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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Congressman John P. Murtha said today that the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority will receive a \$200,000 grant for clean up of the Rosedale KOZ/Ore Yard brownfield site. The grant, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, promotes the redevelopment of abandoned and contaminated or potentially contaminated waste sites.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority plans to utilize these funds to remediate and restore a 15-acre parcel behind the Cambria Iron Works or Lower Cambria buildings, making the area more marketable for future businesses. The funds will also be used to restore the 30-acre Ore Yard in that same area.

"We continue to make progress in putting our old industrial sites or 'brownfields' back into productive use around Johnstown as a key component of our economic rebuilding," Murtha said. "The EPA brownfields program has been instrumental in this progress."

EPA selected 209 applicants nationally to receive 292 grants for a total of \$69.9 million in brownfields funding for assessment and cleanup. Fact sheets on the grants are available on EPA's website, [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/achive/pilot\\_arch.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/achive/pilot_arch.htm).

Since its inception in 1995, the brownfields program has awarded 883 assessment grants totaling \$225.4 million; 202 revolving loan fund grants totaling \$186.7 million; and \$42.7 million for 238 cleanup grants.

Nationwide, EPA's brownfields assistance has leveraged \$8.2 billion in private investments; helped to create more than 37,525 jobs; and resulted in the assessment of more than 8,374 properties and the cleanup of 93 properties.