



Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Jacksonville, FL

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

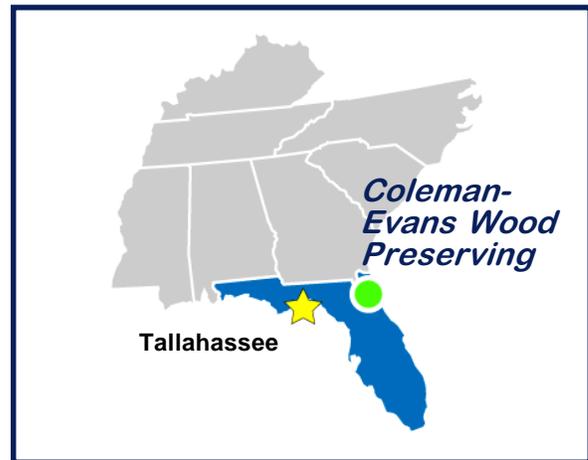
BACKGROUND

EPA selected the City of Jacksonville, Florida, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Jacksonville is home to the 11-acre Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Superfund site. From 1954 until the mid-1980's, the facility pressure-treated wood products with a mixture of pentachlorophenol and fuel oil. The wastewater from the treatment process was discharged into a drainage ditch, which channeled the water south to McGirts Creek. The drainage ditch often overflowed, spreading pentachlorophenol and dioxin contamination over the soil and throughout a residential neighborhood. In September 1983, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The site is in an economically disadvantaged community located in an American Heritage River Watershed. Jacksonville has also been granted a Brownfields Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

Pilot funds will allow the City of Jacksonville to develop a land use plan based on input from nearby residents, business owners, and citizen and civic organizations. The plan will aim to resolve community concerns and improve the quality of life in the community. Intensive outreach will be conducted to ensure involvement of the neighborhood, which is a low-income community. The Brownfields Coalition Environmental Justice Committee will be instrumental in helping with community outreach. Once community consensus has been reached on the reuse of the site, the city will engage in public workshops to develop a reuse plan that is compatible with the cleanup.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Jacksonville, FL

Site Name: Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement (\$100,000)

Profile: The city will create a land use plan for the site which will resolve community concerns and improve the quality of life in the community.

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