

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Bureau of Environmental Remediation, Remedial Section

Brownfields Redevelopment Program



Derby Aquatic Park

Background:

The Derby Aquatic Center was accepted into the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Brownsfields Redevelopment Program March 18, 2003. An application for a Brownsfields Targeted Assessment (BTA) was prepared by the City of Derby and submitted to KDHE, on March 10, 2003. The BTA property was an agricultural field until approximately 1999. Since 1999, the property has been vacant. Except for a storm water detention pond, the property had not been developed. The objective of this BTA was to research and compile information related to existing and historical land use at the property and adjacent properties so the uncertainties associated with environmental impacts would be minimized and/or identified prior to redevelopment.

Community/Financial Assistance:

Interest for the Aquatic Center was generated by SOAC, Supporters of the Aquatic Center, a grass root citizen interest group. A consultant donated a design for the Aquatic Center free of charge. The citizens of Derby then voted to approve a ½ cent sales tax increase to finance the Aquatic Center construction.



Vacant lot prior to redevelopment

Phase I BTA Assessment:

No specific source areas were identified during Phase I activities at the site. The Phase I was conducted to determine if any historical activities occurred at the site that may have caused contamination. Information collected during the Phase I research activities did not reveal a history of hazardous substance usage at the property.



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Based on this information collected during the BTA investigation, further investigative activities at the property were not warranted.

Redevelopment:

The City of Derby has redeveloped the property as an aquatic park. The park consists of three pools including a "zero entry" pool, a lap/diving pool and a waterslide plunge basin. A 30-foot high water slide and a "lazy river" float area were also constructed. One building was built on the site. This building houses the concession stand, bathhouse, pavilion events building and filter building. Paved parking areas are located to the north and east of the aquatic center. The stormwater detention basin located on site remained.



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