

US Army Reserve Equipment Concentration Site at the Fairgrounds Redevelopment Area

Timeline with Discussion Points

First Contacts and Discussions

- November 2018 – US Army Reserve reaches out to Alachua County regarding the possible use of the Fairgrounds Redevelopment Area as an Equipment Concentration Site. Three possible project sites were reviewed and toured. A community conversation was hosted at the Thomas Center which included City and County elected officials, staff, and representatives from the community.
- December 2018 – June 2019 – US Army Reserve concludes that out of the three sites reviewed, the Fairgrounds Redevelopment Area would be the best possible site for further review.
- June 11, 2019 – Board authorizes the US Army a Right of Entry Agreement allowing access to the property to do due diligence which will include survey work, title search, and an environmental review.

Due Diligence Work Begins June 2019

- November 4-5, 2019 – US Army Corp of Engineers and US Army Reserve site assessment visit including a conversation with City of Gainesville staff on development regulations.
- November 18, 2019 - 4A's East Gainesville Economic Development discussion with community stakeholders, City and County officials were in attendance.
- December 2, 2019 – Meeting with community representatives Rodney Long, Darry Lloyd, and Larry McDaniel.
- December 2, 2019 – Joint City County Board Meeting Presentation and Discussion of the ECS.
- January 22, 2020 – US Army Reserve meets with elected representatives at the City and County.
- February 3rd, 2020 - 4A's 4As Future Development of East Gainesville community meeting following up on the discussion from November 18, 2019. Staff shared the overall timeline with the Board's decision point for a transfer of title at a July 2020 Meeting and a ground breaking as early as December 2020, if the property is transferred.
- March 16, 2020 – Meet with Airport Authority representatives to discuss development opportunities related to ECS and the overall Waldo Road Corridor.
- March 23, 2020 – County initiated virtual conversation with the community on the status of the proposed ECS. Over 100 citizens participated in the Facebook Live broadcast event.
- April 22, 2020 – Meeting with Commissioner Simmons, Airport Authority, City of Gainesville Staff, and Chamber of Commerce on unified effort to bring economic redevelopment to the Waldo Road Corridor. Additional meetings will be arranged.

Conclusion of Due Diligence Work April-May 2020

- April 2020 – Calculation complete of direct, indirect, and induced economic benefits of an ECS.
- April 2020 – Estimated completion of the US Army environmental review of the property.
- May 6, 2020- Second virtual conversation with the community on the status of the proposed ECS. Final numbers from the economic impact analysis presented.
- May 12, 2020 – Board re-consideration of the Letter of Intent.
- July 14, 2020 – Latest Board date to consider transfer of property to US Army

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Next Steps if Property is Transferred

- October 1, 2020 – Federal appropriations in place for construction of ECS
- December 2020 – Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Redevelopment of the Fairgrounds.
- March 2022 – (estimated) ECS Facility Open