



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

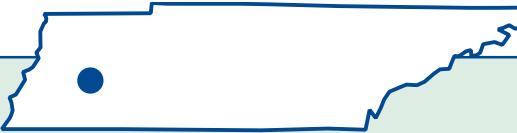
Jackson, TN

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 Jackson was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in western Tennessee, Jackson (population 59,643) experienced economic hardship after tornadoes damaged the downtown business district in 2003. These tornadoes destroyed millions of dollars worth of property and displaced hundreds of residents. In an effort to revitalize and redevelop the downtown area, the city has established a new Downtown Entertainment District. The target site, the former Citizens Gas and Light Company property, is located in this district. The poverty rate in the area is 21.8 percent, compared to city and state rates of 17.1 and 13.5 percent, respectively. Median household and per capita incomes in this tract are significantly lower than city and state averages. Cleanup of the brownfield property will



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Jackson for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 3.1-acre former Citizens Gas and Light Company site at 91 New Market Street. The site produced manufactured gas from 1871 to 1931. Byproducts of the manufactured gas process have contaminated surface and subsurface soils with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and other hazardous substances. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

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.

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Grant Recipient: City of Jackson, TN
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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.

address the environmental concerns related to the site, enabling the city to reuse the property as greenspace. This new greenspace is expected to promote the creation of jobs, and increase property values.