



# **Brownfields 2012 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet**

## **Columbus, MS**

### **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 cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. 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.

### **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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The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

### **Assessment Grants**

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

EPA has selected the City of Columbus for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 15 Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 16 Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to conduct area-wide planning, cleanup planning, and community outreach activities. The city will focus environmental site assessments on three industrial areas that contain numerous brownfields: Yorkville Park, the Warehouse District, and "The Island."