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City of De Soto, Kansas Riverfest Park

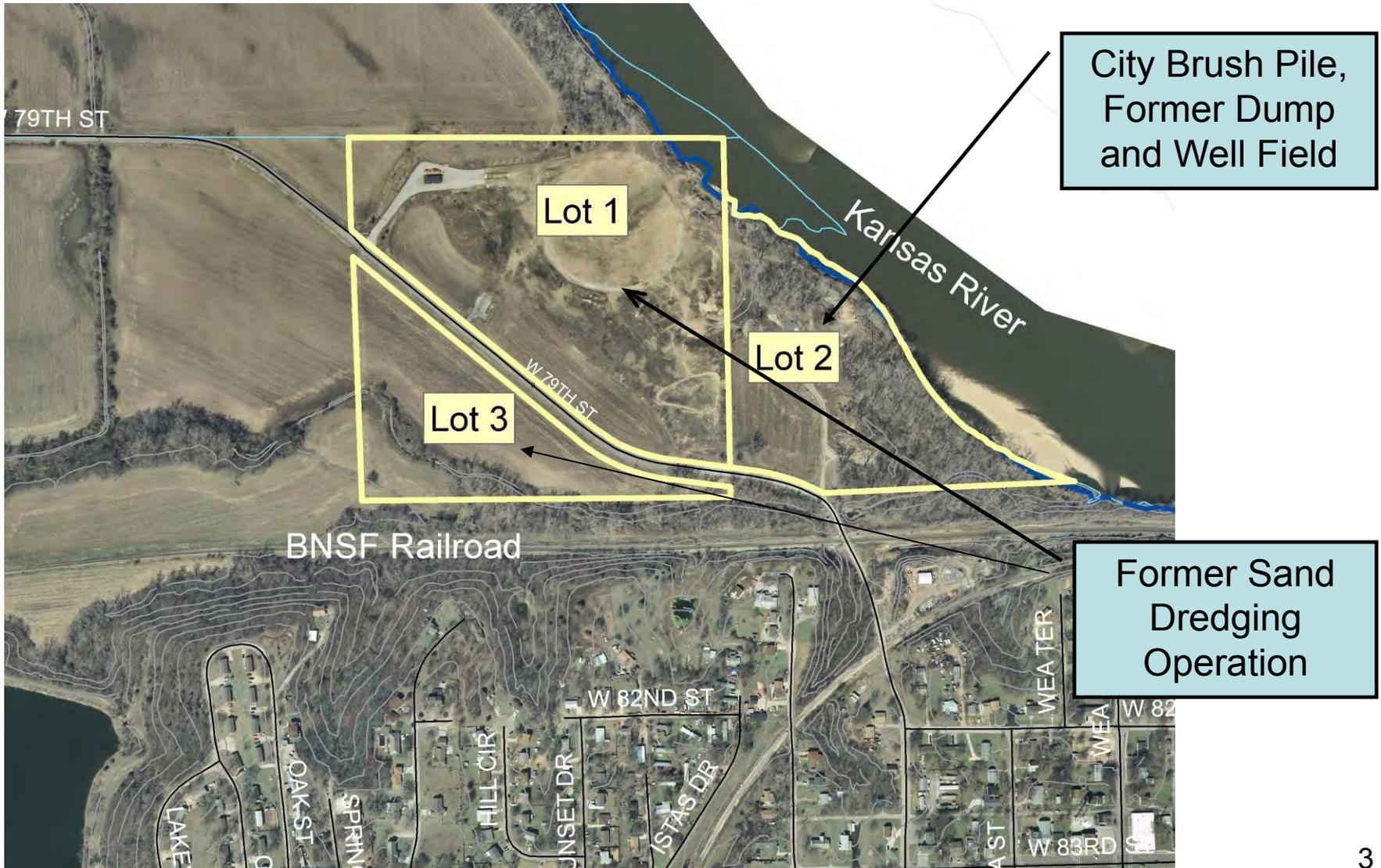
Site Acquisition and Development
KDHE Brownfields Development Program

August 5, 2014

Property Acquisition

- Historically, De Soto owned 14 Acres of property adjacent to the south bank of the Kansas River. Over the years, this property was the site of the municipal dump, brush and debris storage, and water wells.
- A sand dredging operation occupied the adjacent 36-acre property from 1999 to 2003 when the dredging permit expired.
- In 2003, De Soto purchased former dredging property, giving De Soto a total of 50 acres of riverfront property.

Property Acquisition



Phase I Brownfields Targeted Assessment (BTA) Report

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) performed for KDHE by Terracon in 2003.

- Site reconnaissance performed on August 31, 2005
- Indications of Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) were not observed.
- Historical research of site performed identifying past municipal dumping activities on eastern portions of site, and past sand dredging operations.
- Report documented one Recognized Environmental Condition (REC); the historical unregulated public dump site that operated from the 1950's until the 1970's.
- Recommended Phase II assessment of historical municipal dump area.

River Access Boat Ramp

In 2005, planning began to construct a river access boat ramp on the former sand dredging property.

