Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency



# DEPOT PARK AND CADE MUSEUM

UPDATE

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### Background

- Depot Park is envisioned as a contemporary public greenspace serving as the City's "Central Park"
- Facilities proposed include the rehabilitated depot building, bike paths, children's play areas and other recreation elements
- Stormwater facilities will provide cost-effective management of downtown's urban runoff
- GRU remediated coal tar impacts earlier this year
- Arsenic remediation remains to be performed



# Background

#### **Depot Park Aerial Rendering**

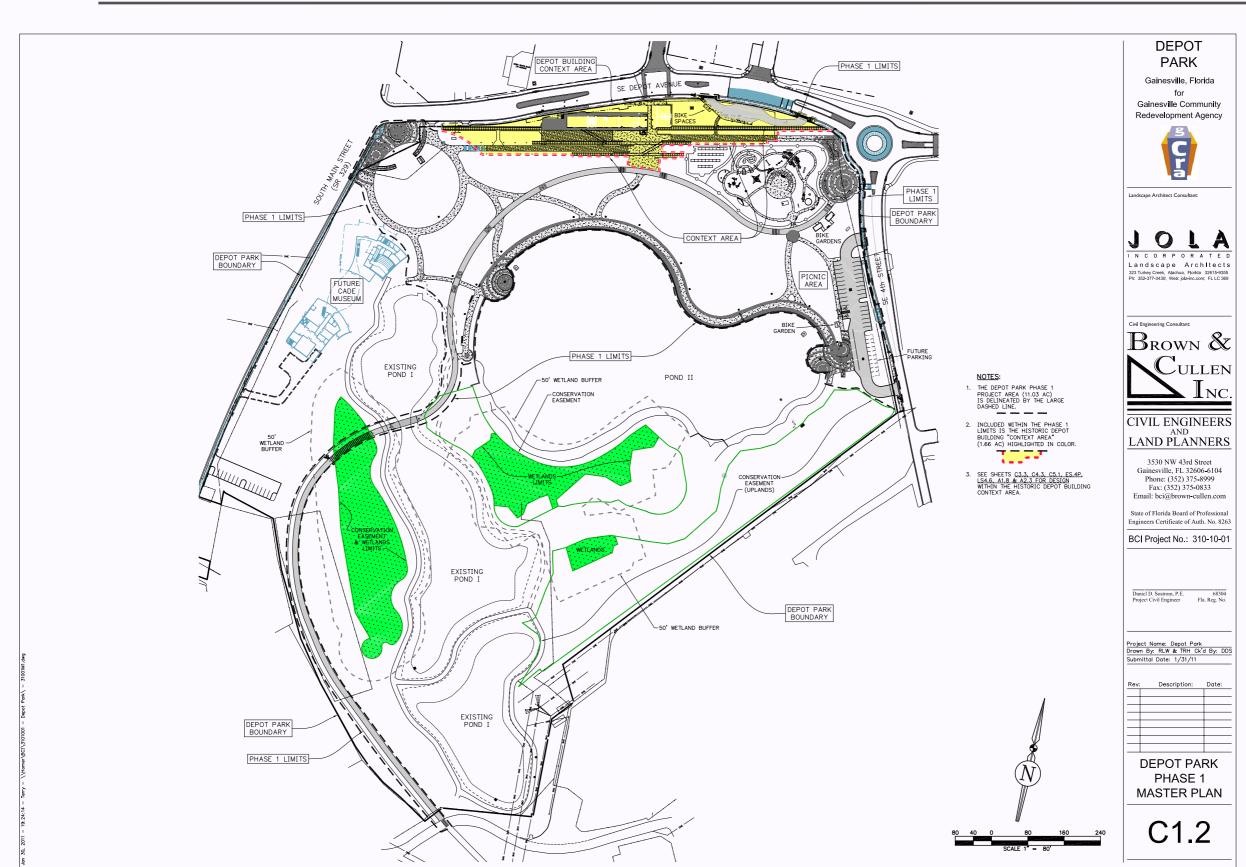


### **Accomplishments to Date**

- Site Plan for Phase 1 approved by DRB in fall 2010
- Depot Building core and shell rehab is under construction
- Preliminary construction documents completed for balance of park construction
- Land use and zoning changed in 2010 from Industrial to Public Facilities



