



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

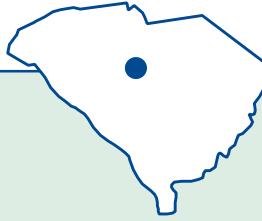
Richland County, SC

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 this 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

Richland County was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in central South Carolina, Richland County (population 348,226) is focusing its brownfields efforts in Ridgewood, one of the county's oldest communities. Ridgewood is located just north of the City of Columbia, and is within the federally designated Columbia-Sumter Empowerment Zone. In its earlier years, Ridgewood was a thriving community with working class homeowners and an economic base of small businesses. Today, many families and businesses have moved, and the area is blighted with an aging housing stock and abandoned buildings. This small, overwhelmingly minority community lags behind the county and state in terms of employment, median household income, and families



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected Richland County for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to establish a site inventory and conduct six Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Petroleum grant funds will be used to establish a site inventory and conduct eight Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement 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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and individuals living in poverty. Assessment of the area's brownfields is expected to clarify and quantify the environmental issues associated with these properties and help the county facilitate cleanup and redevelopment.