



Summer 2008

Spotlight

Denver Federal Center Redevelopment Update



Several activities related to the overall redevelopment efforts on the Denver Federal Center (DFC) will continue this summer and into the fall.

Pre-construction work for the new St. Anthony Hospital will continue on the land just south of Center Avenue on the west side of the federal center

near gate 5. This work includes demolition of foundations and abandoned utilities, installation of erosion control measures and pre-grading of the site. Upon approval of the hospital's final site plan and related documents by the City of Lakewood anticipated in late August, additional site work activities such as building excavation can then begin. Sometime this early fall, the permanent gate 5 will also be installed, at approximately North Avenue and Seventh Street, just east of the existing temporary location. This project will likely involve some reconfiguration of nearby streets, sidewalks and medians. Tenants will be notified appropriately. During construction, St. Anthony Hospital will issue a quarterly newsletter and post monthly updates to their Website at <http://www.stanthonyhosp.org/index.php?s=1598> to keep the community informed.

Beginning in July, site remediation work will start on the land south of McIntyre Gulch and west of Building 810 and continue for several months. The DFC perimeter security fence in this area will be moved in the initial stage of this work. This parcel, primarily purchased to serve long-term hospital expansion, will now include the new Routt Street connecting to Alameda Avenue and some ancillary hospital parking. The surface parking lot will be part of the required environmental remediation work, as it will serve as a "landfill cap" for some of the contaminated areas, while other areas will be excavated and properly disposed of offsite. GSA, in conjunction with the

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), held a public meeting in June to discuss the proposed environmental

remediation actions and solicit public comment. Any concerns voiced are being addressed and incorporated into the final approved Corrective Measures Workplan as appropriate so that the work can begin as scheduled. A fact sheet with more details about the site work can be found at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hm/dfcfs080606.pdf>.

Later this summer, some activity will also begin on the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) parcel just north of Center Avenue and west of Building 85 near gate 5 and in the general vicinity. This work will involve additional removal of prairie dogs, site demolition work and grading. The DFC perimeter security fence east of the RTD will also be relocated further east in order to line up with the border of the recently sold land. This is being done to accommodate the construction of the light rail system into the DFC, and will involve the reconfiguration of some streets, sidewalks and medians.

RTD is also selling approximately 10 of the 15-acre parcel purchased from the government for transit-oriented development (TOD), as planned to compliment the new light rail station and relocated bus facility. This development is in the early stages, but both GSA and the City of Lakewood will continue to be involved as this plan develops to ensure long-term compatibility with the DFC and the new Master Site Plan. GSA is excited about bringing additional public transit opportunities to tenants and the community, along with other development and amenities to serve the center. The relocation of the RTD Cold Springs Park n' Ride bus facility is currently planned for 2010-2011 and the opening of the federal center light rail station is planned for 2012-2013, with the completion of

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Does your agency have business-related news it would like to share with the DFC community? Submit your articles to DFCNews@gsa.gov! We will feature an article from various agencies on the DFC in each issue.

Environmental News

Continued Success - Denver Federal Center Single Stream Recycling Program

In 2007, the single stream recycling program started with 12 Six-yard containers. Between August 1 and October 1, 2007, the program collected 52 tons of recycled materials. Because of the interest in this program, the DFC added five more Six-yard containers for a total of 17 throughout the center. Since negotiating a new contract in 2007, the DFC has collected a total of 191.1 tons of material!



The success of this program is a direct result of the power of individuals who have decided to recycle materials rather than throw them away. For questions about this program, please contact Michael Golenda at 303.236.8000 x 5136 or Michael.golenda@gsa.gov.

