A Brief Story of Sturgeon City

Sturgeon City has its origins in the successful Wilson Bay Initiative that was started by the City of Jacksonville, it's leaders and the Community. For more than 40 years, the City discharged its wastewater into Wilson Bay. Many other plants, including Camp Lejeune and the New River Air Station, also discharged into the New River. Agricultural runoff and other pollutants left the river organically dead.

Hearing the voice of the Citizens, the Jacksonville City Council said it was their moral responsibility to help clean up the New River. They began a huge project, The Wilson Bay Initiative to use oysters, aeration, restored wetlands, and stormwater mitigation to restore water quality in the bay.

The initiative was so successful that the effect quickly spread. Sharing of information about the initiative through a panel of scientists, regulators, river advocates, and interested Citizens allowed the restoration efforts to impact almost the entire New River.

Over the years, Sturgeon City expanded to be able to educate students and adults through year-round environmental programs covering a wide range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics topics.

Continued support from the Community helps Sturgeon City to thrive. Through this support and that of the City, the Sturgeon City Environmental Education Center opened. This state of the art building now houses educational adventures, and is open to the public for special events.

For those who come here, Sturgeon City is truly a unique experience.

Visit us online to:

- Schedule a tour with your class or group
- Sign up for a program or summer camp
- Apply for Sturgeon City Institutes
- Experience the Planetarium
- Volunteer or Donate

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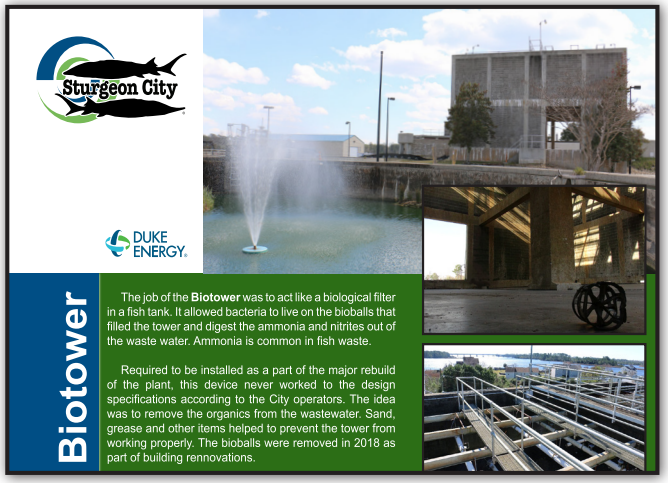

Walking Tour

Sturgeon City®

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50 Court Street, Jacksonville NC 28540

Sturgeon City Self Guided Walking Tour

What did you See?

Otter

Dragonfly

Shore Bird

Giant Cordgrass

Blue Crab

Wastewater Treatment Plant
1. Story of Sturgeon City
2. Clarifiers
3. Chlorine Contact Chamber
4. Drying Beds
5. Digesters
6. Biotower

Flora, Fauna & History
7. Seagrass
8. Civil War Marker
9. Water Quality
10. Dragonflies
11. Giant Cordgrass
12. Red-Wing Blackbirds
13. Osprey
14. Egrets, White Ibis
15. Blue Crab
16. Pelicans
17. Oysters
18 American Alligator
19. Herons
20. Saltmeadow Cordgrass

More Points of Interest

Follow the walking trails along Wilson Bay and into Sturgeon City Park with plenty of room to play, fly kites and enjoy the view. A playground, picnic areas and open space are also there for public use.

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