## **Approved Phase 1 Site Plan**





# Depot Building Rehab

#### **View of park from Depot Avenue**

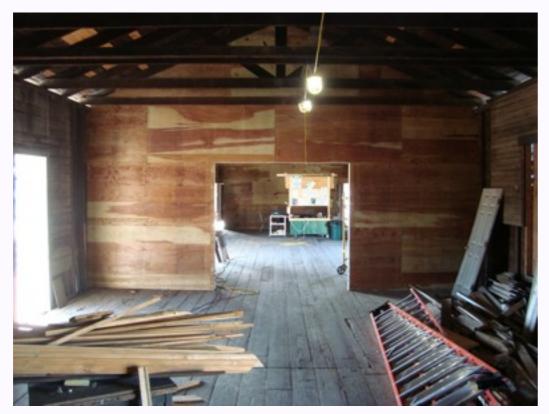




# **Depot Building Rehab**



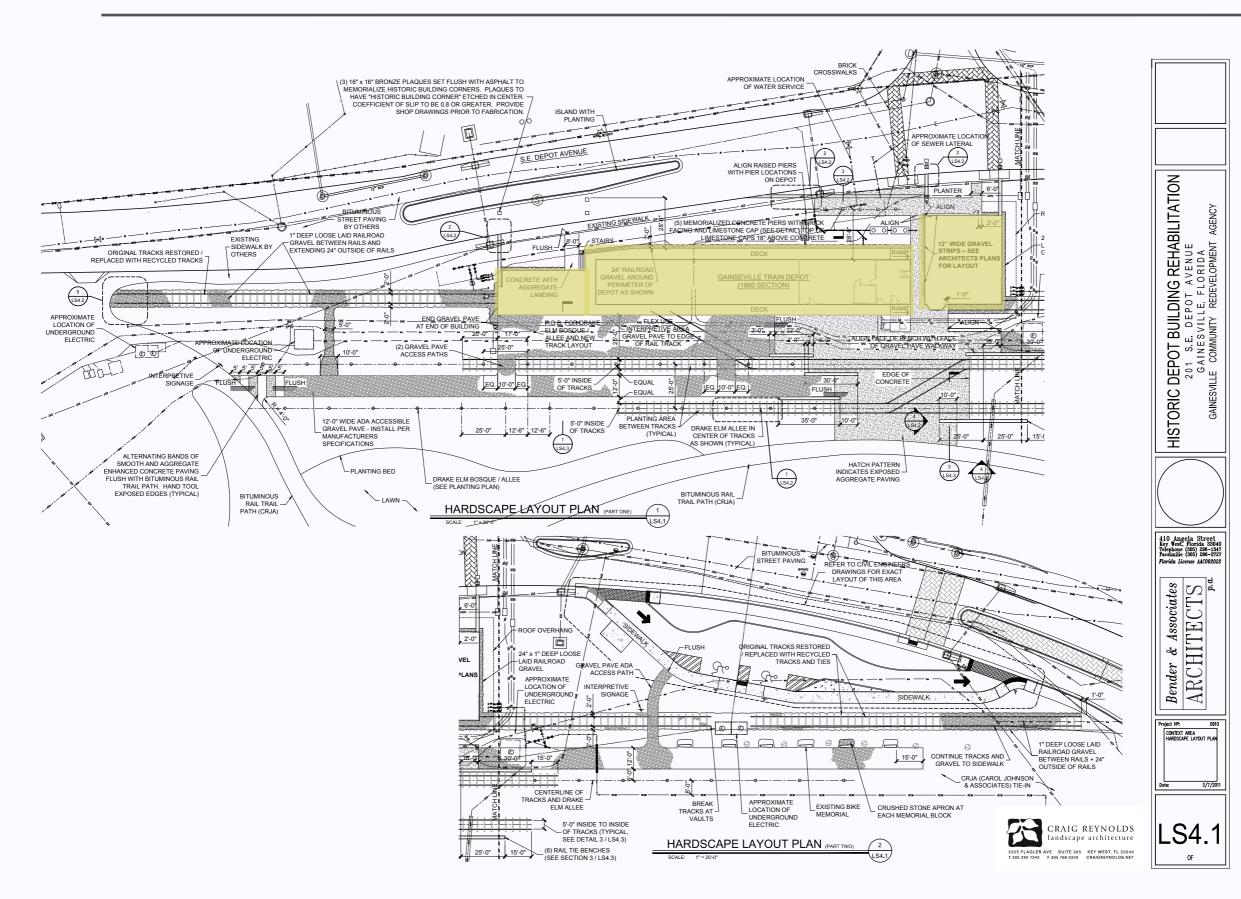








# **Depot Building Context Area**





#### Cade Museum for Innovation and Invention

- The museum purpose is to inspire creative thinking, future inventors and early entrepreneurs
- In early 2009, the City of Gainesville expressed support for locating the Cade Museum at Depot Park
- Building construction is planned over two phases
- Phase 1 to break ground in early 2015; \$9M
- Phase 2 to expand facility to 45,000 s.f.; \$9M
- Facility planning and fundraising are underway



# Cade Museum for Innovation and Invention



#### **Issues to be Resolved Before Construction**

- Schedule of restoration work for remaining arsenic environmental issues
- Connections to Public Works' stormwater facility
- Funding of park improvements and phasing
- Maintenance of the stormwater and park facilities
- Regulatory issues



#### **Timeline**

- December Presentations to DRAB and CRA
- January Convene coordination meeting Cade Museum & CoG
- February/March Follow up with CRA on timeline and issues
- March Complete agreement between Museum & CoG
- April/May Begin Depot Building Context Area
- July Complete depot building rehab



## **Comments and Feedback**

