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### **CITY OF ROCKFORD AWARDED \$750,000 IN USEPA BROWNFIELD GRANT**

ROCKFORD, IL. – April 19, 2010 – Mayor Larry Morrissey was informed today that the City of Rockford was awarded a grant award of \$750,000 through the United States Environmental Protection (USEPA) Brownfield grant award.

“Brownfield sites are a major obstacle in redeveloping former industrial properties. This federal funding will greatly assist us in our efforts to revitalize our central city,” stated Mayor Morrissey at Monday night’s council meeting.

Rockford will be the first community to receive both the site specific grant, which will focus on the 25 acre South Main rail yards for an amount of \$350,000 and a Community wide grant for the amount of \$400,000. The grant dollars will be focused on the removal of hazardous materials and petroleum products from the defined Brownfield areas.

Brownfield sites are abandoned or little used properties, scattered throughout the city that are often well-placed geographically for redevelopment but the environmental issues associated with their historical use often makes them unattractive to redevelopment. The grant dollars will allow the city to address these concerns and begin remediation, allowing the city to move forward with redevelopment plans for the sites.

City leaders plan to sign the formal Cooperative Agreement Application as soon as possible and will commence work on the sites as early as October 1, 2010.

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