



STORMWATER ACTION CENTER FACT SHEET

Name of Project:

Depot Park

Location:

Gainesville, Florida

County:

Alachua County

Watershed:

Sweetwater Branch
Watershed

Website:

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DEPOT PARK – GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

OVERVIEW:

Depot Park is a 32-acre urban park adjacent to downtown Gainesville, Florida. Formerly an industrial brownfield, the site was polluted with coal tar and arsenic. Following over 20 years of site remediation to treat the contaminated water and soil, the newly constructed park drives redevelopment within the industrial corridor and promotes downtown community rejuvenation.

BENEFITS:

- Manages and treats an estimated 600 million gallons of stormwater from downtown Gainesville annually
- The purchase of stormwater credits under the City's trading program has generated over \$657,000 to date
- Improves water quality by reducing the concentration of cadmium by 60%, chromium by 55%, copper by 71%, zinc by 76%, ammonia by 69%, total phosphorus by 65%, and total suspended solids by 56% on average for 6 monitored rain events
- Sequesters 13 tons of atmospheric carbon annually in 315 newly-planted trees
- Provides habitat for over 130 bird species observed by citizen scientists.

FUNDING SOURCES:

- Regional Brownfield Pilot project grant in 1997 by EPA, Region 4
- Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency
- Florida Communities Trust
- GRU
- City of Gainesville
- City of Gainesville- Public Works Department



-  - Habitat Restoration
-  - Bio-Filtration/Green Infrastructure

