



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

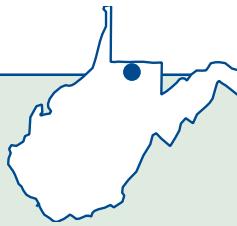
## Monongalia County, WV

### 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

Monongalia County was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in north-central West Virginia, Monongalia County (population 83,918) grew around the coal mining, processing, and transport industries. The mining industry left disturbed land and toxic-refuse coal, created hazardous facilities, filled stream corridors and floodplains with tracks and railyards, and poisoned creeks. The Deckers Creek corridor contains such mine-scarred lands. Nearly 23 percent of the population in Monongalia County lives below the poverty level, and the median household income in the county is \$28,625, which is \$13,000 less than the national level. Monongalia County is one of the state's top two acid-mine drainage producing



### Assessment Grant



#### \$198,046 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Monongalia County for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to assess mine-scarred lands in the Deckers Creek corridor. Specifically, grant funds will be used to perform eight water quality assessments, at least seven Phase I environmental site assessments, and one Phase II environmental site assessment.

### 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.

counties. Eventual cleanup of abandoned mines will allow potential development of Deckers Creek as a recreational fishery to increase tourism and promote greenspace development. Brownfields redevelopment will create recreational space in the community, attract tourism, increase property values, and boost local tax revenues.