Ramp was Completed with Assistance:

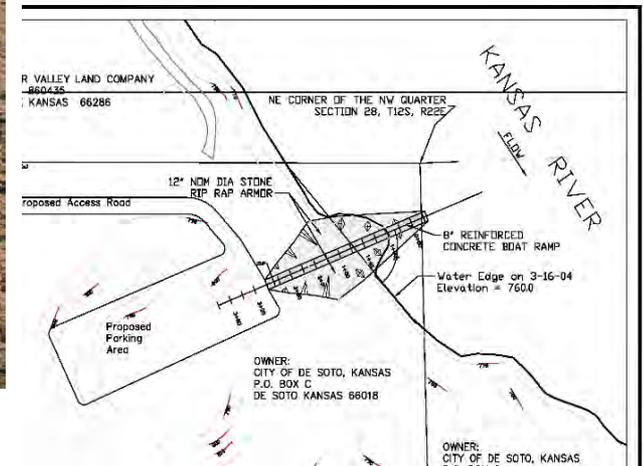
- labor and material donations from local contractors and coordination from Mike Calwell
- funding donations from local businesses
- grant from Kansas Wildlife and Parks
- volunteer assistance from Friends of the Kaw
- labor and financial assistance from the City of De Soto.

Construction took place in early 2006.

River Access Boat Ramp Under Construction



Excavation of river bank.



River Access Boat Ramp

Under Construction



Placement of protective rip-rap and gravel base for ramp.

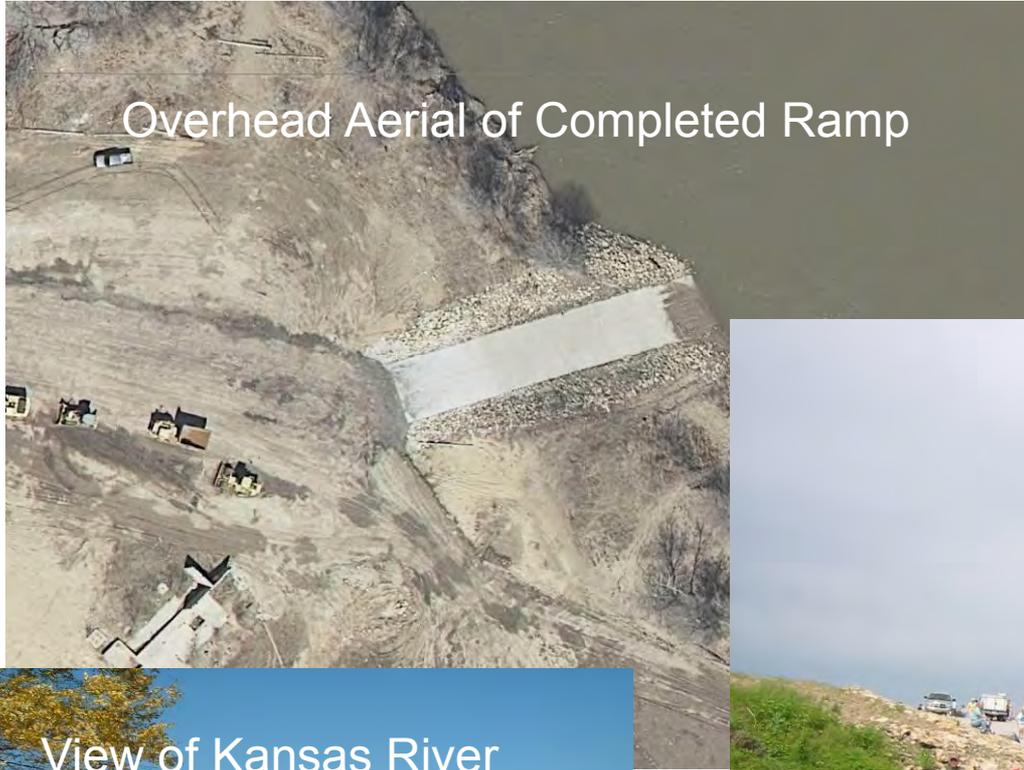
River Access Boat Ramp

Under Construction

Placing and finishing concrete ramp.



River Access Boat Ramp



Overhead Aerial of Completed Ramp



View of Kansas River
From Ramp



Float Trip Setting Out

Phase II Brownfields Targeted Assessment (BTA) Report

Following up on the Phase I recommendations, KDHE contracted Terracon to perform a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) on a portion of the park property.

- Provided evaluation of on-site surface & sub-surface soils, groundwater, potential risks and potential impediments to redevelopment of the site.
- Direct-push soil samples, groundwater samples and test pit samples were analyzed.
- Results indicated that contaminant levels were below acceptable KDHE Risk-Based Standards (RSK) thresholds.

