GTEC Area Update

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CRA Board February 17, 2014



GTEC is Gainesville's first technology incubator

Mission to spur growth of tech sector
Funded by EDA, City and County
Opened in 2001



GTEC's Many Roles



- •Nurturing place to start and grow a technology company
- •Offers flexibility needed by startups
- •Home to related service providers
- •Tech training and networking events
- •Community group meetings



Growing Entrepreneurship Skills

•Success is also measured not only in the current venture, but also by what team members learn and implement in the next and the next venture

•Many well-known local entrepreneurs have come through GTEC and are still active in the community



Some Notable Former GTEC Companies



NASDAQ: AXGN

\$ 4.60	0.57 (14.14%)
Day High: 4.68 Day Low: 4.01 Volume: 11,600	9:37 AM ET Feb 4, 2014

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Qualcomm® WiPower™ Technology





GTEC Current Tech Companies









Ragner Technology Group

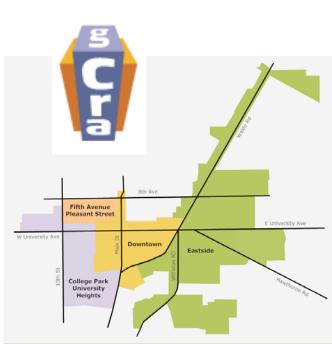


Florida Tech Toybox, Inc. Create. Build. Learn.



Transition of Management Responsibilities

- 2001 Chamber had an agreement to manage the incubator
- CRA assumed responsibilities in 2010 to leverage economic development potential
 - Concerns about potential vacancy in 30,000 sq ft incubator due to Innovation Hub
 - Concerns about GRU operations vacating the incubator
 - Concerns about incubator's future potential
 - Commissioned Georgia Tech Assessment
 - Started plans to reposition incubator for the future



Transition of Management Responsibilities

- Meanwhile, GTEC scientists and entrepreneurs were persevering with their inventions and growing their companies
- CRA oversaw facility repairs, upgrades, and landscape improvements
- GTEC has had \$250,000 average annual revenues since FY2010 and is on track to exceed \$300,000 in revenue for FY2014
- CRA formulated plans to develop surrounding property
- Incubator is currently full with technology companies
- CRA had to turn away requests for space ahead of completing negotiations and executing the management agreement



Transition of Management Responsibilities

- Santa Fe CIED assumed management responsibilities February 1, 2014
 - Incubator will expand its reach beyond technology companies to include service and light industrial companies
 - Will reach a broader array of entrepreneurs
 - Will allow CIED to dramatically expand its programs





Looking Forward

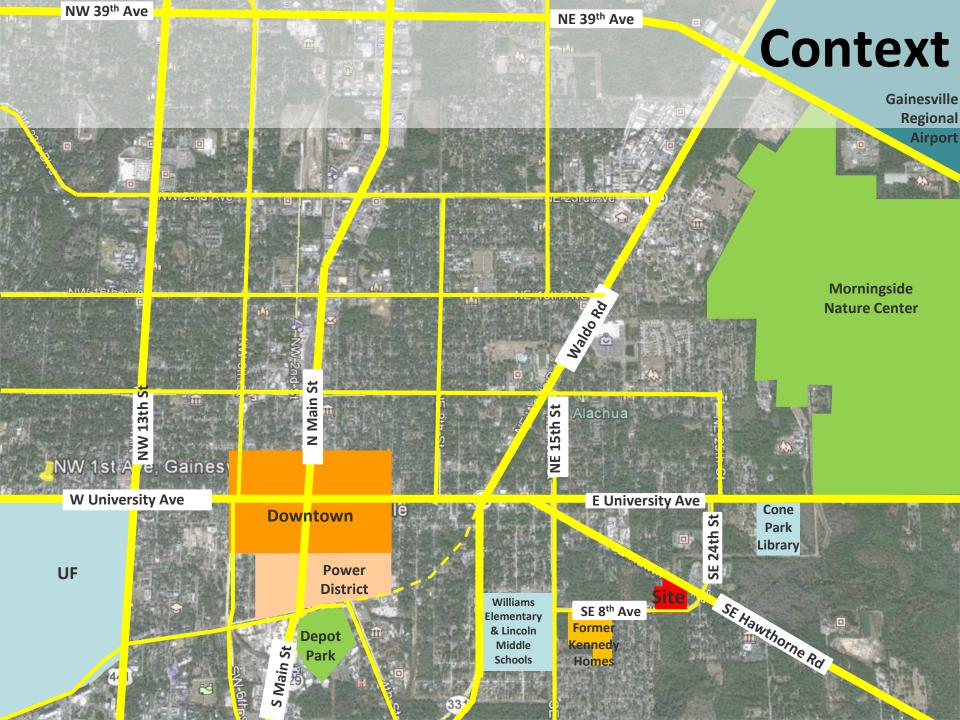
- CRA and Santa Fe CIED efforts will jointly contribute to future development of the area
- Incubator tenants will have graduation space right next door as they expand
- Affordable, high quality office space options added to the city
- CRA staff will focus efforts on land development and economic development activities



