

PULASKI COUNTY BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

An exciting economic development initiative is being planned for our community. Pulaski County, in cooperation with the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock, is preparing a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency. If successful, a low-interest revolving loan fund will be established by Pulaski County. Low interest loans and grants from this fund will be used for the clean up of “Brownfield” properties. “Brownfields” are properties that may have been impacted by an environmental condition, usually associated with past operations on the property, which has hampered its sale and/or redevelopment due to fear of future liability.

The grant application will also include information on how the Pulaski County Brownfields Project will continue to promote public involvement, sustainable development, improved quality of life for the community through jobs creation, environmental protection, addition of urban green space, reduced energy consumption, economic development and transportation choices.

Community involvement is very important to a successful Brownfields Project overall. As a citizen or business owner in Pulaski County, you can play a vital role in the process by providing your comments on this application. An Executive Summary of the application is now available at the following locations: The Main Public Library, 100 Rock Street in Little Rock; The Laman Library, 2801 Orange Street in North Little Rock; and the office of the Pulaski County Community Services and Housing Department, 201 South Broadway, Suite 220A, Little Rock. Written comments can be emailed to: pgrifton@co.pulaski.ar.us or mailed to Paige Grafton, Director, Pulaski County Community Services and Housing Department, 201 South Broadway, Suite 220A, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The deadline for written comments is close of business November 10, 2004.