



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

## Millen, GA

### 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 Millen was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in eastern Georgia, Millen (population 3,492) is a rural community that has experienced a population decline since 1990. The median household income in the city is only 42 percent of the state's median, 35 percent of residents live below the poverty level, and the unemployment rate is 18.6 percent. Many of the city's petroleum brownfield sites are abandoned properties that originally were used for light industrial or commercial purposes, including gas stations, manufacturing shops, and machine shops. Most are located on rural roads or within the main economic corridor of the city. Abandoned petroleum sites create blight and are a contamination threat to groundwater. When brownfields are assessed and eventually cleaned up, they will be



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Millen for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform approximately ten to 15 Phase I environmental site assessments, and approximately five Phase II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used for cleanup planning.

### 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.

redeveloped for businesses, homes, parks, or open space. Brownfields redevelopment will stimulate the local economy, create employment opportunities, increase tax revenues, remove blight and its economic impacts, increase property values, and minimize public health threats.