GTEC Area Master Plan 30% Conceptual Master Plan

Background







Site: GTEC



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Site: Ponds



Site: Parking



Site: Overhead Lines

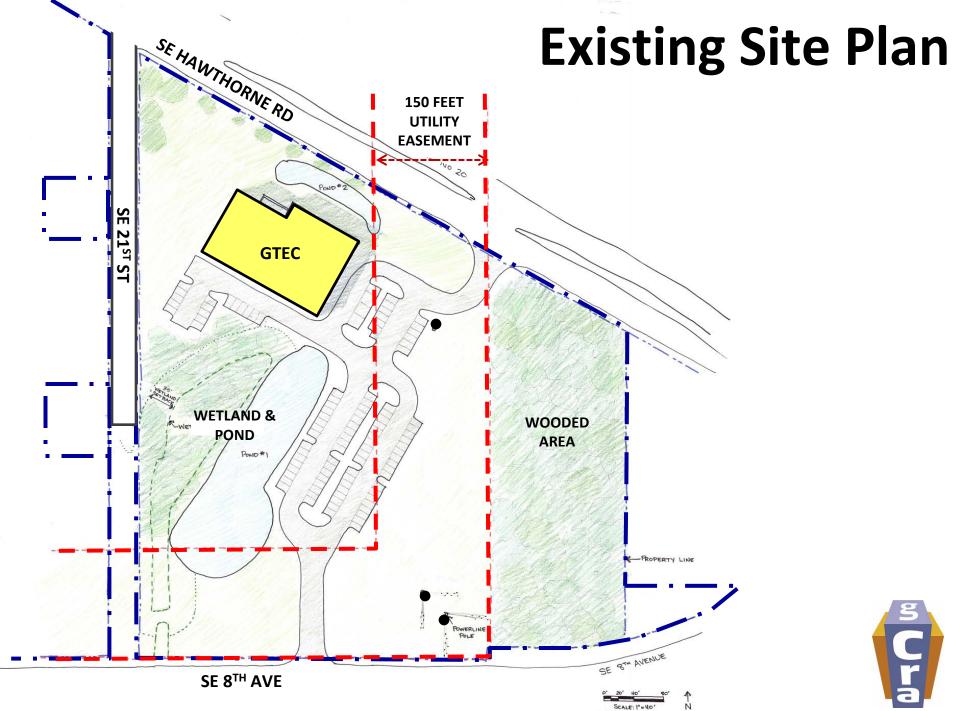


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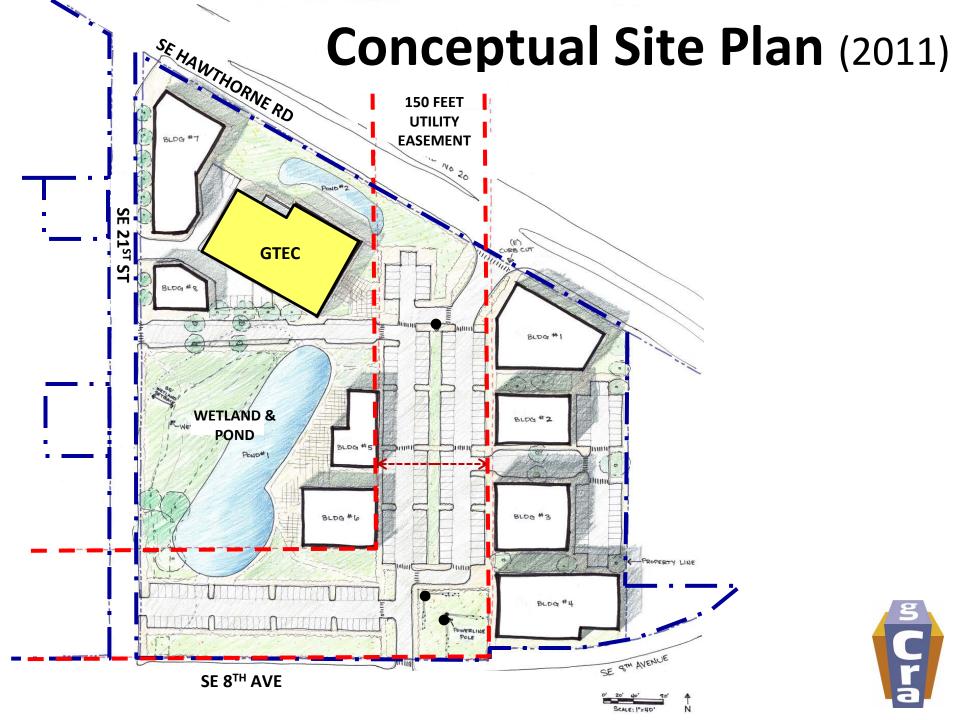


Design Goals









30% Conceptual Master Plan (2014)



January 24, 2014





Hawthorne Road Facade



Pond Plaza





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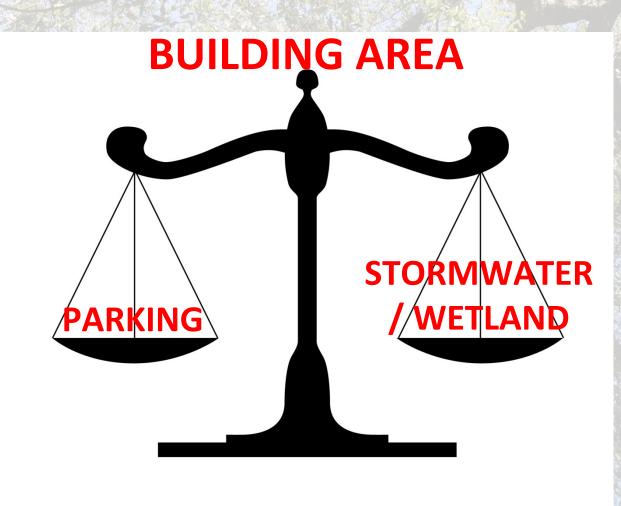
Linear Park



SE STH AVE



Moving Forward... Balancing



RFP Boundaries







Proposed Phase 1 Development Limits



2014 Schedule



Recommendations

CRA Executive Director to CRA Board:

1) Approve 30% Conceptual Master Plan as presented.

2) Authorize Phase 1 Development limits and negotiation of construction documents contract.

3) Authorize staff to issue RFP seeking qualified developers interested in constructing buildings to house office, commercial, wet-lab, retail uses on the GTEC Area parcels 11340-0-0 and 11341-0-0

4) Recommend that City Commission authorizes the CRA to act as an Agent to the City to lease the property or portions of it to other entities.