



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

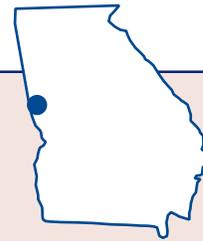
DASH for LaGrange, Inc., GA

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

DASH for LaGrange, Inc., was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. LaGrange (population 25,998) is a progressive city 60 miles south of Atlanta. The Jefferson Street Site targeted for cleanup lies in the heart of Hillside, one of the city's old mill neighborhoods. This neighborhood borders on the poorest census tract in LaGrange. More than 55 percent of Hillside residents are minorities. As former mill employees gradually moved away from the neighborhood, the homes were bought up by investors who neglected the properties. As a result, the homes and nearby businesses have deteriorated. Most of the commercial structures in the area are now vacant or underutilized. The Jefferson Street Site is located within, and critical



Cleanup Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected DASH for LaGrange, Inc., for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up contamination resulting from an underground release of petroleum products to groundwater originating at 614 Jefferson Street, location of a former gasoline station. The contamination also has affected the adjacent properties at 622 and 624 Jefferson Street. Together, these three contiguous properties are known as the Jefferson Street Site.

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.

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

to, a DASH mixed-use redevelopment project already underway that includes housing units for the elderly, renovated commercial buildings to upgrade old establishments and draw new business to the area, and a park weaving through the neighborhood. Part of the plan involves creating space for a farmers market and craft sales. Cleanup of the site will facilitate this neighborhood project and help bring employment and other income-generating opportunities for local residents.