



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

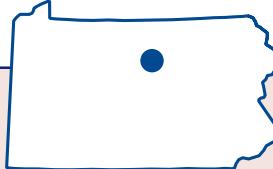
## *Lycoming County, PA*

### 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

Lycoming County was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Lycoming County (population 120,044), located in north central Pennsylvania, is the largest in land area of all of the state's 67 counties. However, much of its land is either agricultural, hilly, or near waterways where potential flooding precludes commercial development. Therefore, redevelopment of well-placed abandoned or underutilized commercial properties is important to promote economic growth and quality of life in the county and its municipalities. These properties were left behind as a result of the decline in the manufacturing sector in the area. Among the four municipalities targeted for assessment, between 48 and 53 percent of



### Assessment Grant

New  
2005

**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected Lycoming County for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, inventory and rank sites, and conduct at least nine Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Preference will be given to sites that are in the county's designated growth corridors and in areas that are approved for Keystone Opportunity Zone designations.

### 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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Grant Recipient: Lycoming County, PA

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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.

residents are classified as having low or moderate incomes. The median household income in the county is 19 percent less than the national average. Assessment of the area's brownfields sites will assist the county in moving forward with its land recycling initiative, to recapture old, underutilized, or blighted and abandoned facilities. This will enable the creation of employment opportunities and stimulate healthier environmental and social conditions in the county.