

VISTA PARK

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP ORDER

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is responsible for managing and executing environmental restoration activities for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). However, there is no set timeline for full restoration of the Orange County site and no commitment of funding for restoration activity by the federal government.

A Voluntary Cleanup Order is an approach available to property owners to get stalled remediation projects moving forward.

The owner of Vista Park has taken on the responsibility for clearing his land of remaining munitions or pieces of munitions to address health and safety risks. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has reviewed and approved the comprehensive work plan for this privately funded cleanup. The Voluntary Cleanup Order gives the green light for the vendor to implement an ordnance remediation plan to eliminate hazards and contamination remaining from military operations.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Private cleanup of former military sites must follow the same regulatory processes and meet all the same environmental and safety standards utilized by USACE.
- FDEP has determined that the cleanup work plan is fully compliant with state law.
- Under the federal law known as CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended), the Voluntary Cleanup Order which authorizes the property owner to remediate munitions contamination to certain standards will be a fundamental component of the owner's plan for cleanup of munitions contamination.
- The work plan requires final reports to FDEP at the completion of each phase of the cleanup and a consolidated report at the completion of all of the phases.
- FDEP has determined that the approach in the work plan is appropriate to ensure a comprehensive site clearance of all remaining military munitions, munitions components and constituents originating from munitions.
- The area has been closed to the public for many years and will remain closed until the cleanup is completed and accepted by FDEP.
- A temporary moratorium on all building and permitting on this land can be lifted once a licensed or certified contractor certifies the site is clear of munitions as prescribed in the VCO.
- Once final reports are submitted and FDEP confirms remediation is completed, a "No Further Action" letter from the department will be the basis for the City of Orlando to release the cleared property from the moratorium, and for commencement of the anticipated development of the property.