

# **Brownfields 2013 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet**

Yuba River Charter School, Grass Valley, CA

## **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.

## **Cleanup Grants**

### \$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Yuba River Charter School for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the North, East, and West Burn Areas, all located at 11271 Rough and Ready Highway in the City of Grass Valley. The three burn areas were mined for gold in the 19th century and later used to burn municipal solid wastes for 50 years. Unused since 1940, the sites are contaminated with metals and arsenic. Grant funds also will be used to oversee the cleanups and support community outreach 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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