
STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 2.2

GOAL # 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

Foster economic development and encourage redevelopment

INITIATIVE 2.2: CONTINUE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR DEPOT PARK

Champion: Anthony Lyons, Community Redevelopment Manager

Sponsoring Commissioner: Pegeen Hanrahan, Mayor (At-large)

Committee: Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

Stakeholders: Advisory Boards, Downtown Businesses, SPROUT Taskforce, Private Investors, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), Porters Neighborhood, Springhill Neighborhood

Desired Outcome: Construction of Depot Park

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2006 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on February 12, 2007, then adopted again on February 25, 2008 as an on-going initiative.

Progress to Date:

During FY 2007, a Depot Park Area Master Plan and a Request for Proposals (RFP) was released. The City Commission approved funding from the General Government and GRU budgets and an initial vendor was selected. During the fourth quarter, it became evident that the direction of the Master Plan needed to change along with the selected firm. During the fourth quarter of FY 07, the GRU and Depot Park projects were separated into two projects for better tracking and accountability. In the Spring of 2008, the Depot Park Master Plan and the Implementation Timeline were approved by the CRA Board of Directors and the City Commission.

Supporting Documentation:

- Depot Park Plan, Updated March 2008
- Adopted Depot Park Implementation Timeline, Updated March 2008

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Action Plan to Redevelop Depot Park for FYs 2009 – 2010

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date
1. Design Depot Park	July 2009
2. Depot Building Rehab	August 2009
3. Remediation	December 2009
4. Depot Avenue Reconstruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bid/Select/Contract ▪ Depot Ave. Phase I & II Re-Construction 	April 2010
5. Design, Contract, and Construct Depot Park Trail	June 2010
6. Stormwater Pond Construction	December 2010
7. Construction of Depot Park (No Funding Available)	June 2011

Critical Success Measures:

- Effective inter-departmental communication and coordination through status reporting and team meetings
- Remediation clean-up is finished by December 2009
- Funding is approved to move forward with Depot Park construction