

DE SOTO

KANSAS

**City of De Soto, Kansas
Riverfest Park**

Site Acquisition and Development
KDHE Brownfields Development Program

March 21, 2013

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.
- Sand Dredging operation occupied 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.

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
- 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.

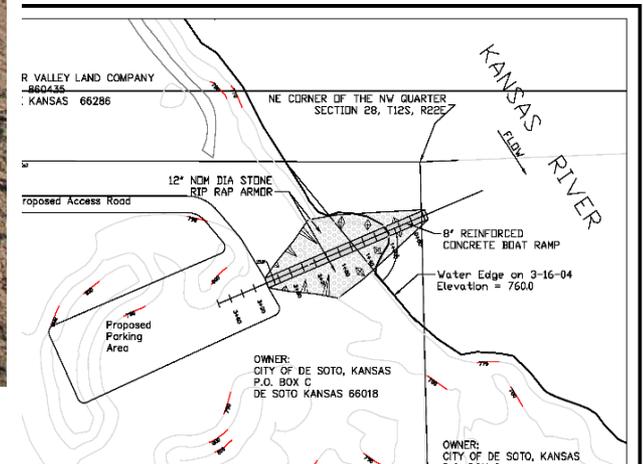
Construction took place in early 2006.

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.

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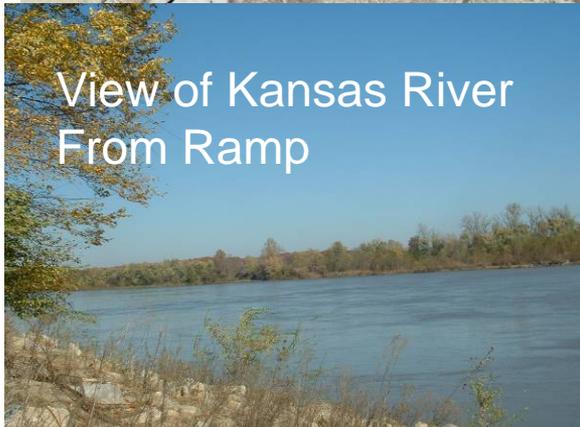
Placing and finishing concrete ramp.



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 I - OPTION B



Amphitheatre and
Stage area with River
in background



Festival Walk with
water well feature



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

About 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 2009



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



Events & Current Park Use

- Great American Bank Night on the Kaw – June, 2013
- Winesong at Riverfest Park – June, 2013
- July 4th at Riverfest on July 4th, 2013
- De Soto Days Festival September, 2013
- “Cookin’ on the Kaw” Blues & BBQ – October, 2013



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

If you would like to come 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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