



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Tarrant, AL*

### 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 Tarrant was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in central Alabama, Tarrant (population 7,022) was originally designed as a community with manufacturing jobs located within walking distance of attractive homes, businesses, schools, and churches. With the decline in manufacturing, hundreds of jobs were lost and industrial facilities were abandoned, leaving a once bustling community economically challenged. More than 16 percent of Tarrant residents live below the poverty level, and the median household income is 70 percent of the national median. The Vulcan Rivet and Bolt site, targeted for cleanup, is a former manufacturing facility contaminated with heavy metals from more than 80 years of operations. The site is located at the entrance to the city along its major thoroughfare and



### Cleanup Grant

New  
2006

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

EPA has selected the City of Tarrant for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up heavy metals contamination, including arsenic, iron, and chromium, at the Vulcan Rivet and Bolt site at 1020 Pinson Valley Parkway. Grant funds also will be used to conduct public outreach, develop cleanup plans, and enroll the site in the state voluntary cleanup program.

### 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.

near the Fivemile Creek. Cleanup of the site is expected to reduce the potential risks to human health and the environment, including the threat to stream ecology and downstream communities. The city plans to redevelop the site to include a transportation hub that will provide reliable and convenient access to public transportation. This project is especially important because only one percent of Tarrant's working population uses public transportation to commute to work. The location of the hub will promote the use of the Tarrant Pedestrian Trail, scheduled for completion in 2007, that will connect most neighborhoods to reliable transportation.