

Brownfields 2009 Grant Fact Sheet
Chattanooga, TN
EPA Brownfields Program

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Cleanup Grant
\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Chattanooga for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Anchor Glass Office site on the 400 block of West 45th Street. This abandoned 2.5-acre site has housed a glass manufacturer and a dry cleaner. Contaminants of concern include arsenic, benzo(a)pyrene, and naphthalene. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant
\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Chattanooga for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the City of Chattanooga will provide loans to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances in urban core areas. Grant funds also will be used to market the fund and support community involvement activities.

The City of Chattanooga was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant and a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Chattanooga (population 155,554) is located in southeast Tennessee. Textile mills, foundries, and chemical plants once thrived in its urban core. A long decline in the manufacturing sector has resulted in the economic decline of the city's urban core. Vacant properties have been used as uncontrolled dumping sites, and many residents have moved to the suburbs. Today, there are about 2,300 acres of brownfields in the urban core target area. About 1,165 of these acres are in Alton Park, where the cleanup site is located. Seventy-one percent of urban core residents are minorities, and the poverty rate in the Alton Park area is 55 percent. Cleanup of the target site is expected to help remove a significant health threat to residents living near the site. A developer has committed to purchasing parcels of the site, once they are cleaned up, for reuse as office space or for light manufacturing. Cleanups conducted through the revolving loan fund grant are expected to help leverage additional resources for redevelopment and revitalization of the city's urban core.

Contacts

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Hamilton County, TN EPA Brownfields Program

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Cleanup Grant \$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Hamilton County for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Charles A. Bell Elementary School site located in Alton Park at 3501 Central Avenue in Chattanooga. The 10-acre site was an elementary school from 1960 to 1990. Site soils are contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and other contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities.

Hamilton County was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The target site is in the City of Chattanooga in Hamilton County (population 307,896). Hamilton County's industrial history dates back to the late 1800s and extends into the 1960s, when chemical manufacturing hit its peak in Chattanooga. For years, many area industries used Chattanooga Creek and vacant land as dumping sites. A 7.7-mile stretch of the creek runs through Alton Park, the location of the target site. When businesses and factories closed, they left behind 150 acres of land, including abandoned commercial buildings. This land includes 41 known or suspected hazardous waste sites. Ninety-six percent of Alton Park's residents are minorities, 52 percent of households live below the poverty level, and the neighborhood has a 23percent unemployment rate. Cleanup of the target site will remove hazards and blight from the community and make Alton Park more appealing for business investment. County plans call for redeveloping the site as a community recreation complex.

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Brownfields 2009 Grant Fact Sheet
Knoxville, TN
EPA Brownfields Program

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Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Knoxville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to inventory brownfield sites and conduct a minimum of 20 Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments in South Knoxville. Grant funds also will be used to conduct preliminary cleanup planning and support community outreach activities.

The City of Knoxville was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Knoxville (population 175,027) is located in east Tennessee. South Knoxville, the target area, is located on the south bank of the Tennessee River directly across from downtown. South Knoxville contains active and closed industrial facilities with potential contamination, including petroleum and asphalt operations, furniture and automotive refinishers, and mills. There are about 20 abandoned, idle, and underused industrial and commercial sites in the target area, ranging in size from single lots to several acres. In 2006, 24 percent of Knoxville's residents lived below the poverty level, and the median household income in the city is significantly lower than the national average. Brownfield assessments will determine possible health risks posed by potentially contaminated properties and help plan site cleanups.

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Brownfields 2009 Grant Fact Sheet
Upper Cumberland Development District, TN
EPA Brownfields Program

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Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Upper Cumberland Development District for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory and prioritize sites and conduct at least 20 Phase I and 5 Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used for community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

The Upper Cumberland Development District was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. The District consists of 14 counties in the rural Upper Cumberland region (population 305,000) of Tennessee. The largest employment sectors in the region historically included manufacturing, mining, and construction. The decline in these sectors has left the area with skeleton buildings and abandoned and idled factories, mines, and mills. These properties are barriers to economic growth in the area. The number of people living below the poverty level in the District is about 30 percent higher than the national rate. The median household income is significantly lower than the national median. In the past seven years alone, the region has lost 8,000 manufacturing jobs. Brownfield assessments will clarify the presence of contamination and address potential threats to human health and the environment posed by sites. Assessments will help the region move forward with cleanup and redevelopment plans that are expected to catalyze revitalization.

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