

# EPA Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

## Charlotte, NC

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5105)

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

**EPA's** Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

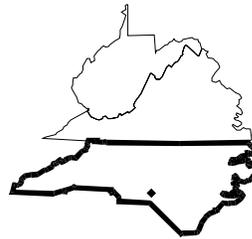
### BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Charlotte supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. The city will expand the targeted area beyond the Wilmore neighborhood/South End business district to include all of its distressed communities, in alignment with the area targeted by the Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) Pilot. The area has a 25 percent average poverty rate for families, and 67 percent of its residents are minority. This area includes the city's major distressed business corridors that are the target of several other economic revitalization incentives (e.g. low-interest, deferred loans; tax incentives; grants) through initiatives such as the federal Enterprise Communities, North Carolina's State Development Zones, Charlotte's City Within a City (CWAC) Equity Loan Program, Business Corridor Revitalization Program, and Business Investment Zones.

### OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The Pilot will coordinate these supplemental assessment efforts with the BCRLF program to facilitate completion of the cleanup and redevelopment of a mix of large developer projects and smaller projects handled by small- to medium-sized businesses.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



Charlotte, North Carolina

**Date of Announcement:**  
March 2000

**Amount:** \$100,000

**Profile:** The Pilot will target 6 to 10 properties within Charlotte's major distressed business corridors.

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<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

The Pilot's efforts will be integral to the city's commitment to improve its older business areas and neighborhoods.

To accomplish these objectives, the Pilot plans to:

- Identify and convene an Advisory Committee that will lead the property selection process and work with the community to ensure that each project conforms with local needs;
- Develop communications and outreach materials to ensure community input; and
- Conduct 6 to 10 environmental assessments at properties selected by the Advisory Committee.

*The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.*