11.29 Tons Collected at GSA's Second Annual Home / Office Electronics Recycling Challenge



The Denver Federal Center (DFC) hosted its second federally organized home and office electronics recycling event on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. The event was from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the south parking lot of Building 67. More than 150 federal and contract employees and their guests recycled 11.29 tons of electronic waste, a 64% increase from last year's event. Items accepted at the event included: Monitors/televisions under 20" for an \$8 fee, monitors/televisions larger than 20" for a \$12 fee and small kitchen appliances (not including AC units or refrigerators). All other electronic items were recycled at no charge.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in 2005, two million tons of personal technology – laptops, computer monitors, cell phones, printers – went directly to landfills instead of being recycled. Some of the materials used in personal electronics, such as mercury and lead, are hazardous and can release dangerous toxins into our air and water when improperly deposited in landfills. Furthermore, Americans threw away more than 100 million cell phones in 2006. Recycling them could have saved enough energy to power approximately 194,000 U.S. households for one year. Please go to www.cafr.org for more information on where you can recycle your electronics.

DFC Solar Park Formally Dedicated

GSA formally dedicated the Denver Federal Center's (DFC) \$6.9 million solar park on June 26, 2008. The park was completed in January 2008 and will produce 10 percent of the DFC's peak electrical energy demand, power equivalent to that used by 145 homes over the course of a year. As part of the ceremony, Xcel Energy of Colorado presented GSA, on behalf of American taxpayers, with a check in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of Solar Renewable Energy Credits.

In 2007, the Colorado State Legislature increased the state's Renewable Energy Standard requiring investor owned utilities to generate 20 percent of their retail electricity sales from renewable resources by the year 2020. Xcel Energy offers businesses and residential customers rebates and payments for renewable energy credits associated with qualifying solar power installations in Colorado. The company solicited projects to participate in its Solar*Rewards program, which provides incentives for installing renewable energy sources.



The park is open for self-guided tours using the interpretive signs or you can schedule a tour every second and fourth Tuesday of the month by calling 303.236.8000 x.5165. Visit www.gsa.gov/r8solarpark for more park details.

What's Happening on the DFC?

Democratic National Convention Activity

Over the next four months, you may notice more after hour traffic and parking on the DFC than usual. The DFC is providing temporary tenant space and parking in support of the DNC. The duration of support space and additional traffic will be short and things will return to normal following the conclusion of the convention.

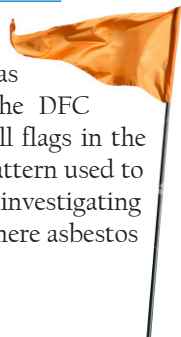
Prairie Dog Removal

Prairie Dog removal for construction activities related to St. Anthony Hospital started in June and will continue throughout the summer and early fall this year. Removal of the animals will also be performed on the RTD parcel and several areas on the federal center. A local wildlife management firm led by Certified Wildlife Biologists is handling the job. The efforts consist of live-trapping prairie dogs, euthanizing, and transporting the animals to the Northern Colorado Raptor Rehabilitation Centers to be used as food for injured hawks and eagles.

Prior to the initiation of this project, a concerted effort was made by St. Anthony Central Hospital, GSA, and others to find a suitable receiving site that would allow a live, wild-to-wild relocation effort of the animals. Unfortunately, no receiving site was available and as a next-best alternative, the animals will be donated to raptor rehabilitation programs.

Why are There Little Flags on the South Side of the Main Entrance?

New Health Department regulations for asbestos in soil were passed in 2006. GSA has been conducting inspections throughout the DFC campus since then and the hundreds of small flags in the southeast corner of the DFC mark the grid pattern used to systematically inspect the entire area. GSA is investigating all areas of the campus and addressing any where asbestos containing material is found.



New Improvements to the DFC Toddler Wing

The DFC Toddler Center is undergoing some improvements. GSA will be fixing the cement flooring in the toddler wing of the daycare due to uneven settling. Temporary fixes have been done, but a more permanent solution is needed. Currently, structural engineers are working on a design to correct the problem. While removal and replacement of the flooring is taking place, older children will be relocated to a temporary space in Building 20. For more information on this project, please contact Michael Alley, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 x. 5059.

20,000 DFC Honeybees Relocated



Some unexpected residents were discovered on the rooftop of DFC's Building 810. Approximately 20,000 honeybees were tucked away in a portion of the rooftop and had gone unnoticed until recently. DFC Property Manager Michael Golenda called small business

owner Paul Woosley of "The Bee Boy," who specializes in safely relocating bees to Colorado farms.

