



Former Citizens Light and Gas, Jackson, Tennessee

The Citizens Gas and Light property in Jackson, Tennessee was a manufactured gas plant that operated from 1871-1931. This property is located on the northern fringe of downtown Jackson, between a farmers market and a disadvantaged neighborhood. Originally, the facility heated coal in and then extracted gas, which was stored and distributed from this site. Along with the production of gas, several residual constituents were produced. The locations of the former tar well and gasometer were found to contain contaminants of concern, including PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons).

To address these contaminants, the City of Jackson was awarded a \$200,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant to remove source contamination areas and put a soil cover system in place. A multi-agency team from the Jackson Energy Authority, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Remediation (TDEC DOR), the City of Jackson, US EPA and the private sector worked together to make this cleanup grant a success. A Brownfields Voluntary Agreement was put in place with the Jackson Energy Authority, City of Jackson and the TDEC DOR Voluntary Oversight, Cleanup and Assistance Program. Over \$250,000 additional funds were leveraged and 610 tons of coal-tar impacted soils were removed. The property is now an urban pocket park and outdoor amphitheater that complements the vision of downtown Jackson's revitalization.



The former Citizen's Gas and Light property before going back into productive re-use



The former Citizen's Gas and Light property today, including an outdoor amphitheater, pocket park and farmer's market office.