

## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

### **ATLANTA BROWNFIELDS COMMUNITY HEALTH**

The Chemical Hazards Program (CHP) at the Georgia Division of Public Health is working with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to conduct community involvement activities for the Atlanta Brownfields Community Health Project for brownfields sites in Atlanta. Brownfields are properties in which the redevelopment is made complicated by the presence or potential presence of chemical contamination. Through the Atlanta Brownfields Community Health Project (ABC-Health), CHP will assess the potential for exposure to toxic chemicals from brownfields sites located in northwest Atlanta along the Atlanta BeltLine, a transit redevelopment project. CHP will also use Health Impact Assessment and other methods to conduct community involvement activities to assess the public health impact of the brownfields redevelopment along the BeltLine in Northwest Atlanta.

#### ***Atlanta BeltLine***

The Atlanta BeltLine is a \$3 billion dollar redevelopment project that will provide additional transit, greenspace, and new trails. Additionally, the Beltline will introduce new affordable housing, and will connect many Atlanta communities. In 2006, the City of Atlanta purchased a local quarry for reuse as a public park and drinking water reservoir.

#### ***ABC-Health Activities***

The mission of CHP is to prevent or reduce exposure to hazardous chemicals in the environment. CHP is partnering with the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness (FCDHW) to conduct activities that identify and evaluate the potential effects to public health. Under the ABC-Health Project, CHP and FCDHW will conduct the following activities:

- Assess brownfields sites for public health impacts
- Employ CDC Health Impact Assessment methods to identify public health needs of residents
- Community Involvement activities
- Create community, organization, and agency partnerships
- Develop health education materials for environmental and public health issues
- Develop GIS maps to illustrate activities
- Train other professionals about environmental and public health initiatives
- Evaluate project activities



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