



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

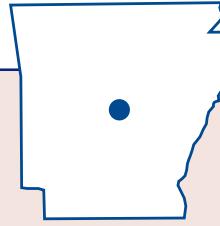
## Pulaski County, AR

### 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

Pulaski County was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Pulaski County has a population of 365,442, and includes Little Rock, the major metropolitan area in the county. Minorities comprise 59 percent of the population of Pulaski County, and 33.9 percent of residents live below the poverty level. Within the federally designated Pulaski County Empowerment Zone, 70 percent of the labor force is African-American, with many families struggling to be self-sufficient. Over 50 properties with redevelopment potential have been identified in the urban core of Little Rock and North Little Rock. Brownfields redevelopment target areas include the north shore of the Arkansas River, which lies within the



### Revolving Loan Fund Grant

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#### \$3,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Pulaski County for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which Pulaski County will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. Funds also will be used for community outreach activities. Coalition partners are the Cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock.

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

downtown area of North Little Rock, but is currently vacant and underutilized. A second target is the Fourche Creek Restoration project area, a wetland which acts as a natural sponge and is currently impacted by non-point source pollution, domestic refuse, runoff, and sewage, mining, and agricultural runoff. Brownfields redevelopment will address public health and environment issues, and support the economy in areas that are currently distressed.