

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Project Fact Sheet



Atlanta, GA

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. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants to assess and clean up brownfield sites.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program

EPA is piloting an area-wide planning approach to community brownfield challenges, which recognizes that revitalization of the area surrounding the brownfield site(s) is just as critical to the successful reuse of the property as assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of an individual site. The pilot program will help further community-based partnership efforts within underserved or economically disadvantaged neighborhoods by confronting local environmental and public health challenges related to brownfields, while creating a planning framework to advance economic development and job creation.

Pilot Project Description

EPA has selected the City of Atlanta as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program recipient. The city is focusing on a 3,282-acre project area in southwest Atlanta, which consists of five redevelopment locations within two miles of each other, connected by commercial and industrial corridors. Nearly 28 percent of project area's 49,297 residents live below the poverty level, and unemployment rates are higher than the national average. From 2006 to 2009, more than 3,500 jobs were lost in the project area. The area includes at least 25 brownfields, including a former auto service and repair shop, heavy

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EPA is awarding approximately \$4 million in total across 23 recipients. Recipients will each receive up to approximately \$175,000 in EPA cooperative agreement and/or direct technical assistance. Assistance will help recipients initiate development of an area-wide plan and identify next steps and resources needed to implement the plan.



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industrial facilities, and vacant warehouses. The city has been involved since 2005 in two redevelopment plans that identified the need and provided the framework for future area-wide brownfield planning in the project area. The area-wide plan will be the critical next step in coordinating community involvement around the assessment, cleanup, and reuse of brownfields in the project area, helping to anchor the area's commercial, industrial, residential, and greenspace redevelopment.