

General Services Administration (GSA)

Washington, DC



The Road to Reuse...

The General Services Administration (GSA) site is located in the Southeast Federal Center (SEFC) on the banks of the Anacostia River, within two miles of the White House. The site began as the Washington Navy Yard shipbuilding facility—the nation's first naval shore station—in 1799. The site later became an ordnance research and manufacturing facility, and since World War II, was restructured for use as office and storage space. The SEFC was transferred from the Washington Navy Yard to GSA in 1963, and consists of 55-acres. The site is approximately half of the 124-acre, over 200-year old Washington Navy Yard.



Approximate total acres and current use

Approximate Acres in Reuse: 11

Current Use:
Federal government offices

In July 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order under the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA). GSA made substantial progress in identifying and removing site contaminants prior to EPA's Order. Under EPA's Order, GSA was required to complete the facility investigation. On-going work includes parcel by parcel remedies prior to abatement and development of historic buildings and vacant parcels.

An 11-acre parcel was transferred to the US Department of Transportation (DOT) for their headquarters office building. The DOT headquarters is located on 11 of the 55-acres SEFC GSA site. The DOT headquarters is part of a



larger neighborhood revitalization that includes over 6,000 residential housing units, retail and the long-awaited baseball stadium for the Washington Nationals. Designed by internationally renowned Architect Michael Graves, the headquarters incorporates a 50-foot court yard and plaza with retail kiosks and a green roof.

The geographical area and the substantial minority population make the facility a part of EPA's Anacostia Initiative and the Environmental Justice Initiative. Redevelopment is continuing in the area with a private sector developer set to revitalize the surrounding property into commercial offices, retail, residential and cultural spaces, and a large waterfront park.



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