CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

SUBMERGED LAND REDEVELOPMENT

PPM has been involved with the City of Pensacola's Brownfields Program since its inception. PPM assisted the City in obtaining a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant (\$400,000), which was leveraged to secure additional funding, including a 2018 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant (\$200,000), a subgrant from the West Florida Regional Planning Council's Revolving Loan Fund (\$250,000), and a grant from the State of Florida (\$400,000). PPM then supported the City in securing a 2022 EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (\$376,000), which is currently ongoing. PPM has provided the City with comprehensive services, including grant application preparation, brownfield inventory, community outreach, QAPP/SSQAPPs, site eligibility evaluations, Phase I and Phase II ESAs, ABCAs, cleanup planning, contractor bid documents and award reviews, EPA reporting, FDEP support, and ACRES database updates.



HIGHLIGHTS



Community Maritime Park Site

The signature project of Pensacola's Brownfields Program was the Community Maritime Park site. The Park was built in 2012 and is an award-winning redevelopment property that includes a minor league baseball stadium, office buildings, a children's park, and an amphitheater. The brownfield's work led to the development of a public access day-use marina and a public-use beach and heritage park with historical ties to local African-American culture called Bruce Beach. The City also approved a waterfront, multi-family, housing/retail development outparcel (an estimated 600 multi-family housing units and 50,000 square-foot retail space) to be developed at Community Maritime Park.

Dates of Service: August 2011-present

Employees Involved: Ben Clabaugh, Matthew Ebbert, Walter Henley, Brian Hicks, Monica Holston, Zane Hood, Rodney Kilgore, Barry Long, Robert Newbold, Keith Pyron, Greg Stover

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Subcontractors: Beck Property, Ecological Consulting Services, Environmental Data Resources, Erwin Remediation, GeoSearch, Gulf Coast LabNet, Lesco Environmental, SMC Pine Holdings, Preferred Drilling Solutions, Southeastern Archaeological Research, Singley Construction, Southern Radar Imagining, Southern Disposal, Walker-Hill Environmental

Grant Funds/Leveraged Funds: \$1.626 million total

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In 2016, PPM completed a Phase II ESA on a 35-acre submerged parcel located in Pensacola Bay adjacent to the park, which contained creosote-soaked pilings that remained onsite after the former Frisco Docks were destroyed by fire in the 1960s. PPM completed a bathymetric survey, and a diver survey to provide additional detail for use in cleanup planning. PPM assisted the City in the selection of a marine contractor and coordinated closely with the EPA, Corps of Engineers, Port of Pensacola, FDEP, FDEP contractor, and the selected marine contractor to remove approximately 110 tons of pier pilings and debris, opening approximately 5 acres of the submerged parcel for future use.



OUTCOMES

PPM helped the City leverage its initial \$400,000 grant into more than \$1.6 million for its Brownfields Program. It has conducted 24 Phase I and nine Phase II ESAs, with additional projects planned. Vince J. Whibbs Sr. Community Maritime Park alone has become a vibrant waterfront destination featuring recreational facilities, a multi-use stadium, and scenic views enhancing the city's cultural and social landscape.

Simplifying the Complex

- Restored 19 properties, covering 72 acres, back to productive reuse.
- Created a streamlined process with FDEP that allowed PPM to complete Phase I and II ESAs within the 60-day due diligence period of a real estate contract.