Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Bureau of Environmental Remediation, Remedial Section

Brownfields Redevelopment Program

Wichita River Walk

Background:

The East RiverWalk Site in Wichita was accepted into the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Brownfields Redevelopment Program on September 14, 2004. An application for a Brownfields Targeted Assessment (BTA) was prepared by the City of Wichita and submitted to KDHE on September 13, 2004. The property is comprised of approximately 33 acres within the city limits of Wichita. Historical property uses at the BTA Property include printing companies, retail gasoline stations, auto mechanic/auto body shops, and numerous large industrial facilities. The objective of the BTA was to research and compile information and data related to existing and historical land use at the property and adjacent properties so the uncertainties associated with environmental impacts would be identified and/or minimized prior to redevelopment. The property is located from Waterman Street south to beneath the Kellogg Avenue bridge and from Main Street west to the Arkansas River. The city intended to sell the property for redevelopment.

Photograph of Construction Activities.

Phase I and II BTA Assessments

Information collected during Phase II activities at the property indicated the presence of polynuclear aeromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) present in soil at the site.

Boat Museum located along River Walk Corridor.

Since the contamination identified at sample locations was within the boundaries of the Gilbert and Mosley site, the contamination was addressed through the City of Wichita's current Consent Order with KDHE.

Redevelopment

The City of Wichita along with private business owners redeveloped this property into a mix of retail, entertainment, residential, and recreational uses.

Recently Constructed Gander Mountain Sporting Goods Store.