



RCRA Corrective Action

Cleanup + Productive Use

Economic Profile

General Services Administration

Washington, D.C.

BEFORE

Navy ship and ordnance manufacturer

AFTER



Marina



Mixed-Use
Development



Federal
Offices



Recreation

CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY EPA

The 55-acre General Services Administration (GSA) site is located in Southeast Washington, D.C. along the Anacostia River. Once part of the Washington Navy Yard, the facility operated as a shipbuilding yard in the 1800s and was later used to manufacture military ordnance through World War II. The site's industrial activities resulted in soil contamination.

In 1963, the Washington Navy Yard transferred the property to GSA. With oversight from EPA's RCRA Corrective Action program, GSA excavated contaminated soil and disposed of it off site. Cleanup and land use controls to restrict groundwater use allowed for the successful redevelopment of the facility. Today, the site is home to The Yards – a mixed-use development – as well as the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Transportation. These developments provide over 5,000 jobs and \$714 million in annual wages.



5,374

EMPLOYEES



\$48 million

ANNUAL SALES



\$714 million

ANNUAL WAGES





THE YARDS IS KNOWN FOR ITS BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND IS CONTINUING TO RESHAPE THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY CREATING A SPACE THAT CONNECTS PEOPLE TO GREEN SPACE AND THE WATERFRONT.

Toby Millman, Senior Vice President of Development for Brookfield Properties

After cleaning up the site, GSA transferred parcels to other parties for redevelopment. In 2005, GSA transferred 11 acres to the Department of Transportation for construction of its headquarters building. The remaining 44 acres of the site have been transformed into The Yards mixed-use development, which began construction in 2010. The Yards is certified by the U.S. Green Building Council for its sustainable, well-connected neighborhood design. In addition to energy efficient buildings, The Yards includes green infrastructure to help manage stormwater runoff.

The Yards provides much-needed housing in a bustling area near Capitol Hill. The desirable location is within walking distance to over 30 restaurants and businesses, including a grocery store, and has easy access to public transit, waterfront and greenspace. An additional benefit to residents is access to Optimus Ride – an on-demand autonomous electric vehicle fleet – reducing the need for personal vehicles and decreasing local emissions.

A hotel, event spaces, the nearby Washington Nationals baseball stadium – and even trapeze lessons! – make The Yards an exciting destination for locals and visitors alike. The Yards Park is a neighborhood park with waterfront views and open green space for picnics and recreation. The Yards Marina features 50 boat slips, a water taxi dock and a paddler dock for kayaks.

The cleanup and sustainable reuse of the General Services Administration site through partnerships between GSA, the Department of Transportation and private developers protects public health and the environment while also creating a vibrant place for people to live, work and play.



The Yards was built to be a place for people to live, work and play. The walkable urban neighborhood includes over 3,000 residential units and 400,000 square feet of retail business space.



The Anacostia Riverwalk Trail connects to The Yards Park at the southern portion of the site. The Yards Park hosts 2 miles of the 20-mile trail designed for a wide range of uses including cycling, skating, running and walking.