



Sites in Reuse

Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Superfund Site

101 Celery Street, Whitehouse, Florida 32220-1806



Open space and remediation facilities at the Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Superfund site

Site Size: 11 acres

Planned Site Reuses: Coleman-Evans Park, including community center, skateboard park, basketball, tennis, and handball courts



INTRODUCTION

The reuse of the 11-acre Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Superfund Site is providing an opportunity to redevelop a vacant industrial property as a valued community asset. In the near future, the site will be transformed into a new park and recreation facility serving residents in Whitehouse, a community located in the western portion of the City of Jacksonville in Florida.

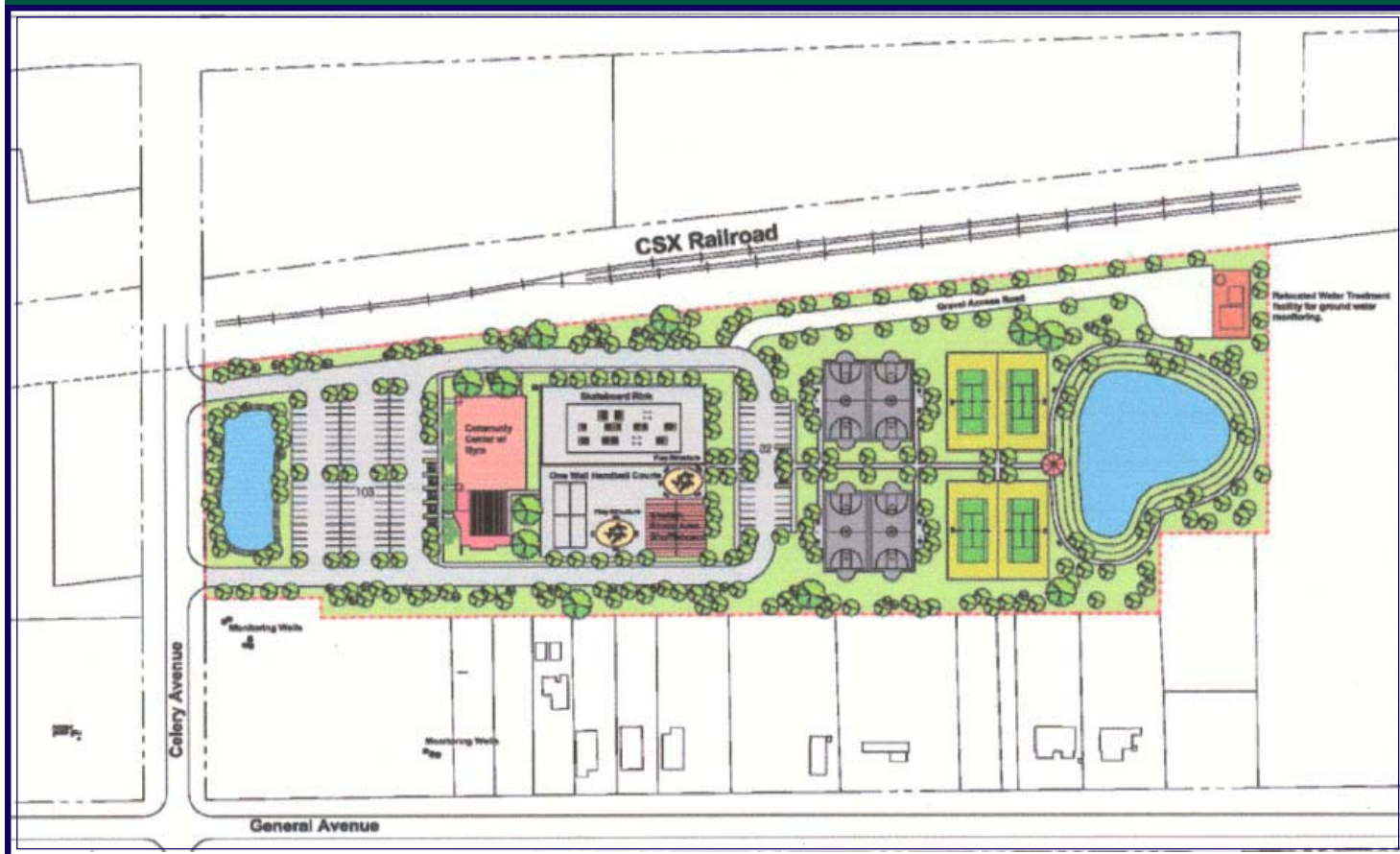
Between 1954 and the mid-1980s, the Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Superfund site was the location of a wood preserving and processing facility. The site is currently undergoing remedial action. Plans for the park, to be completed in three phases, include a community center, gymnasium, skateboard park, basketball courts, tennis courts, and handball courts.

The Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Superfund site is currently vacant, with grass seeding and final grading underway. An existing concrete pad and large utility building used during the site's soil remediation will be left on site and incorporated as part of the park's facilities, serving as the basis for a skateboard park, handball courts, and a picnic shelter.

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD: THE REUSE PLANNING PROCESS

Planning for the reuse of the Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Superfund site began in July 2000, when the City of Jacksonville received a pilot grant from EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative. The City's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment hired HDR/Landers-Atkins Planners to conduct a planning and community involvement process to determine recreational reuse opportunities at the site.

Following initial site research, meetings with local government officials, and an initial community involvement meeting held in July 2002, HDR/Lander-Atkins developed four alternative reuse concepts. The reuse concepts, presented at a community meeting in August 2002, were similar in size and layout, but varied in their mix of park amenities and the inclusion of an on-site community center. The four plans also attempted to address community concerns about future contact with on-site soils by covering most of the site with sports courts, recreation facilities, and parking. Community residents ultimately selected the reuse concept that incorporated the most recreational facilities, including a community center, as part of the park's design.



The Coleman-Evans Park Master Plan

THE MASTER PLAN

The finalized Coleman-Evans Park Master Plan (above), approved by community residents at a public meeting in September 2002, calls for the development of the park in three phases. The plan's phasing allows the City to identify financial resources for each stage of the park's development, as well as consider future changes to the park's mix of amenities (e.g., more play fields and less tennis courts) as needed.

Phase 1:

- community center with classrooms, meeting rooms, and kitchen for community group use
- skateboard park built on existing concrete pad
- conversion of existing metal utility building into a picnic shelter
- two play structures
- 66 parking spaces and initial site landscaping and fencing

Phase 2:

- four outdoor basketball courts and tennis courts
- gazebo
- 32 additional parking spaces and additional park landscaping

Phase 3:

- gymnasium with basketball court, bleacher seating, elevated running track, and restrooms
- two handball courts built on existing concrete pad
- 37 additional parking spaces and final site landscaping

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