



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Harlem, 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 Harlem was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Harlem (population 1,814) is a rural community on the outskirts of the Augusta, Georgia, metropolitan area. Between 1990 and 2000, the city experienced a 17.5 percent decline in population while the surrounding county's population increased by more than 35 percent. The percentage of Harlem residents living below the poverty level is more than three times that of the county's, and the median household income is only 55 percent of the county median. Many of the city's brownfields are abandoned properties that were used for industrial or commercial purposes, including gas stations and a large textile mill. Most are located on rural roads or within the main corridor of Harlem. Because there are greenfield sites available in the area, brownfields are



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Harlem for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments, and conduct health monitoring of citizens in and around selected sites throughout the city.

### 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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often overlooked. Assessment of the city's brownfields will increase the marketability of these properties, and help remove blight. Brownfields redevelopment will remove health threats to the community, create jobs, and increase tax revenues.