



Site under construction

Site Facts

Site Name:

Richard Pittman Elementary School

Location:

Stockton, San Joaquin County

Certification Date:

October 2005

Site Size:

14 Acres

Historical Uses:

Mental Hospital, residential housing

Length of Cleanup:

22 months

Contaminants of Concern:

Lead, pesticides

Redeveloped Use:

K-6 school, 31 classrooms for 825 students

School Revitalization

SUCCESS STORY, May 2006

Richard Pittman Elementary School

The Stockton Developmental Center was originally founded in 1853 as the Insane Asylum of California at Stockton. It was established on 102 acres of land donated by Captain Charles Weber, founder of the City of Stockton. California's Legislature authorized the establishment of the asylum, the first public hospital in California to serve the mentally ill, during the turbulent times of the California Gold Rush. The Development Center was operated as a mental health hospital from its founding in 1853 through the 1990's. The California State University (CSU) system took possession of the site in 1996 for use as CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Multi-Campus (CSUS-Stockton). In 2001, the Stockton Redevelopment Agency approved redevelopment of the CSUS-Stockton campus, along with the surrounding Midtown Neighborhood, that included construction of the proposed 14-acre Richard Pittman Elementary School.

In December of 2003, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) entered into an agreement with Stockton Unified School District (USD) for investigation of the proposed elementary school site located in the CSUS-Stockton campus. An environmental assessment was conducted at the proposed school site to address potential contamination related to operations of the historic mental health facility. During the environmental assessment, soils containing lead-based paint residue and chlorinated pesticides (dieldrin and chlordane) were detected in shallow soils located around the perimeters of several historic structures. These contaminants were detected at concentrations determined to be unsafe for the intended site use. The cleanup plan recommended by DTSC and implemented by Stockton USD included excavation and disposal of approximately 890 cubic yards of impacted soils. The removal action was completed and certified by DTSC in October of 2005.

Redevelopment of the CSUS-Stockton campus, which includes Richard Pittman Elementary School, will help bring the Stockton Midtown Neighborhood back to its physical and economic splendor by encouraging owner-occupancy, emphasizing the historic significance of the area, and providing for mixed uses that allow combination office/living quarters. The newly redeveloped campus and Midtown Neighborhood will provide an environment in which residents can be a part of a "LIVE, WORK, WALK" community. Richard Pittman Elementary School is currently under construction and scheduled to open in the Fall of 2006; the new school will accommodate approximately 825 Kindergarten through 6th grade Midtown Neighborhood students in 31 new classrooms.



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