

# Georgia Brownfield Association

What's new at EPA and in the Brownfields Program?

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## EPA'S 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (FY18 – FY22)

### “Back to Basics”

#### **Goal 1: Refocus on core mission**

- 1.3: Revitalize Land and Prevent Contamination

#### **Goal 2: Cooperative Federalism**

- Shared Accountability, Increase Transparency, Public Participation

#### **Goal 3: Improved processes and adherence to the rule of law**

- Compliance, Consistency, Robust Science, Streamline/Modernize, Improve Efficiency/Effectiveness



Source: [gregburdine.com](http://gregburdine.com)

## GOAL 1.3: “REVITALIZE LAND AND PREVENT CONTAMINATION”

Creates a focus for the next 5 years on  
“Ready for Anticipated Use” (RAU) for  
Superfund and Brownfields

- 255 additional Superfunds sites RAU
- 3,420 additional Brownfields sites RAU
- 536 additional RCRA Corrective Action facilities RAU
- 56,000 UST safe by human health and environmental standards



Atlanta Beltline  
Before and After





## GOAL 1.3: BROWNFIELDS

**Cleanup Complete for Brownfields still RAU – requires some State concurrence**

- Property cleaned up, institutional controls (IC's) in place if required
- Region 4's FY18 target: 14

**Now counting assessments meeting certain conditions:**

- Property assessed, cleanup not required, institutional controls (IC's) in place if required

**Assessment, Cleanup, Redevelopment and Exchange System (ACRES)**

**OMB setting aggressive annual targets: 684 for FY18**



East Decatur Greenway (before and after)





## GRANT APPLICATION/AWARD STATUS

	FY2016 Rec'd/Awarded	FY2017 Rec'd/Awarded	FY2018 Rec'd/Awarded
Alabama	10/3	18/6	10/??
Florida	20/5	23/6	20/??
Georgia	9/1	16/7	12/??
Kentucky	9/3	11/4	7/??
Mississippi	9/4	10/9	6/??
North Carolina	21/4	19/5	20/??
South Carolina	11/5	12/3	17/??
Tennessee	9/3	2/0	5/??
Funds Awarded R4	\$9,897,000	\$11,349,803	
National \$\$	\$55.2	\$48.8M	

Announced  
on April 25<sup>th</sup>

## FY2018 BUDGET UPDATE – BUILD ACT

- EPA FY18 Budget Approved on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act included.
- Raised authorized funding levels for EPA's Brownfield program from \$150 million to \$250 million (2019 -2023).
- Will be dependent on future EPA budgets.
- Expanded eligibility for nonprofits to be able to apply for all (not just cleanup) grants.
- Provided added liability protection for governmental entities.



Source: yahoo.com

NEW!

### **BUILD Act Webinars:**

- May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm EST - ([www.ksutab.org](http://www.ksutab.org))
- June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm EST - EPA OBLR Sponsored (details to come)

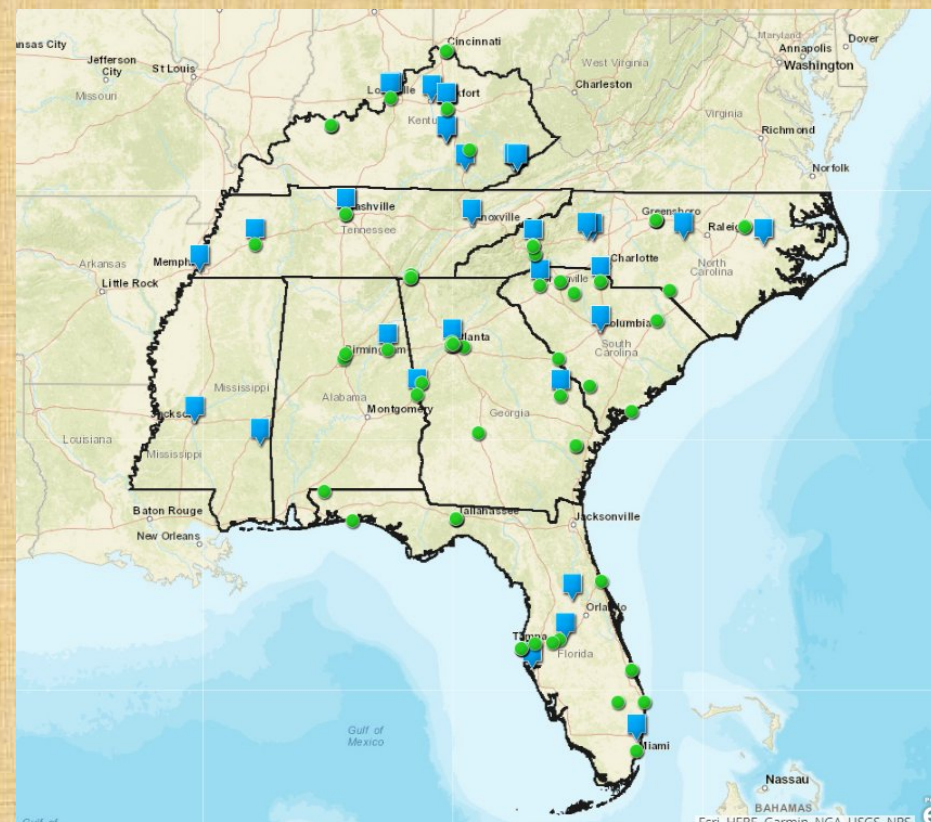
## EPA REGION 4 BROWNFIELDS SUCCESS STORIES

**Brownfields Success Stories** (*blue pushpin*) and **FY08-FY17 Completed Cleanups** (*green dot*) highlight the accomplishments of EPA Brownfields grantees in EPA Region 4.

Transforming brownfields into thriving new centers of commerce and industry

Creating jobs through cleanup and reuse

Formulating innovative partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and private-sector stakeholders such as developers and lenders





## ATLANTA BELTLINE

ABI, Inc. partnered with EPA in conducting Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs) at several brownfields sites that are part of the overall Atlanta Beltline master plan.

Cleanup of Allene Avenue where construction debris was once dumped, now serves as an urban farm. 2 Jobs created and local restaurants serve these “microgreens.”

Other TBAs have helped create soccer fields and other community space.



## AYCOCK CORNER

Former gasoline station and repair shop in  
Downtown Millen, GA.

Potential redevelopment hampered due to the  
small size of the property and presence of  
known fuel USTs.

- 2006 Brownfield Assessment Grant
- 2010 Brownfield Cleanup Grant
- GDOT National Scenic Byways Grant

Leveraged \$667,000 for construction of  
Scenic Byways Visitor Center from DOT, in  
addition to the City's \$166,000 cost share  
commitment.





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Regional Brownfields Workshop:

- September 26-28, Birmingham, AL register at [www.albfa.org](http://www.albfa.org).

**“Eyesore to Asset” Brownfields Symposium – May 16,  
Bowling Green, KY**

**Brownfields for Bankers – May 22, Birmingham, AL**

**Brownfields 101 - May 15, Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Northwest FL Brownfields Forum - June 14, Marianna, FL**

**South FL Brownfields Symposium - June 7-8, Sebring, FL**

**Rural Brownfields – June TBA – Waynesboro,**

**Rural Brownfields – Aug 22 - GA Environmental  
Conference – Jekyll Island,**

**GA**



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Questions?

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