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For further information, including Brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:

[www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

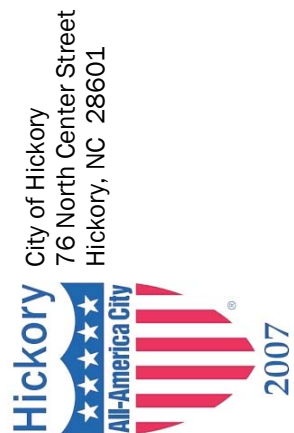


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Former Piedmont Wagon, 1020 Main Avenue NW

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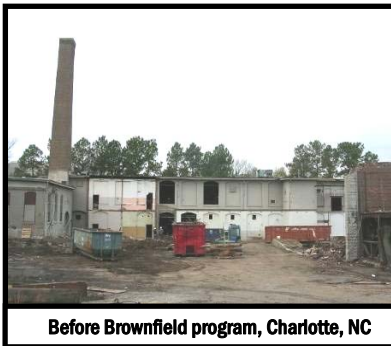
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Former Moretz Mill, 74 8th Street SE

## **EPA Brownfields Program**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to assess, clean up, and sustainably reuse Brownfields. A Brownfield site is a vacant or underutilized property which may be contaminated. EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants.



### **\$400,000 Assessment Grant**

EPA has awarded the City of Hickory two Brownfields assessment grants. Grant funds are being used to inventory and prioritize Brownfields sites, conduct community outreach activities, perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments, and develop reuse plans for sites in Hickory.

### **Property Development**

The City is interested in properties that may be suitable for redevelopment as offices, restaurants, shops, residences and green spaces.

### **Community Outreach**

The City has created a Brownfields Advisory Group (BAG) to implement



community involvement and notification efforts. The BAG includes members from City Council, Hickory Regional Planning Commission, Catawba County Economic Development Corporation, Western Piedmont Council of Governments, Community Appearance Commission, Hickory Downtown Development Association, City Chamber, neighborhood associations, local developers and realtors, and City of Hickory staff.

The BAG meets quarterly to discuss the project and upcoming community outreach activities.

These meetings, which are open to the public, are announced in the local newspaper (*Hickory Daily*



*Record*), radio (WHKY 1290 AM), and the City's website ([www.ci.hickory.nc.us](http://www.ci.hickory.nc.us)).

The community can keep up with the City's efforts through door stuffers (fact sheets and newsletters), newspaper (*Hickory Daily Record*), radio (WHKY 1290 AM), and the City's website. Additionally, the City will hold quarterly public meetings to inform the public on important announcements and initiatives, to solicit feedback, and to present the results of the environmental assessments and redevelopment plans.

### **Work to Be Done**

As part of applying for the grant, the City submitted a plan to EPA explaining how the grant money would be spent. Hart & Hickman has been engaged to complete the required activities.



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