



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

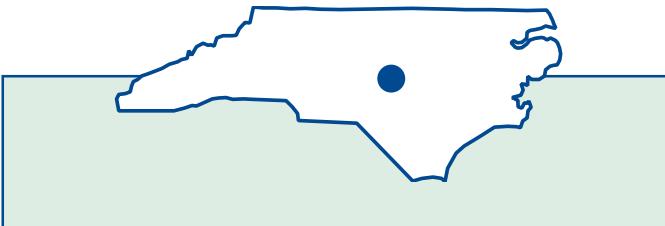
## Sanford, NC

### 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 Sanford was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in central North Carolina, Sanford (population 26,710) is a former textile town that is transitioning to a service-related economy with a growing artisan community. However, it lags behind the rest of the state in terms of income, education, and other demographic factors. More than 42 percent of residents are minorities. The city has lost much of its former industrial base, which was once centered in a vibrant downtown area. Preliminary inventory efforts have identified 11 brownfield sites with potential for redevelopment. The city plans to create an urban greenway and linear park along the Little Buffalo Creek, and link the northern part of Lee County to downtown Sanford. Brownfields assessment and eventual redevelopment will create



### Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the City of Sanford for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments, conduct health monitoring of surrounding populations, and support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

### 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 information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

jobs, generate tax revenues, and create a vibrant recreational and historic area that will attract people and businesses to the downtown area.

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