



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
New Orleans District

Project Fact Sheet

Official Project Name

Brownfields - Cite Des Artes Lafayette Ph I

Location

The study area for this project is a former printing facility in Lafayette, Louisiana located at the corner of East Vermilion Street and East Alley Street. The site is divided into eleven adjoining parcels (only two have physical addresses) which are owned by two separate entities. The physical addresses are:

1129 East Vermilion St.
Lafayette, Louisiana
And
105 East Alley St.
Lafayette, Louisiana

Purpose

The Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program is designed to help states, tribes, and municipalities minimize the uncertainties of contamination often associated with Brownfields. Through the program the New Orleans District has been able to obtain funding to perform Phase I, II, and III Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) to begin the process of redevelopment based on community visions. The New Orleans District has successfully partnered with the LADEQ and EPA-Region 6 in conducting several of these ESAs.

Background

Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

Authority

Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Pub .L.No. 107-118, 115 stat. 2356, "the Brownfields Law")

Scope

Pursuant to acquisition of the property, the Town of Lafayette has requested the assistance of the USACE to conduct an ESA of the property in accordance with applicable portions of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard E 1527-05 Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process in order to identify recognized environmental conditions (REC) located on or in the vicinity of the property.

In order to characterize environmental conditions for the project, USACE

- Reviewed federal, state, and local environmental databases
- Conducted historical research
- Interviewed pertinent personnel
- Performed a site investigation

Progress to Date

Phase I ESA completed in Feb. 2008

Partners/Sponsors

Town of Lafayette

Cite Des Artes

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6