#### **COASTAL GEORGIA BROWNFIELD CASE STUDIES:**

From the Corner Lot to Former Industrial Sites







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# **Coastal Georgia Brownfield Sites**

#### "The Corner Lot"

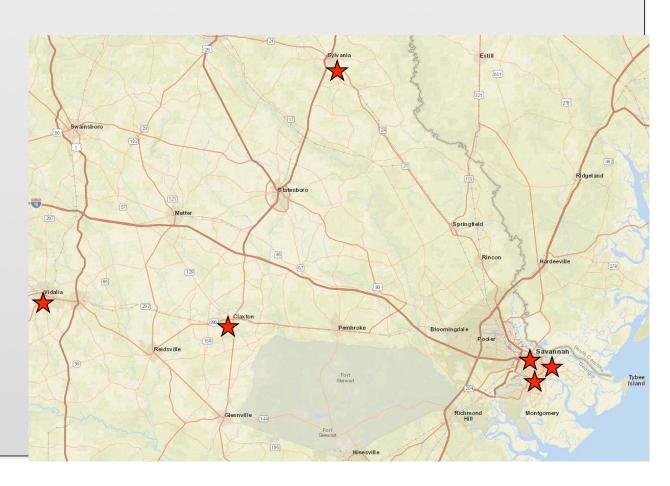
- Queen Street Vidalia
- Duval Street Claxton
- East Broad Street Savannah

#### Former "Landfill" Sites

- President Street Savannah
- Bremer Tract Savannah

#### **Former Industrial Plant**

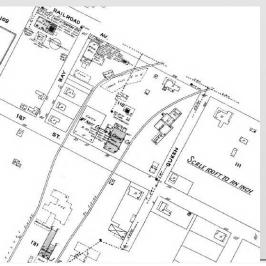
Former SYS Plant - Sylvania



Vidalia

- Former Industrial Site (Early 1990s)
- Railroad Spurs
- Auto Repair (1970s mid-2000s)
- Dry Cleaner (1980s 1990s)
- Restaurant (1988 late 2000s)







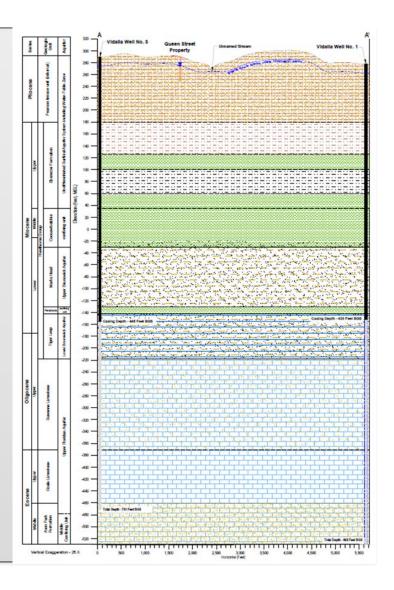
Vidalia

- Phase I ESA with Soil & Groundwater Sampling
  - VOCs
  - SVOCs
  - RCRA Metals
- No Detections of VOCs / SVOCs in Soil
- Trichloroethylene detected in all 5 Groundwater Samples
  - 2 ppb to 18 ppb



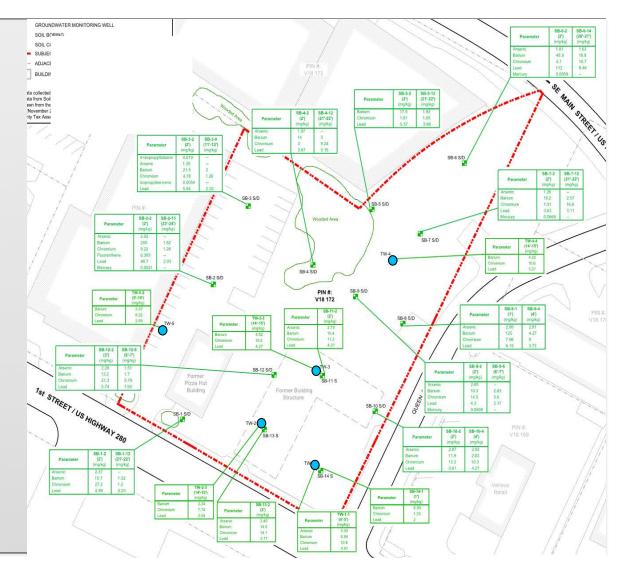
Vidalia

- Release notification submitted by Seller
- Receptor Survey
  - Surficial Aquifer not hydraulically connected to drinking water aquifer
- EPD issues "Non-listing" letter to Seller
- Brownfield App / CAP submitted upon receipt of Non-listing letter



