

The Can Company & Old Town Wichita

A Comparison of Two Smart
Growth Communities

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The Can Company

- Built in the late 1800's-early 1900's
- Functioned as the hub for the can industry
- Became abandoned in the 1980's
- First plan proposed in late 1980's, but rejected by community
- Sustainable plan accepted in 1990's

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The Can Company Today

- Home of numerous tenants including:
 - Emerging Technology Center (ETC)
 - Gr8
 - DAP Products
 - numerous shops and restaurants

HUDSON STREET

BOSTON STREET

KEY

- Services
- Shops
- Restaurants & Bars
- Parking



Subsidized for Companies

- Subsidized Rent
- Shared Administrative Resources
- MD Academic Institutions
- NASA's Technology Outreach Program

Emerging Technology Center (ETC)

- \$1 million from MD
- \$800,000 NASA
- \$1 million other federal sources
- \$500,000 from Baltimore
- \$600,000 SBE&R

Old Town, Wichita

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Old Town, Wichita

- First commercial property built in 1870's
- Saw tremendous growth throughout the early 1900's
- Began renovations in late 1980's
- Environmental trouble 1990's
- 2003: A successful and revitalized community
- Avoided becoming a Superfund site

Ground Water Pollution

- 1990, ground water pollution found in Old Town
- 3,850 acres of contaminated water
- Threatened the further development of the neighborhood
- Public/Private collaboration

WATER Center

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Awards and Recognitions

- Received the Ford Foundation's Innovations in State and Local Government Award from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government
- 2006 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement- EPA

Economic Outcome

- 690,000 square feet of retail and office space
- Converted 8 buildings into Residential Properties
- \$111 million in private investment
- 900 jobs
- Over \$40 million in increased property value

Old Town

Before

After

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