

INTRODUCTION

This Vision Plan document is intended as a community planning tool for the redevelopment of properties at the former Orlando NTC McCoy Annex. Since the closure of the 840 acre facility in 1993, nearly all parcels within the original site have been transferred to the City of Orlando. Initially, these transfers created the opportunity for the revitalization of former Navy family housing into Villages of Southport, a successful residential neighborhood. Soon thereafter, the City began planning for some 240+/- acres of Department of Interior Conveyance land, which includes a 52 acre community park due to open in the Summer of 2002. Most recently, the City has received an additional 240+/- acres under an Economic Development conveyance. These properties provide the opportunity to build on the success of Villages of Southport and the opportunity of the community park to complete the Southport community as one of Orlando's great neighborhoods.

The vision for Southport is as a livable community: an outstanding place to live, work, play, learn and shop. This includes basic traditional design language of mixed housing, walkable streets, daily needs shopping, recreation and nearby employment, all within a pattern of connection and inclusion. The vision is for a finished community that complements existing Villages of Southport, utilizes natural and man-made open space opportunities, and connects to adjacent residential neighborhoods and employment centers. It is a vision of a healthy neighborhood with outstanding physical design, economic success and integrated social fabric.

This Vision Plan represents the input, intent and desires of the public, including the Villages of Southport Homeowners Association as well as City of Orlando planning staff. Additional ideas were offered by the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Orange County and Orange County Public Schools. The Vision Plan also includes the professional input of a design team with expertise in urban design, market research, civil engineering, environmental science, and review from the development community.

The purpose of the Vision Plan is to provide a guide for the development of the site. This includes an outline of site issues, and a summary of important goals and objectives for the new neighborhood. The resulting plan should be viewed as one acceptable alternative for the execution of those goals. There may be any number of other acceptable design/development solutions for various areas of the site. It is hoped that this document will inspire the creation of even more refined designs based on additional due diligence and program development.



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