Vidalia

- Develop site investigation plan
  - Soils only (surface / subsurface)
  - Submit to EPD for approval
- 14 additional soil samples
- No VOC, SVOC, RCRA Metals detections above non-residential limits



#### **Highlights:**

- Prospective purchaser Compliance Status Report (PPCSR)
- No source material found >non-residential RRS
- EPD limitation of liability letter issued for VOCs, SVOCs, and RCRA Metals
- Prospective purchaser closes and redevelops
- Multi-million \$ investment in property
- Purchaser receives tax incentives
- Increases local tax base
- Job creation from a formerly vacant property



# **Queen Street Site**

Vidalia, Georgia

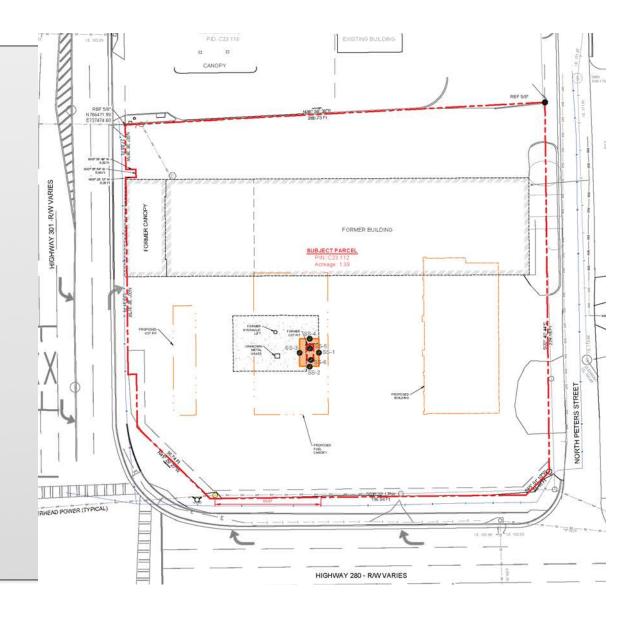
#### Claxton

- Residential
- Auto Sales / Service
- On-site USTs
- Oil / Water Separator
- In-ground Hydraulic Lifts
- Prior Consultant Work
  - o 2015 Phase I ESA
    - No RECs
  - 2015 Limited Sampling
    - No detections in soil



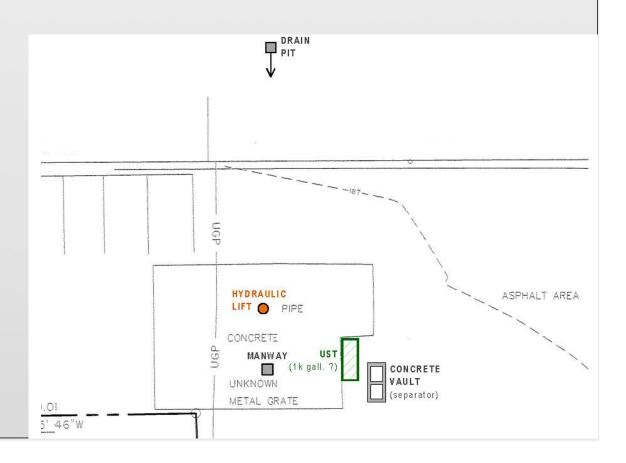
Claxton

- Client begins redevelopment immediately after closing
- Previously unknown UST found during site construction



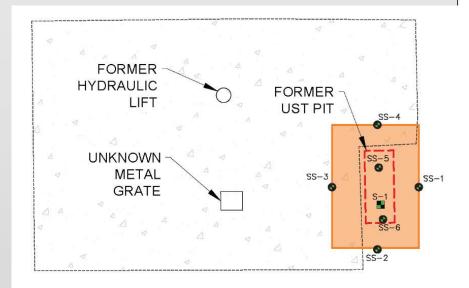
Claxton

- Soil impacted above Regulatory Limits by UST
- Soil contamination found 25 days after closing



