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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 7.1**


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**GOAL # 7: ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**

*Protect and sustain our natural environment and address future energy needs*



INITIATIVE 7.1: AS AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS, MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THE CLEAN-UP AND POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CABOT / KOPPERS SUPERFUND SITE

**Co-Champions:** Rick Hutton, P.E. Supervising Utility Engineer  
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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)

**Desired Outcome:** Prevent contamination of the City's water supply and protect the community from contaminants from the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site.

**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:**

Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) is participating as an active stakeholder in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) efforts leading towards a proposed feasibility study anticipated in the Fall of 2008, and a Record of Decision anticipated in early 2009. The City Commission approved a resolution on June 23, 2008 requesting EPA to require the clean-up of the site at residential levels. The inspection of the site for code compliance is being conducted under the supervision of the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Improvement Department. The review of the land use and zoning is being conducted under the supervision of the Planning and Development Services Department.

**Supporting Documentation:**

- None at this time

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**Action Plan to prevent contamination from Cabot/Koppers Site from reaching the City's water supply for FYs 2009 – 2010**

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date:
1. Participate as an active stakeholder in the EPA's efforts to develop a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Koppers site and appropriate actions for the Cabot site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review and comment on all documents generated from EPA, Beazer, and other stakeholders regarding the Koppers site.</li> <li>▪ Provide independent review and evaluation of site data</li> <li>▪ Active interaction with EPA and other stakeholders to ensure that the City's interests are represented and that appropriate actions are taken by EPA.</li> <li>▪ Ensure that consultants are meeting EPA deadlines for document review and comment.</li> </ul>	On-going
2. Update City Commission as appropriate on progress of Koppers and Cabot sites.	On-going
3. Evaluate the proposed ROD and advise the City Commission on whether it is acceptable.	January 2009
4. Monitor on-going site data collection, and cleanup of the site	On-going

**Action Plan to monitor the clean-up and provide a remediation / economic strategy that protects the surrounding communities of Cabot/Koppers for FYs 2009 – 2010**

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date:
1. Conduct an analysis of land use designations for similar types of superfund sites.	October 2008
2. Amend GRU's contract for consulting services to provide guidance to the City Commission on the Cabot / Koppers site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review all Draft EPA Remediation Plans that impacts the Cabot/Koppers site and adjacent neighborhoods</li> <li>▪ Provide periodic reports to the City Commission</li> </ul>	October 2008
3. Coordinate with consultant to provide guidance, in coordination with GRU, to the City Commission regarding the EPA's Remediation Plan	December 2008
4. Coordinate with consultant to provide final comments, including GRU comments on the EPA's Remediation Plan	February 2009
5. Monitor the clean-up of the site, including any identified off-site contaminants that impact the community.	On-going
6. Develop a economic strategy that incorporates input from the surrounding neighborhoods to guide the future redevelopment of the Cabot/Koppers superfund site	December 2010

**Critical Success Measures:**

- EPA issues Final Record of Decision which is 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 in accordance with the Record of Decision