Sites in Reuse
Jacksonville Ash Superfund Alternative Site and
Brown’s Dump Superfund Alternative Site

Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida

The Jacksonville Ash site covers three areas in Jacksonville where the City of Jacksonville deposited incinerator ash, including two former incinerator locations. The site is located in residential areas west of Interstate 95. The Brown’s Dump site, the fourth incinerator ash deposit location, is in a residential area north of downtown Jacksonville.

Size: Jacksonville Ash: 1,140 acres; Brown’s Dump: 250 acres

Supported Site Uses: Jacksonville Ash: Public, recreational, residential and commercial uses;
Brown’s Dump: Residential and public uses

Existing Site Infrastructure: All major utilities are available on or next to the sites.

Site Use: Jacksonville Ash: In continued public, recreational, residential and commercial use during cleanup: Emmett Reed Park, animal care and control center, Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School, John E. Ford Elementary School.

Brown’s Dump: In continued residential and public use during cleanup: single-family homes and multi-family apartment complexes and an electrical substation. Former Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School facilities are now a church and community center.

Restricted Use: Jacksonville Ash: Certain types of digging may be restricted on parts of the site.

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REMEDIAL STATUS:

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- Cleanup at the site began in 2010.
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SETTING:
- The Jacksonville Ash site covers three distinct areas in Jacksonville – the Forest Street Incinerator location, the 5th and Cleveland Street Incinerator location and the Lonnie C. Miller Sr. Park location. These areas and Brown’s Dump, a former city landfill, received ash residue from municipal waste incinerators.
- The Forest Street Incinerator location is part of a primarily residential area; some light industrial and commercial businesses are also located nearby.
- The site area includes the fenced foundation of the former Forest Park Head Start School and a parks and recreation facility. The recreation facility includes two ball fields. There are plans to turn this area into a park following cleanup.
- An animal care and control center is also located at the Forest Street Incinerator location.
- The former 5th & Cleveland Incinerator location is one mile north of downtown Jacksonville, in a mostly residential area. The location includes Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School, John E. Ford Elementary School, Emmett Reed Park, the MaliVai Tennis Center, home to 11 tennis courts, Emmett Reed Community Center and residential areas. The community center includes one building and a playground.
- Lonnie C. Miller Sr. Park has remained in recreational use during cleanup. The municipal park includes a playground, picnic shelters and public restrooms. Surrounding land uses include homes to the south and northeast, light commercial development to the west and northwest, and the Ribault River to the east.
- The Brown’s Dump site includes the former Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, a Jacksonville Electric Authority electrical substation, and single-family homes and multi-family apartment complexes. The former elementary school facilities are now a church and community center.

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