

CitiFront Project Redevelopment of a Petroleum Contaminated Site

BACKGROUND: CITIFRONT (2002 PILOT PROJECT)

This west-side Salt Lake site at North Temple and 600 West was slated for use as Olympic-2002-related media housing. However, with the discovery of petroleum-based groundwater contamination found during the commercial building demolition phase, the funding and construction process was put on-hold pending resolution of the environmental issues and regulatory approval for site cleanup and closure.



PARTNERS

Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services
Local Developer/Investment Firm
Salt Lake City Housing Division

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- UDEQ performed groundwater monitoring and conducted monthly groundwater cleanup operations (hydrogen peroxide injections) at the site in 2002 for a total cost of approximately \$14,000 using federal EPA grant monies.
- The site was issued a “No Further Action” letter in April 2002 by UDEQ stating that the environmental issues had been resolved. The vacant property was finally able to secure financing based upon the assessment and cleanup work that UDEQ completed at the site.
- Various federal, state and local public and private partnerships came together to solve an environmental problem and benefit the local west side community.
- Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in May 2002. The vacant lot has been redeveloped into a combination of affordable housing as a four-story apartment building, mixed with commercial use on the ground floor and 155 apartment units on the upper three stories.

