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Ohio River Trail Council applies for grant

Four riverfront communities and the Ohio River Trail Council have submitted an application for a \$175,000 grant to develop and reuse brownfield sites.

Aliquippa, Coraopolis, Midland and Monaca - all member communities in the council - submitted the application for the Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program Grant.

Monaca is one of the pioneering communities in the formation of the partnership of 26 municipalities and two counties in southwestern Pennsylvania.

The communities have banded together to conduct a grass-roots effort to overcome the loss of a manufacturing base and reuse the post-industrial brownfields.

The goal is to connect communities along the Ohio River and to use the Ohio River Trail as a framework for redevelopment of blighted and/or underused parcels or brownfields.

Monaca is seeking EPA funding, contract assistance and collaboration to encourage community involvement in area-wide planning for brownfields assessment, cleanup and reuse.

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