



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Menlo Park, CA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders 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 Menlo Park was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in San Mateo County, Menlo Park (population 30,648) is targeting a 65,000-square-foot parcel of the six-acre city-owned Terminal Avenue property for cleanup. Historically, the lands in this area were used for grazing. Although the cause of the contamination is unclear, environmental assessments conducted at the site indicate the presence of degraded diesel fuel. The property is located in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, home to 20 percent of the city's residents. Nearly 60 percent of Belle Haven residents are Hispanic, 30 percent are African-American, and 14.7 percent of residents live below the poverty level. The city negotiated with Habitat for Humanity to develop 22 affordable housing units for very low-income residents on



### Cleanup Grant

New  
2006

**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Menlo Park for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up degraded diesel fuel-contaminated soil and groundwater at the Terminal Avenue Housing site. Grant funds will be used to prepare cleanup plans, remove contaminated soil, treat and dispose of groundwater that may enter excavation areas, and backfill the area with clean soil.

### 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.

the property, after it is cleaned up. These units are part of a larger development that includes a total of 47 housing units and a neighborhood park. The site is in close proximity to schools, a library, and community service facilities. This redevelopment is expected to reduce the threats posed by the petroleum hydrocarbons to humans and the environment, and expand the city's tax base.