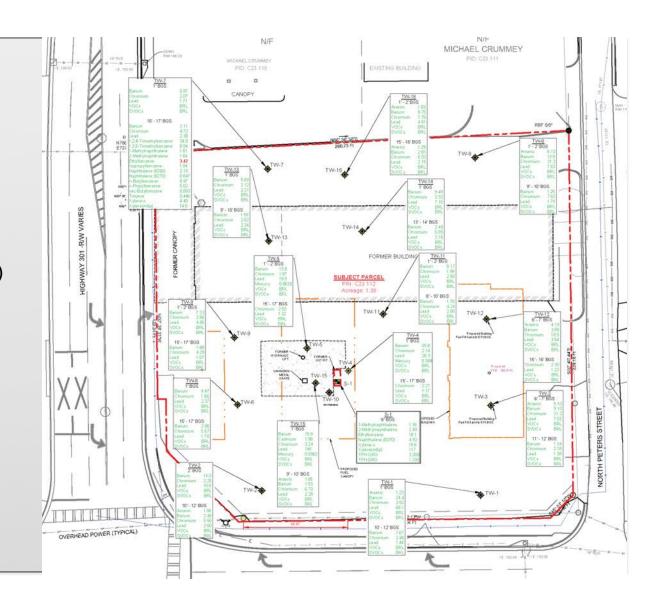
Claxton

- Soil impacted above regulatory limits at UST
- Soil contamination found 25 days after closing
- Brownfield App and PPCAP submitted prior to 30 day deadline
- Site redevelopment work halted
- Site investigation work initiated
  - Soil and groundwater sampling



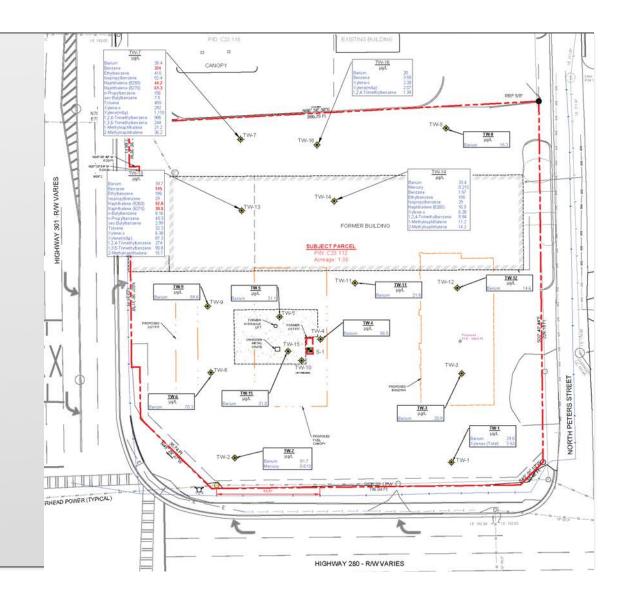
Claxton

- Site investigation work
- 16 soil borings (shallow & deep)
- 16 groundwater samples
- Removal of UST & in-ground hydraulic lift
- Aggressive sampling plan / network to limit construction delays
- New buildings & infrastructure



Claxton

- Site investigation work
  - Limited soil detections above regulatory limits outside UST Pit
  - Limited groundwater detections above Regulatory Limits
- Over excavation of UST pit
- Site construction resumed in less than 2 weeks



Claxton

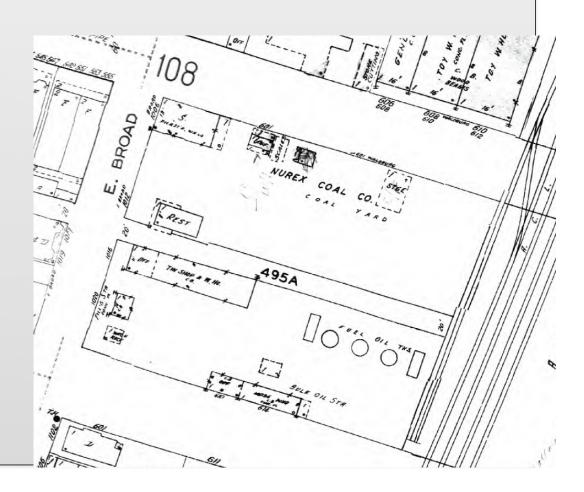
- Multi-million \$ investment in property
- Increased local tax base
- Local job creation



#### **East Broad Street**

Savannah

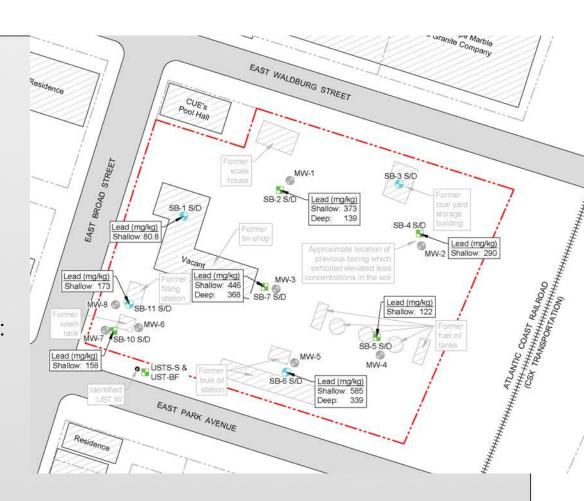
- Former tin shop
- Former coal yard
- Wood yard and axe handle factory
- Fuel oil ASTs
- USTs
- Evidence of buried debris
- Previous remediation of soil contamination



