



Sites in Reuse

USN Air Station Cecil Field Superfund Site

103rd Street and Normandy Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32215



Images from left to right: Aerial view of cleanup efforts, Florida Community College Aviation Center of Excellence on site and Jacksonville Airport Authority sign at the site.

Site Name: USN Air Station Cecil Field Superfund Site

Site Size: 17,225 acres

Existing Site Infrastructure: Water, sewer, natural gas and electricity are available on site.

Current Site Uses: Cecil Commerce Center and Cecil Airport are now located at Cecil Field. The Cecil Commerce Center houses commercial and industrial businesses supporting the aviation sector, limited military support services, passive and active recreation facilities, and a natural wildlife preservation corridor. Jacksonville Airport Authority's Cecil Airport is a public joint civil-military airport servicing military and corporate aircraft, general aviation and air cargo. Single family residences are also located on part of the site.

Use Restrictions: Land uses are restricted to industrial and recreational uses in areas where monitored natural attenuation continues.

SETTING:

- The U.S. Naval Air Station (NAS) Cecil Field is located in southwestern Duval County within the Jacksonville city limits.
- The former base comprises three areas: Main Base Area (8,500 acres), Yellow Water Weapons Area (7,900 acres), and Jacksonville Heights (800 acres).
- Cecil Airport provides an annual economic impact of approximately \$900 million and about 6,225 direct and indirect aviation-related jobs in the Northeast Florida region.
- Surrounding population: 0.5 mile, 46 people | 2.5 miles, 1,265 people | 4 miles, 4,309 people.

REMEDIAL STATUS:

- Former NAS Cecil Field provided support services for operation and maintenance of naval weapons, aircrafts and other units of operating forces, including fuel storage, aircraft maintenance, engine repair and testing of turbojet engines. The base was commissioned in 1941 and ceased operation in 1999.

- Former naval base operations contaminated soil and groundwater with hazardous chemicals.
- EPA placed the site on the National Priorities List (NPL) in 1989.
- A team of agencies, referred to as the Cecil Field Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team, or BCT, is in charge of site investigations and cleanup.
- To optimize sitewide remediation, the BCT divided the site into 12 operable units (OUs) for cleanup. Construction of remedial components for the site, including excavation, off-site disposal or on-site consolidation and containment for contaminated soil, and active and passive treatment technologies for contaminated groundwater, concluded in 2009.
- Based on the 2016 Five-Year Review for the site, OUs 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are protective and OU2 is protective in the short term. No further action is required for OU4 and monitored natural attenuation of groundwater contamination continues at OUs 3, 6 and 7.



Map of the bus tour route on the site.

Disclaimer: EPA does not warrant that the property is suitable for any particular use. Prospective purchasers must contact the property owner for sale potential.

REDEVELOPMENT:

- Since 1999, the Navy has transferred all 17,225 acres of the site to local authorities for redevelopment – 10,501 acres to city of Jacksonville and 6,083 acres to Jacksonville Airport Authority. The remaining 641 acres were transferred to other local entities.
- The former runway and surrounding property are now Jacksonville Airport Authority's Cecil Airport.
- Limited military activities are ongoing. The United States Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron, the Navy Fleet Readiness Center, and the Army Aviation Support Facility of the Florida National Guard still operate at Former NAS Cecil Field.
- The Cecil Commerce Center is home to various commercial and industrial tenants associated with the aviation and transportation industries.
- The city of Jacksonville has master planned a 4,000-acre area of Cecil Commerce Center for recreational use, including hiking and horseback riding trails, camping, hunting and fishing.
- The city's recreation land also supports a large natural wildlife preservation corridor connecting Jennings State Forest in Clay County with Cary State Forest, north of Cecil Commerce Center.
- The Cecil Recreation Complex includes several tournament-level playing fields and sports complexes, playgrounds, open play field areas, a community center, a park maintenance facility and the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.
- The site achieved the Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use performance measure in 2013.
- The BCT will transfer the remaining few acres of the installation to the city after cleanup work is complete. The BCT continues to work with local authorities to support the effective reuse and redevelopment of the properties at the installation.

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