- 2007 – De Soto hired Indigo Design to create an overall master plan for the entire 50-acre property.
- Master Plan elements include:
 - Outdoor Amphitheatre overlooking the River
 - Festival and community event area
 - Restroom & Shower Houses and Shelters
 - 12-stall RV Park
 - Active Play areas
 - Trail Systems and Wetlands Observation areas
 - Volleyball and Disc Golf Course
 - Practice soccer and football fields
- Total Estimated Cost: \$3.4 Million



DE SOTO RIVERFEST PARK - MASTER PLAN

Riverfest Park

Phase I constructed in 2008

- Amphitheatre and stage
- Electrical Service for stage and vendors
- Venue for concerts & large outdoor events
- On-Site Parking
- Trail Connections
- Total Cost: \$740,000



De Soto Riverfront Park - Phase 1 - OPTION B

Phase I Photos



Amphitheatre and Stage area with River in background



Festival Walk with
water well feature
and power boxes



Festival Area

Inaugural event, October, 2008, “Cookin’ on the Kaw”



Inaugural event

October, 2008

“Kookin’ on the Kaw”

A two-day event

Kansas City BBQ Society
Sanctioned Event.

Blues bands both nights

Kelly Hunt, Blues singer

Fireworks display

Over 2,000 people attended



Events & Current Park Use

Country Concert

June 20, 2009

Featuring
Country Music
Stars

Tracy Byrd and
Josh Thompson

2,500+ people
even though it
rained before the
concert



Josh Thompson performs at De Soto Riverfest Park.



Tracy Byrd showing his guitar talent!



Events & Current Park Use

4th of July at Riverfest

Each year the event grows larger and cars are turned away as parking is full.



“Cookin’ on the Kaw” October 10-11, 2009.



Friends of the Kaw posted an informational sign at the boat ramp showcasing the Kansas River Access.



Mulched walking trails invite you to enjoy Riverfest Park.



Preserving the Wetlands



Wetlands at Riverfest Park



Picnic Tables and Park Benches were added in 2012 and 2013 through donations from businesses in De Soto



The Playground is taking shape. Swings were purchased in April, 2014, with donated funds from a retired city clerk.



Coming soon is a kiosk provided by Kansas Dept. of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism that will give visitors at the De Soto Boat Ramp information about De Soto and the Kansas River.



Welcome to the Kansas River Water Trail

The Kansas River is one of the world's longest prairie rivers, providing countless recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat as well as drinking water, irrigation and electricity for many communities. The Kansas River Water Trail is a great opportunity to explore the unique beauty of eastern Kansas from a whole new perspective - from the river itself!



Camping

Most land adjacent to the river is privately owned, and public access is prohibited. However, public lands may be found in several areas along the river. These areas are marked on the map with a tent icon and may offer facilities such as restrooms, picnic tables, and fire rings. If you are camping on a public land, you may be required to pay a fee. Please check with the land manager for more information.

Planning a Float Trip

Float trips are popular activities in the state and are a great way to enjoy the river. Before you go, check the weather and water levels. If the water is high, you may need to portage around dams or other hazards. It is also important to check for any restrictions on the river. Please check with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for more information.



What to Bring

- Personal flotation device (PFD)
- Life jackets
- First aid kit
- Map
- Compass
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Food and water
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Portage Routes

Portage routes are marked on the map with a tent icon. These routes allow you to bypass dams and other hazards. Please check with the land manager for more information.

Building Safety

Always wear a personal flotation device. Please check the weather and water levels before you go. If the water is high, you may need to portage around dams or other hazards. It is also important to check for any restrictions on the river. Please check with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for more information.

De Soto

De Soto History
De Soto is the only remaining Johnson County city founded on the Kansas River. The city was named for Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto.

Things to See and Do

Visit the De Soto National Cemetery, the De Soto National Monument, and the De Soto National Historic Site. The De Soto National Cemetery is a large cemetery that was founded in 1820. The De Soto National Monument is a large monument that was founded in 1820. The De Soto National Historic Site is a large historic site that was founded in 1820.

Water Park

Visit the De Soto Water Park, which is a large water park that was founded in 1820. The De Soto Water Park is a large water park that was founded in 1820.

De Soto City Hall

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Report Polluters

Report polluters to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is a large department that was founded in 1820.

Park Rules

Follow the park rules to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. The park rules are a set of rules that were founded in 1820.



River Hazards

Be aware of river hazards such as dams, bridges, and other structures. The river hazards are a set of hazards that were founded in 1820.

Important Trip Information and Acknowledgments

Thank you to the many organizations and individuals who have supported the De Soto River Water Trail. The De Soto River Water Trail is a large trail that was founded in 1820.

Kansas River Vertical Sign

Place the Kansas River Vertical Sign in a prominent location. The Kansas River Vertical Sign is a large sign that was founded in 1820.

Events & Current Park Use

- Great American Bank Country Concert on the Kaw – July, 2014
- Winesong at Riverfest Park – June, 2014
- July 4th at Riverfest on July 4th, 2014
- De Soto Days Festival - September, 2014
- “Cookin’ on the Kaw” Blues & BBQ – October, 2014



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

If you would like to tour Riverfest Park or discuss how De Soto worked, and is still working, on this project, please contact us at De Soto City Hall --- 913.583.1182

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