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Savannah

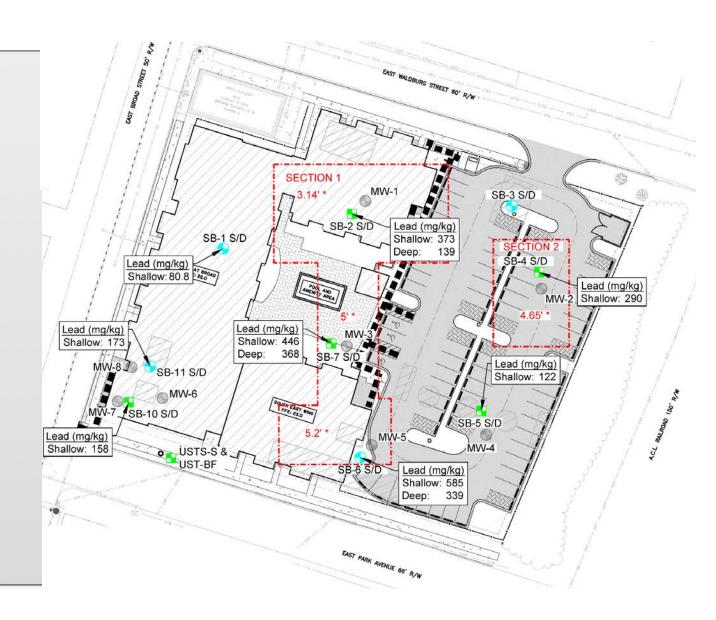
- Lead in soil above Type 1 & Type 2
   RRS in both shallow & deep samples
- Type 2 RRS for Lead calculated using:
  - IEUBK Model
  - EPA Soil Screening Level Equation 10
- Additional delineation samples collected to define excavation limits



# **East Broad Street**

Savannah

- XRF used during excavation
- Final laboratory confirmation sampling
- 3,600 tons removed & disposed of at subtitle
   D landfill



- Redevelopment in progress
- 70 unit multi-family housing
- \$7 Million Investment





Savannah

- 9 acres
- Filled with concrete waste from old Talmadge Bridge
- Former inert landfill (1990)
- Materials recovery facility (1998)

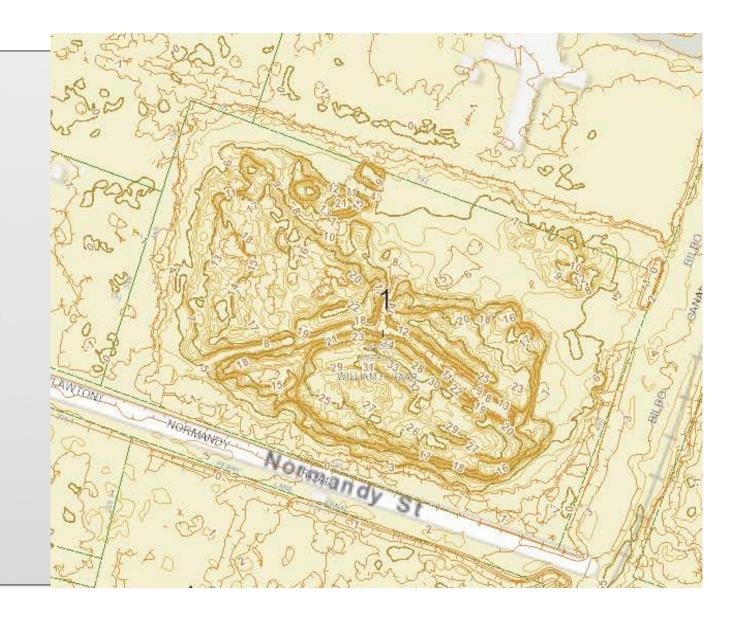




Savannah

# **Site History:**

Fill clearly evident on topo



Savannah

- Debris includes:
  - Concrete
  - Wood
  - Metal
  - Plastic
  - Roof shingles
  - Wall board
  - Card board



