
STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 7.1

GOAL # 7: ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Protect and sustain our natural environment and address future energy needs



INITIATIVE 7.1: PROTECT THE QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER AND INTEGRITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS IN GAINESVILLE BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE CLEAN-UP AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CABOT/KOPPERS SUPERFUND SITE

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Committee: Regional Utilities Committee

Stakeholders: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Alachua County, Florida Department of Health (FDOH), City residents, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), Protect Gainesville Citizens, Inc., Beazer East, Inc.

Desired Outcome: It is the objective of the City of Gainesville for the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site to be remediated to standards safe for residential uses and in a manner that will ensure that air, ground water, drinking water supply, and soil of Gainesville are protected.

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2007 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on February 25, 2008.

Progress to Date:

In FY 2007, staff participated as an active stakeholder in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) efforts to conduct a feasibility study of the Koppers site and a Record of Decision (ROD).

In FY 2008, the City Commission approved a resolution requesting the EPA to require the clean-up of the site to residential levels. Land use and zoning issues were reviewed and the site was inspected to determine code compliance.

During FY 2009, GRU, GG and the Alachua County EPA continued to meet, discuss and submit comments to the EPA. The City Commission held a Special Meeting to hear information on future land use and clean-up standards for the site and later met with Beazer East, Inc. to discuss these issues. After off-site soil sampling test results indicated that contaminants in the soil exceeded the acceptable Florida levels, many public information and involvement campaigns were conducted to answer questions and discuss resident's concerns.

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Action Plan to Clean-up and Redevelop the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site for FY 2010

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date:
1. Continue to participate as an active stakeholder in the EPA's efforts to develop and implement a Record of Decision (ROD) and clean-up plan for the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site	On-going
2. The City Commission hears an update on activities at the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site and discusses modifications to the Strategic Initiative	January 2010
3. The Regional Utilities Committee proposes new language for Strategic Initiative 7.1 and the City Commission adopts it	March 2010
4. EPA issues final Feasibility Study and proposed cleanup plan for Koppers site, and holds public meeting to present cleanup plan and receive public comment	April 2010
5. EPA contractor (E ²) holds stakeholder meetings to discuss potential future land uses of the Koppers site	April 2010
6. Staff provides a briefing to the Joint City/County Commissions on EPA's proposed clean-up plan for the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site	April 2010
7. Following the public comment period, E ² presents recommendations and findings to the Community Development Committee regarding future land use of the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site	May/June 2010
8. The EPA issues the final ROD	June 2010
9. Staff monitors the implementation of the ROD, and participates as an active stakeholder	On-going

Critical Success Measures:

- EPA issues Final Record of Decision which protects water supply, protects surrounding communities, and is compatible with the City's vision of future redevelopment of the Koppers site
- Water supply continues to be safe and free from contamination
- Remediation is initiated by Beazer East, Inc. in accordance with the Record of Decision