



Community Forum: The Future of Lake Hico

November 18, 2024

JPS Vision and Mission

Our vision is to prepare scholars to achieve globally, to contribute locally, and to be fulfilled individually.

Our mission is to develop scholars through world-class learning experiences to attain an exceptional knowledge base, critical and relevant skill sets, and the necessary dispositions for great success.



Core Values

Equity

Excellence

Growth Mindset

Relationships

Relevance

Positive & Respectful

Culture



Forum Objectives

1. Officially launch a planning effort for the Lake Hico property
2. Share information about the property
3. Explore opportunities for redevelopment
4. Discuss the initial planning process and timeline

Please name an area of Jackson that
you enjoy visiting? Why?

Is there someplace in another city
that you enjoy visiting (a particular
park, neighborhood, etc.)?



PROJECT HICO

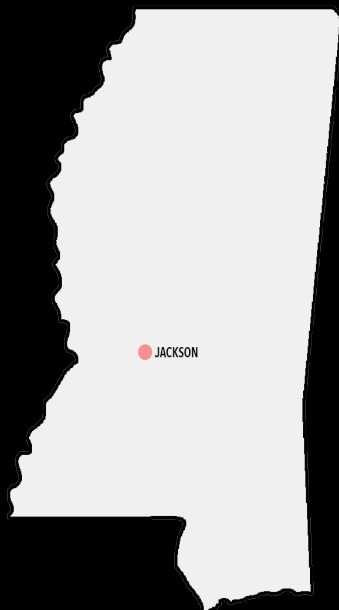
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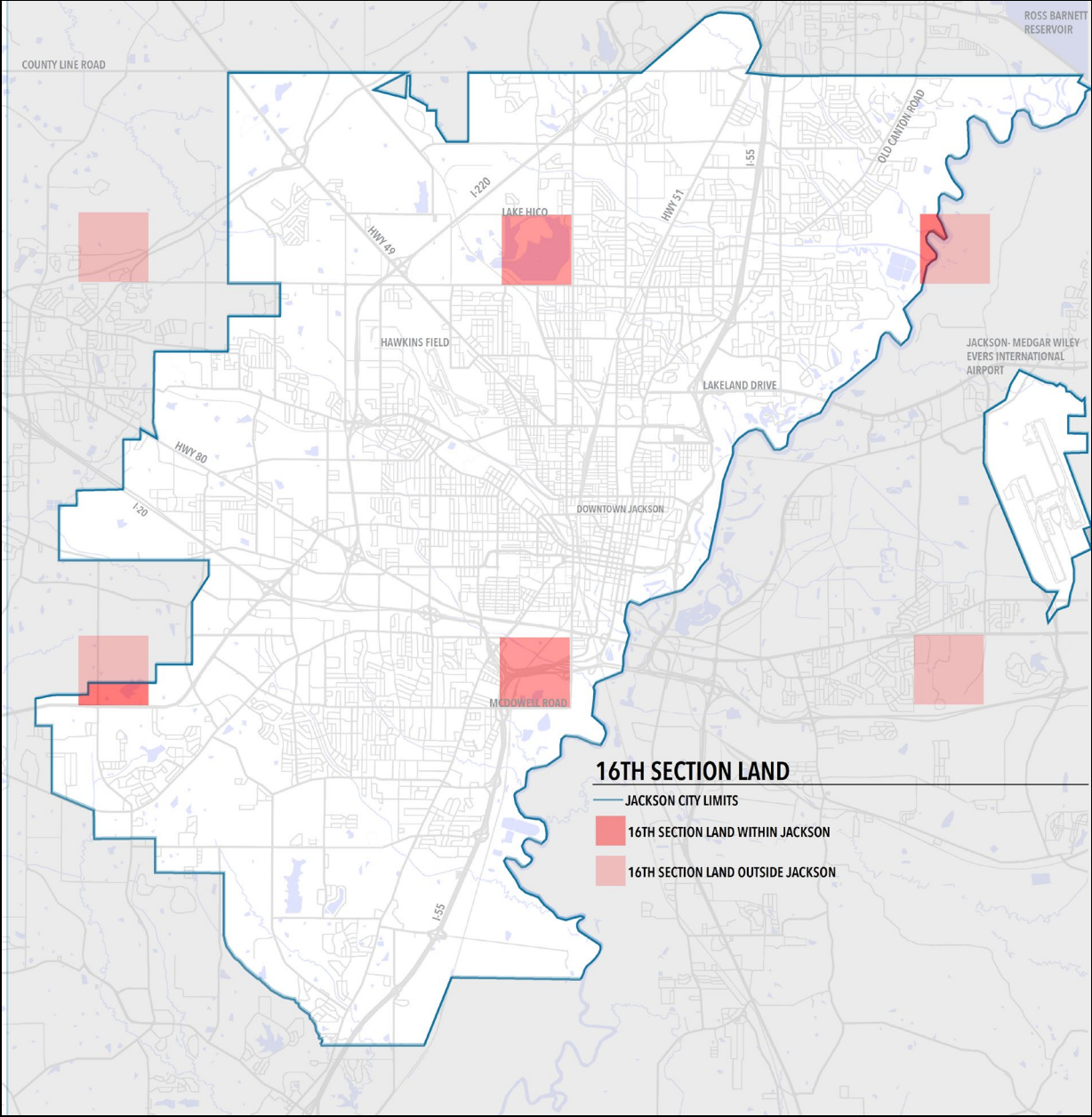
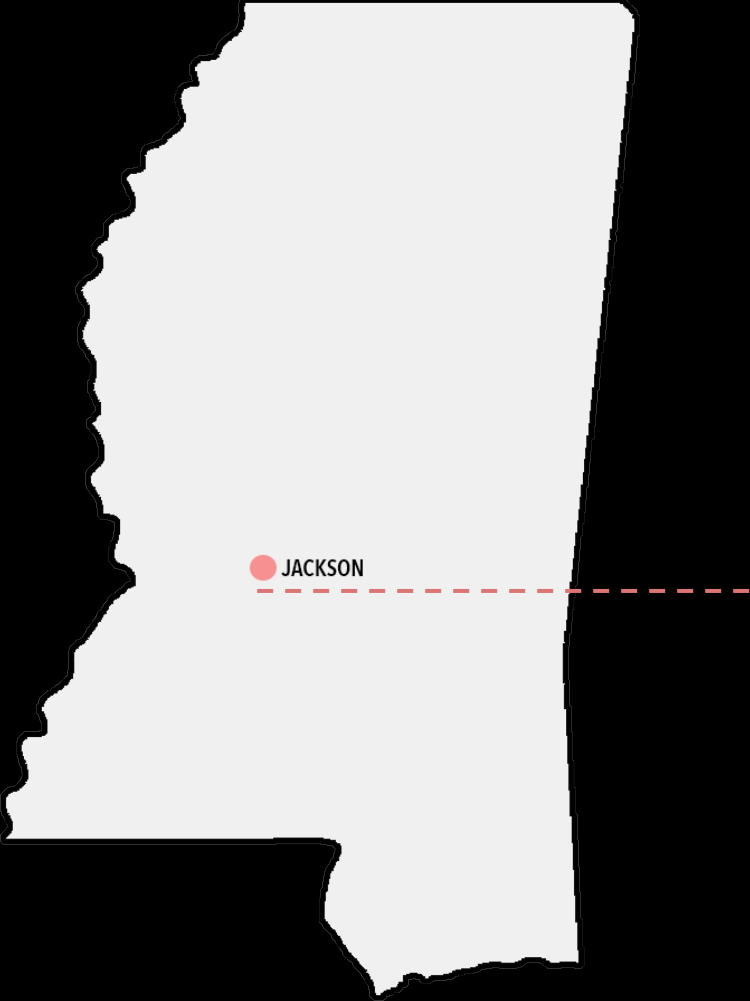
16TH SECTION LAND

