties.

The successful grant application was a collaborative project with the IEPA, community stakeholders and the city’s environmental consulting firm, Deigan & Associates, LLC.

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