# **Bremer Tract** Savannah

Savannah

- Phase I ESA 2016
- Soil & groundwater sampling





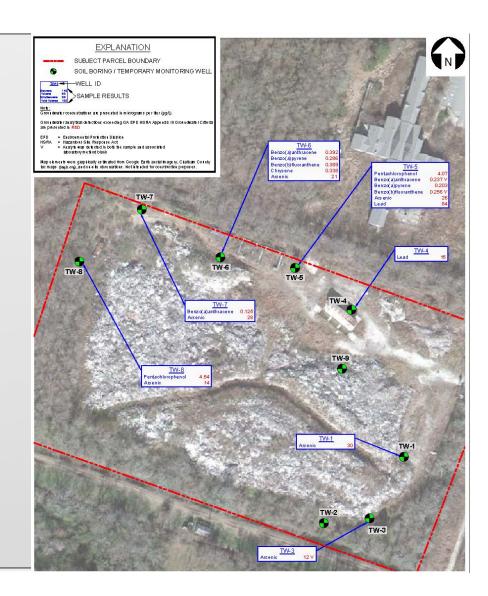
Savannah

- Soil exceedances above HSRA Notification Criteria
  - Carbon disulfide
  - Benzo(a)anthracene
  - Benzo(a)pyrene
  - o Benzo(b,k)fluoranthene
  - o Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
  - Bis(2-ethylhexly)Phthalate



Savannah

- Groundwater exceedances above HSRA Notification Criteria
  - Arsenic & Lead
  - Pentachlorophenol
  - o Benzo(a)anthracene
  - Benzo(a)pyrene
  - Benzo(b)fluoranthene
  - Chrysene



Savannah

#### **Highlights:**

- Release Notification submitted by owner
- Brownfield App / PPCAP submitted on behalf of Prospective Purchaser
- Remediation plan includes removal & proper disposal of all on-site waste debris



Redevelopment of site into upscale hotel

#### **President Street Tract**

Savannah

- 10 acres
- Historically undeveloped
- Site filled with bricks, concrete, wood, plastic, tires, & metal
- PAH impacted soils above HSRA Appendix I NC
- No known release to groundwater





# President Street Tract Savannah

- Release Notification requesting listing deferral submitted
- Remediation of impacted soils completed
- 4,200 tons removed
- Corrective Action Report with HSRA Non-listing documentation submitted



# **President Street Tract**

Savannah

- Non-Listing letter issued by EPD
- Brownfield application & PPCAP submitted for the site
- Proposed redevelopment of the site as luxury apartments as part of the adjacent complex



#### **Former SYS Plant**

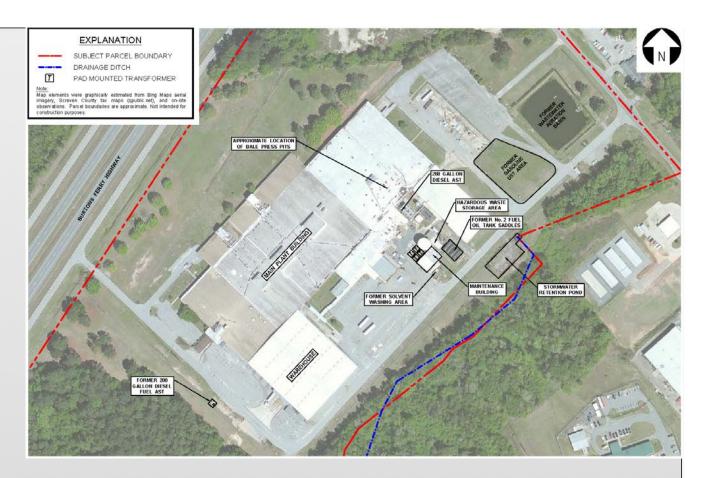
Sylvania

- Site developed in 1969
- Carpet yarn processing
- ASTs, USTs, hazardous waste storage, wastewater aeration basin
- Historical releases in soil & groundwater of:
  - VOCs
  - SVOCs
  - Metals



# Former SYS Plant Sylvania

- 7 potential source areas
- Previous work at site:
  - Soils certified to Type 2RRS in 2005
  - Groundwater certified to Type 4 RRS
- Plant continued to operate from 2005 to 2009



#### **Former SYS Plant**

Sylvania

#### **Highlights:**

- Brownfield application & PPCAP submitted January 2017
- Prospective Purchaser buys site
- Developing sampling plan to fill in data gaps

#### **Community Impact:**

- \$2 Million investment in facility
- Creation of over local 100 jobs

International importer to invest \$2 million, create 100-plus jobs in Sylvania

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An aerial view of the former Sylvania Yarn Systems building that is being renovated for ELK Group International in Screven County. (Photo courtesy Screven County Economic Development Authority)

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