



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

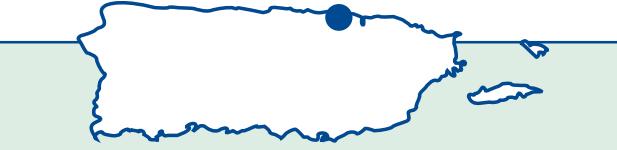
## Cataño, PR

### 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 Municipality of Cataño (population 27,488) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The La Puntilla sector of the municipality is located in an ancient marsh-wetland area filled in with deposits of landfill waste for housing construction purposes. It is located near the San Juan Bay Estuary, which has been recognized as the habitat for several species. Odors coming out of the stormwater and sanitary system indicate that the community may have been contaminated by petroleum products. Almost 83 percent of housing in the area is subject to flooding. The unemployment rate in this area is 56 percent. Brownfields assessment will help the municipality move forward with reuse plans for new housing and restoration of ecologically sensitive areas. Brownfields redevelopment will create jobs, enhance property



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Municipality of Cataño for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to inventory sites, conduct at least seven Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, and conduct community outreach in the La Puntilla sector of Cataño.

### 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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values, and promote a more vibrant and healthy community.