



Brownfields 2007 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet

Southeast Local Development Corporation, Chattanooga, 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 Southeast Local Development Corporation was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The targeted Cavalier Brownfield site is in the urban core of Chattanooga (population 155,554). This area once was home to foundries, tanneries, brick kilns, and textile mills. As the economy changed, these major industries declined, leaving behind deteriorating, contaminated sites. Today, the city's urban core includes Chattanooga's federally designated Renewal Community. Thirty-five percent of area residents live below the poverty level, and 70 percent are minorities. The target area's unemployment rate is 18.7 percent. The Cavalier Brownfield site was used as a lumberyard and for the manufacture of furniture, ice boxes, and vending machines. Cleanup and redevelopment began in the mid-1990s, and portions of the site have been reused for career and education centers, business incubation, office space, and manufacturing. This final stage of cleanup will make an additional five acres of the site available for redevelopment. The site will likely be used for additional small business development initiatives.

Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Southeast Local Development Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to complete the final stage of cleanup at the 10.5-acre Cavalier Brownfield site at 1105 East 10th Street in Chattanooga. Former manufacturing operations at the site resulted in trichloroethylene contamination. 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 (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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