

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AT DEPOT PARK

STATE PROGRAM: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT: City of Gainesville

ASSISTANCE AMOUNT: \$4.3M

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A combination of \$4.5 million in CWSRF and Brownfields RLF funding was used to remediate, restore, and convert the site of the former Gainesville Gas Coal Gasification Plant (GCGP) and CSX Train Depot into a regional stormwater park (Depot Park). EPA awarded a pilot brownfields grant in the amount of \$200,000 to conduct an environmental site assessment. A remedial action plan was developed for the site, which included removing over 147,000 tons of contaminated soil and treating and discharging approximately 40 million gallons of contaminated water. CWSRF funds in the amount of \$4.3 million were loaned to the City of Gainesville for soil remediation and the stormwater treatment system. After further work by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, the project was completed in 2016. These remediation activities helped the City of Gainesville transform an abandoned industrial hub into a thriving park and stormwater treatment facility. Depot Park now has the capacity to treat runoff from approximately 89 acres and features a children's play area, water soakers, ground jets, and a promenade for special events including art festivals and musical performances.

To read more about this case study, please visit https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2018-09/documents/cwsrf_brownfields_superfund_case_studies.pdf.