The State of Mississippi owns over 640,000 acres of trust land known as “16th Section Land.” Trustees manage land held in trust and 108 Mississippi public school districts, including the Jackson Public School District.



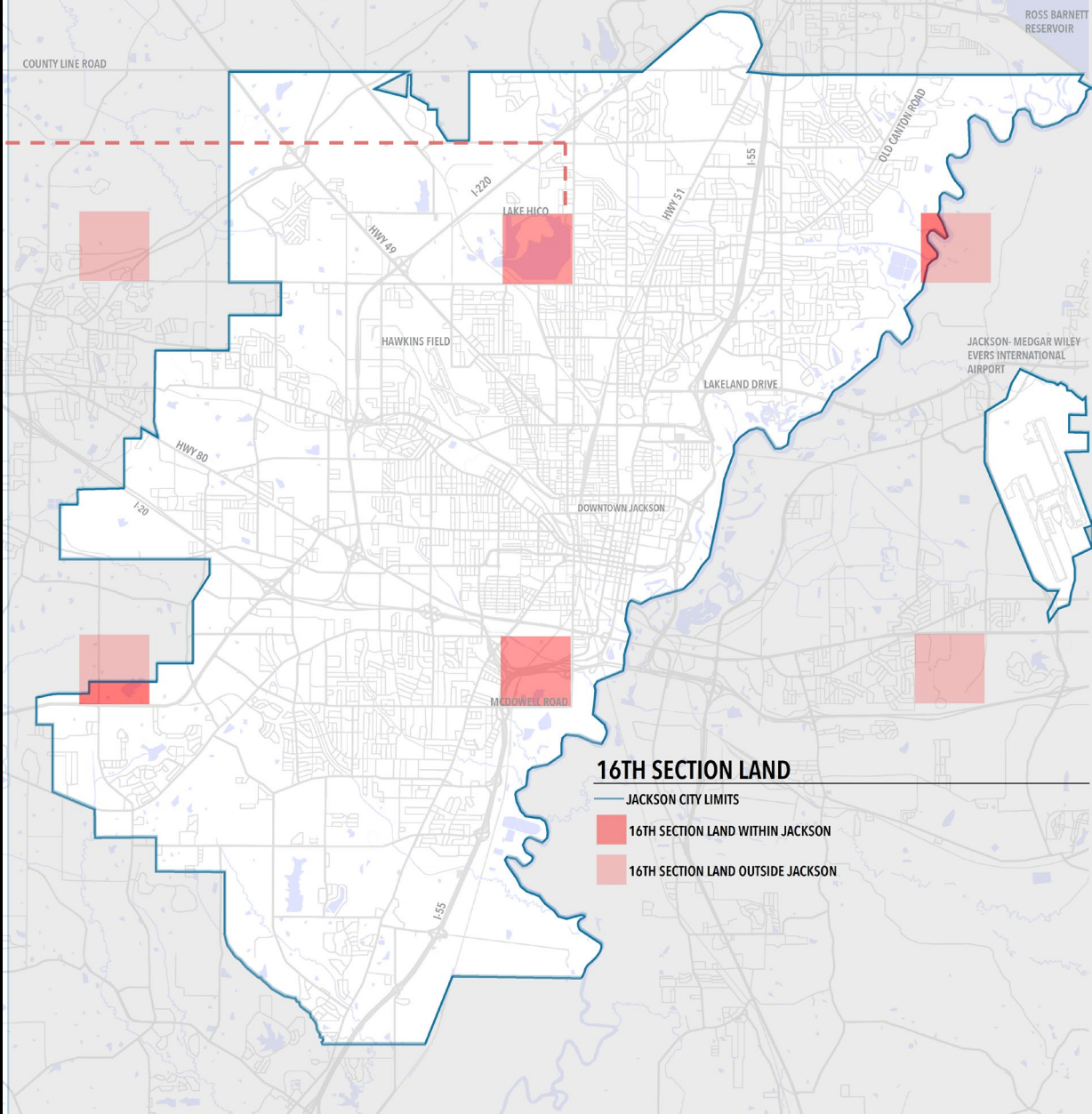
The allocation of every 16th section of property was set aside in each township for the use and benefit of public schools.

The trustee school districts raise public education funds by leasing 16th Section Land. Classifications of the land include agricultural, forestry, farming, hunting and fishing, recreational, residential, industrial, and mining.





Lake Hico



LAKE HICO BRIEF HISTORY



1940s

The Rex Brown Power Plant was built and became Mississippi's first major power plant. The Land was leased from JPS.

1950s

Lake Hico was built in the 1950s as a cooling pond for the plant's machinery. The pond was fed via a pipeline from the pearl river.



2019/
2020

Entergy retired the adjacent plant, relinquished the lease, and the lake was drained and remediated.

2020

Entergy imploded the remaining structure and is clearing the land and dismantling the dam.



640 Acres





Lake Hico (640 acres)



Fondren (25 acres)



**Downtown Jackson
(590 acres)**



**Jackson State University
Campus (297 acres)**



The Gathering Place (Tulsa)



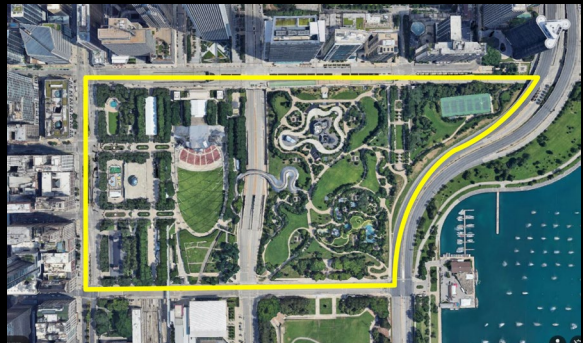
Millennium Park Chicago



Lake Hico (640 acres)



The Gathering (35 acres)



Millennium Park (24.5 acres)



OPPORTUNITY



- Housing
- Gathering -Recreation
- Sports and Entertainment
- Business – Industry, Jobs
- Education – Special Programs
- Energy
- Farming – Healthy Food

OPPORTUNITY – A Vibrant Mixed-Use, Healthy, Diverse Community; Something for Everyone



OPPORTUNITY: Healthy and Safe Housing



OPPORTUNITY – Gathering and Recreation



OPPORTUNITY: Sports and Entertainment



OPPORTUNITY: Business - Industry - Jobs



OPPORTUNITY: Education-Special Programs



OPPORTUNITY: Energy-Farming-Healthy Food



Next Steps: The Planning Process

(Initial Planning – Next 6 Months)

- **Ongoing Community Conversations**
- **Research - Options, Qualities, Community Impact**
- **Define Planning Design, Costs and Vision**
- **Explore Financing and Implementation Strategies**
- **Recruit Multiple Development Partners**

Tell Us what you think!!

Tell Us what's Missing!!

Tell Us what you Need!!

The Future of Lake Hico Survey