



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Augusta, GA*

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development 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. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### **Community Description**

The City of Augusta was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Augusta (population 205,000) is the second largest city in Georgia. Many of the city's brownfields are located in or near the disadvantaged Hyde Park neighborhood. The city is considering a number of sites in this area for assessment, including a former scrap yard and a metal recycling facility. The city also plans to conduct assessments at residential sites near the scrap metal yard, which was found to be severely contaminated following an assessment funded by a previous brownfields assessment grant. Ninety-eight percent of Hyde Park's residents are minorities. The poverty rate in the target area is 67 percent, and median household income is less than \$9,000. The Hyde Park area typifies blight caused by brownfields, and these proper-



### **Assessment Grant**

**New  
2003**

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the City of Augusta for a brownfields assessment grant. The city intends to use grant funds to perform environmental site assessments on abandoned properties in the disadvantaged, predominantly minority Hyde Park neighborhood. Grant funds also will be used for outreach activities, reuse planning, and to expand the existing geographic information system (GIS) brownfields inventory.

### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Augusta has received brownfields funding for an assessment grant.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

ties have contributed to disinvestment. In addition, many residents have developed health problems that may be attributed to contaminated industrial sites located in or near residential areas. The targeted sites have excellent redevelopment potential and may be redeveloped into a technology office park and community education and training center.