Last year, the Apiary Inspectors of America were commissioned to survey the country and found beehive losses of about 32 percent. This is the second year the association has measured colony deaths across the country. Bees are valuable agents of cross-pollination and many plants are entirely dependent on particular kinds of bees for their reproduction.

All of the bees were safely removed and are now happily producing more honey and possibly pollinating some of your neighborhood plants.

Annual Road and Parking Maintenance

GSA will be completing road and parking asphalt maintenance throughout the center during mid to late summer months. Maintenance will include crack sealing, striping, removal and replacement of damaged road and parking area asphalt. For more information on this project, please contact Michael Alley, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 x. 5059.

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RTD's West Corridor system. More information on RTD's West Corridor project can be found at www.red-fasttraks.com.

Lastly, GSA's new Master Site Plan for the DFC will move forward for official adoption by the City of Lakewood this summer. It will be presented to both the City's Planning Commission and City Council at a study session on July 21, 2008, and at City Council and Planning Commission Hearings in August. Adoption of the Master Site Plan into the City's overall Comprehensive Plan will ensure that GSA's goals and objectives for the 20+ year federal center redevelopment plan remain a priority and an integral part of the City's overall planning strategy for the area. The federal center Master Site Plan and related studies can be found at www.gsa.gov/dfcsiteplan. GSA is also working closely with its National Office to strategize on implementation of the Master Site Plan and planning of initial "pilot" projects for federal tenants, as well as working with the City of Lakewood on potential recreational partnership opportunities on the site. Stay-tuned as these initiatives evolve!

It is a very exciting time for the DFC, and the activities and projects of the redevelopment vision. GSA will continue to inform DFC tenants of these activities through this quarterly newsletter and other available channels. Should you have any additional questions about these upcoming activities or projects, please contact GSA's Project Manager, Lisa Wild, at 303.236.8000 ext. 5039, or at lisa.wild@gsa.gov.

Upcoming Events

DFC FEW Chapter



The Denver Federal Center Chapter of Federally Employed Women is looking forward to another great year with its new slate of officers and committee chairs.

President: Cheryl Hutchinson, Federal Highway Administration
Vice President: Kim Montoya, Bureau of Reclamation
Secretary: Bethany Mills, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Treasurer: Jami Shepard, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Membership & Diversity: Jackie Martinez-Wells, Bureau of Reclamation
Policy & Legislation: Patt Franc, Mine Safety and Health Administration
Fundraising & Communications: Patty Damon, U.S. Geological Survey
Program Planning & Training: Lynne Price, Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Chapter's Executive Committee meets monthly to develop strategic plans, plan monthly meetings and events, respond to organizational business, and address member concerns and suggestions.

Based on suggestions from a recent member survey, the DFC Chapter will begin moving its monthly meetings around to different locations throughout the federal center and surrounding Federal Office Buildings in Lakewood. If you are interested in hosting a Chapter Meeting in your building, contact Kim Montoya, Vice President at rmontoya@do.usbr.gov.

The 2008-2009 Calendar of Meetings and Programs can be found on the Chapter's website at www.rmfew.org/dfc.asp.

Upcoming Meetings

August 20 - Building 85, DFC "Identify Theft" presented by the Social Security Administration Speaker's Bureau

September 17 - Building 67, Rio Grande Room, DFC "Generational Diversity"

October 15 - Building 25 Lecture Hall, DFC, "Ballot Issues, Initiatives and Referendums" presented by the Jeffco League of Women Voters

November 19 - Building 25 Lecture Hall, DFC, "Do you have Glossophobia?"

December 5 - "Holiday Social-Toasting with the Stars" for members and guests

Welcome to the DFC

The General Services Administration would like to welcome the following tenants onto the Denver Federal Center:

- The Office of Inspector General, a division of the Department of Homeland Security moved into temporary space in Building 20 in April 2008.
- The Agricultural Marketing Service, a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture moved into Building 20 in June 2008.