



Brownfields Sustainability Pilot Fact Sheet

Laredo Recreation Center

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is 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.

EPA's Brownfields Sustainability Pilots provide technical assistance to support communities in achieving greener, more sustainable assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment at their brownfields projects. These pilots will also serve as models for other communities across the country.

Project Description

EPA has selected the City of Laredo Environmental Services Department as a Brownfields Sustainability Pilot. The City of Laredo was awarded a Brownfields Cleanup grant to reclaim a contaminated wetland, Killam Lake, along Chacon Creek, a tributary of the Rio Grande River. A new City of Laredo recreation center will be constructed immediately adjacent to the brownfields cleanup site. EPA funding will assist with the design of energy and resource conservation building features, an innovative stormwater management system to reduce impervious surface areas and improve site conditions, and the use of native vegetation to conserve water resources.

The Killam Lake site and the new recreation center will become an integral part of the city's master trail system plan along Chacon Creek. The recreation center and its surrounding environment will create a hub of activities for the local community which includes canoeing, catch and release fishing, hiking, nature trails, and more. Sustainability, conservation, and healthy living are the emphasis of the amenities and opportunities offered.



Technical Assistance: Sustainable Building Practices

Technical Assistance Recipient:

City of Laredo Environmental Services Department

Project Focus:

Technical assistance for sustainable building design, stormwater management, and the use of native vegetation to conserve water resources in Laredo, Texas

Funding Amount:

\$25,000

Contacts

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