



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## Hattiesburg, MS

### 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 Hattiesburg was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Hattiesburg, with a population of 44,779, is a federally designated entitlement city located in southeast Mississippi. Of its residents, 47 percent are minorities, and 28 percent live in poverty. The target brownfields are in the historically minority Mobile-Bouie neighborhood, which is adjacent to the downtown district and near several designated historic districts. Within this 140-acre neighborhood, where more than 37 percent of residents live in poverty, is a 70-acre section that lies between two rail lines. Historical land uses include a service center and truck stop, cotton gin, oil seed pressing facility, fertilizer blending operation, wood treatment production, crema-



### Assessment Grant

New  
2005

**\$160,750 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the City of Hattiesburg for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform up to nine Phase I and up to seven Phase II site assessments, develop cleanup and reuse plans, and conduct community outreach activities.

### 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).

EPA Region 4 Brownfields Team

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<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm>

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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.

tory and incinerator, and storage facility for bulk oil, gasoline, and diesel. Brownfields redevelopment has the potential to encourage additional private investment that will enhance the economic vitality of the area, create new jobs for local residents, and protect the quality of life, health, safety, and public welfare of community residents.