

Depot Park Update

June 16, 2008
Gainesville CRA



Depot Park - Vision

- Create a contemporary public greenspace that will serve as downtown's stormwater runoff treatment facility and Gainesville's 'Central Park'
- Multiple projects require coordination between City departments, consultants, contractors, and regulatory agencies
- CRA authorized as lead agency for park development
- Responsible for providing bi-monthly updates on milestones
 - This Update:
 - Current Tasks Overview
 - Schedule Update



Stormwater Ponds/Mitigated Wetlands

- Background:
 - Stormwater Ponds
 - attenuate downtown stormwater runoff
 - park focal point
 - Phase I - current condition
 - trash debris
 - invasive/exotic vegetation
 - algae blooms
 - current conditions not 100% compliant with permit requirements
 - Undesirable park aesthetics



North Pond algal bloom, 6/9/2008



Stormwater Ponds/Mitigated Wetlands

- Action:
 - Review Phase I and II pond/wetland designs
 - Consult peer-review resources experienced with large stormwater park development projects
 - Explore retrofit opportunities
 - Identify/coordinate
 - Maintenance entities
 - Maintenance plans/schedules
 - Develop pro-active monitoring/maintenance plan
 - Before remediation
 - During remediation
 - After park development



*Carol R Johnson Inc.,
Upper Charles River Project*



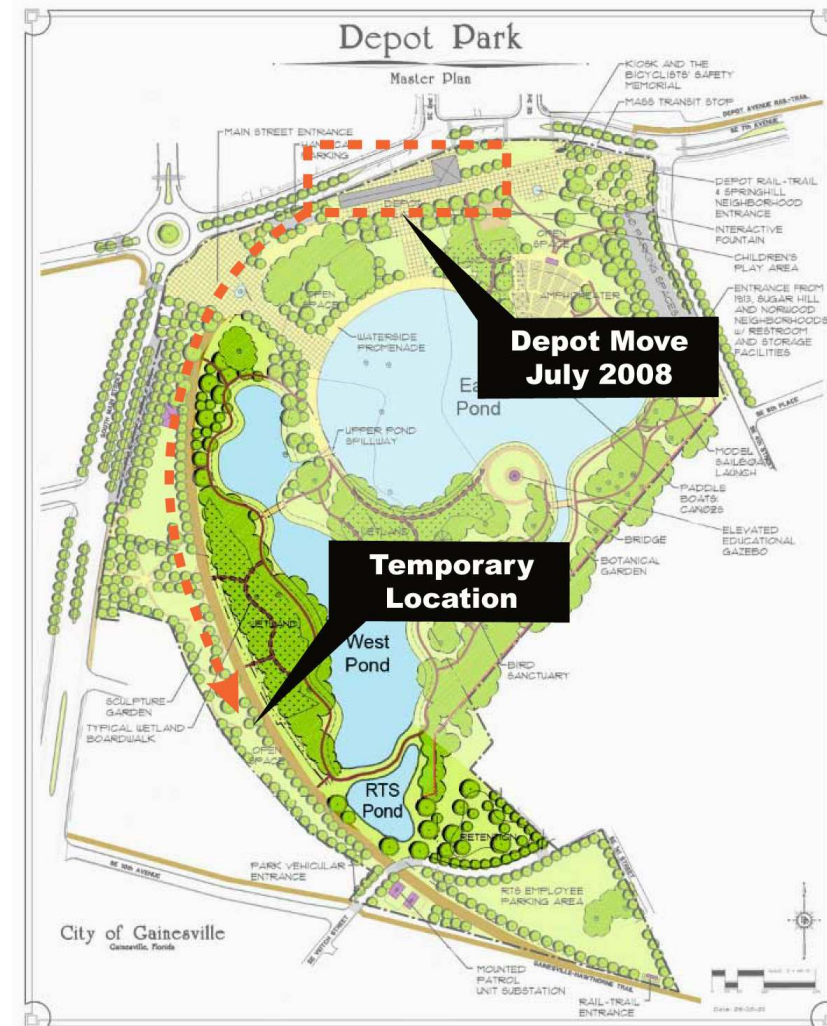
Landscaping Phase I-A

- Background:
 - Project to install irrigation and landscaping at existing Phase I ponds
- Action:
 - Project delayed until remediation complete
 - Coordinate/establish maintenance activities of current landscape
 - Site access restrictions



Depot Building Relocation

- Background:
 - Building to be moved and stored at a temporary location during remediation activities
- Action:
 - Bids have been received and are under review by FDEP
 - Cost sharing with GRU and State Petroleum Clean-up Participation Program (PPCP)
 - Relocation activities expected to begin mid July 2008



Depot Building Rehabilitation

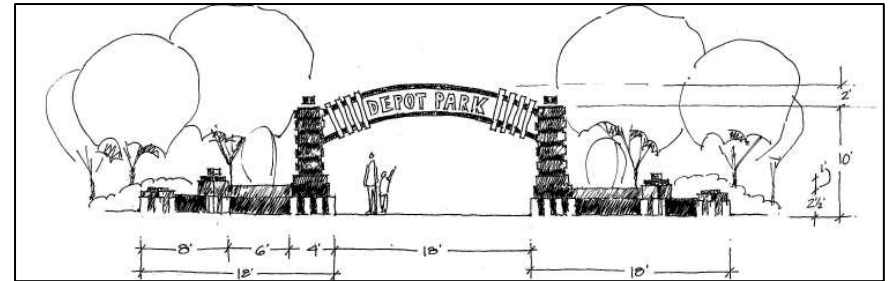
- Background:
 - Plans developed for building rehab
- Action:
 - Select consultant from RFQ process for peer review of plans
 - Peer review to address phased rehab
 - Phase I – Rehab while in temporary location
 - Phase II – Rehab while in permanent location
 - Develop 100% plans



Design and Technical Standards

- Background:

- Develop design and tech standards for a unified park
- Elements include
 - paving materials
 - lighting
 - hardscape



- Action:





- Carol R. Johnson, L.A. firm, developing palette of choices
- June 12th working meeting with park stakeholders to review recommendations



Depot Ave Reconstruction

- Background:
 - Coordinate Depot Ave reconstruction activities with remediation and park development
 - Secure funding for Depot Ave reconstruction
- Action:
 - Depot Park Team meetings to discuss coordination of activities
 - Funding recommendation for Depot Ave III adopted by City Commission May 29, 2008



Task Complete	2008 Milestone Update <i>*Critical Path</i>	Comments
	Rinker Building Demolition	Ahead of schedule
	GRU Infrastructure	On time
	Depot Ave Reconstruction, planning	On time, in progress
	Remediation Plan Approval	On time
	<i>*Remediation Phase I</i>	Possible delay
	Design & Tech Standards	On time, in progress
	Depot Building Rehab	On time, in progress
	Landscape Phase I-A	Delayed
	Architectural, Historical Preservation Design Services, consultant selection	Ahead of schedule

Recommendations

1. Hear presentation from staff
2. Provide input as necessary

