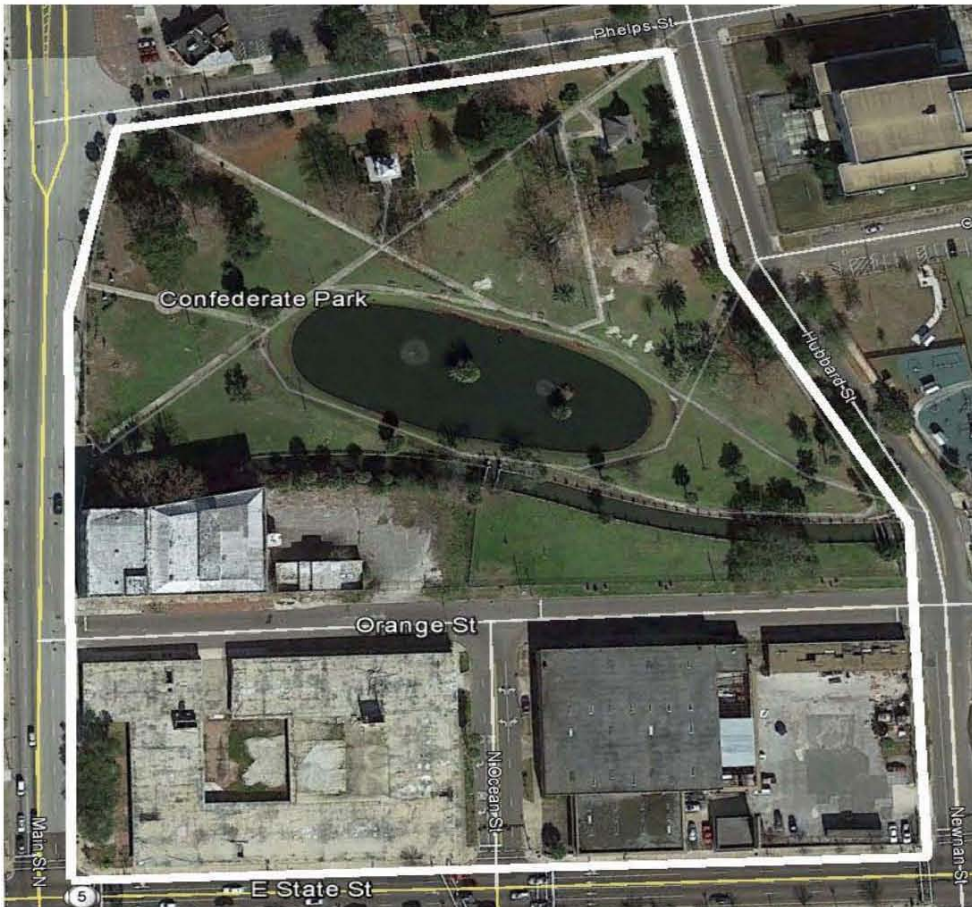


**Draft Health Report Now Available
Main Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP)/Confederate Park
Hazardous Waste Site
Jacksonville
December 2014**



What do you need to know?

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) finds:

- Eating fish from Hogans Creek might harm your health.
- Surface soil on the Main Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP)/Confederate Park hazardous waste site may still have pollution in locations that were once part of Hogans Creek.
- Four soil samples in Confederate Park are too few for FDOH to know how polluted it is.
- Based on just a few samples, pollutants in Confederate Park soils are not likely to harm the health of workers or park visitors.

What needs to happen next?

FDOH recommends:

- People should not eat fish from Hogans Creek.

FDOH also recommends that the City of Jacksonville should:

- Keep warning signs posted along the creek.
- Test surface soil from the area bounded by Hogans Creek, Orange, Hubbard/Newnan, and Market Streets.
- Test more soil to find out how far and how deep the pollution has spread if it does not take away surface soil in Confederate Park.

***Please give your comments on the FDOH draft report.
Comments are due by January 9, 2015!***

What will the FDOH do?

- Address health concerns in a final report.
- Let nearby residents know when a final report is ready.
- Consider review of new data.

Site History

The Main Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP)/Confederate Park hazardous waste site covers 11.7 acres in downtown Jacksonville. Phelps Street bounds the site to the north with State Street to the south. Main Street bounds the site to the west with Hubbard/Newnan Street to the east. The main source of pollution is the former MGP where the owners used coal to make liquid gas for people to use as fuel for lamps and stoves over 100 years ago. A MGP leaves a number of metals and chemicals behind in the soil and groundwater. MGP pollutants also include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The site also held seven fuel storage tanks that added to pollutants leaking into the soil and groundwater.

In 2010, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tested fish from Hogans Creek. The test results led the City of Jacksonville, working with the FDOH, to post signs warning people not to eat the fish.

The Main Street MGP/Confederate Park site is comprised of five parcels: Confederate Park; the E.H. Thompson parcel; the Park View Inn parcel; the Warren Partnership parcel; and the Orange Street right-of-way.

The City-owned Confederate Park is at 956 Hubbard Street. The total area is about 8.6 acres, most of which is west of Hubbard Street, with the rest being east of the street. The park includes a pond linked to Hogans Creek, concrete walkways, a Civil War monument, a maintenance building, and a small office building.

The E. H. Thompson parcel is at 937 Main Street at the corner of Main and Orange Streets, south-southwest of Confederate Park. It is almost an acre in size. A car dealership and service center once used the property.

The 1.5-acre Park View Inn parcel is at 901 North Main Street across Orange Street from the Thompson parcel. In 1966, the owners built the six-story full service Park View Inn over the old MGP site. In 2011, they tore down the inn. Now only the parking garage remains.

The 1.6-acre Warren Partnership parcel is at 925 North Ocean Street. In the past, this parcel was a car dealership with a service center. The owners now use it for light manufacturing. Only the northern-most portion of the parcel, plus the Orange Street right-of-way is part of this site.

In March 2014, the City of Jacksonville held a public meeting on site clean-up options. About 10 residents attended, along with FDOH staff. Now FDOH has a draft health report ready for public review. In our final report, FDOH will respond to comments we receive on this draft.

The FDOH works to guard public health. We share facts from studies on toxic chemicals to help people who live near hazardous waste sites stay safe. If we find a health threat, we make sure people who live near a site know about it as soon as possible.

For More Information

About health or to comment on the draft report:

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About cleanup of the site:

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Main Street MGP/Confederate Park Hazardous Waste Site, Jacksonville

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION:

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| 1. I learned more about the Main Street MGP/Confederate Park hazardous waste site. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |
| 2. I learned more about the FDOH's health assessment process. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |
| 3. I learned that a draft health report about on-site soil and Hogans Creek fish is ready for review and comment. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |
| 4. I learned more about the FDOH's plans at this site. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |
| 5. I learned more about the part the FDOH plays at the site. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |

My current health concerns about the Main Street MGP/Confederate Park site are:

What health topics would you like to learn about? (Please list)

Optional (so we can contact you later, if needed)

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