

**Economic  
Profile**

Viasystems Technologies

Richmond, Virginia

**BEFORE**

Electrical Components Manufacturer

**AFTER**



Shopping Center

**CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY  
EPA**

From 1972 to 1989, previous owners of the Viasystems Technologies Corporation facility manufactured printed circuit boards for electronic devices. Over the course of the facility's operation, improper storage of industrial solvents caused contamination of the facility's groundwater. With oversight from the RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program (formerly the RCRA Corrective Action Program), the facility's responsible party installed a treatment system to clean up the groundwater.

The former facility is now home to a large shopping center with over 50 stores, restaurants and other businesses serving local shoppers and providing over 1,200 jobs. With \$241 million in annual sales, the shopping center is an important commercial asset for the area.



**1,252**

EMPLOYEES



**\$241 million**

ANNUAL SALES



**\$36 million**

ANNUAL WAGES





## THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE VIASYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES SITE HAS ENABLED THE PROPERTY TO RETURN TO PRODUCTIVE USE.

- Sheri Knox, Property Manager of The Shops at White Oak Village

Coordination between EPA, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the facility's past and current owners, and the shopping center developer allowed the property to return to productive use while ensuring that the on-site groundwater remediation system remained operational. The redevelopment planning and coordination resulted in The Shops at White Oak Village opening in 2008.

The Shops at White Oak Village has over 900,000 square feet of retail space throughout separate buildings and strip malls on the property. Several large retail businesses operate in the shopping center, including a Publix supermarket, a Lowe's home improvement store, a PetSmart pet supply store, a Michael's craft store, a Target and other superstores. Alongside shopping, the center also has many different options of restaurants ranging from full-service eateries to smaller cafes and fast-food establishments. A hotel in the shopping center offers convenient access for travelers, with the shopping center located next to Interstate 64 and only 3 miles from Richmond International Airport. The shopping center also offers several electric car charging stations.

Through collaborative efforts involving EPA, the state, and the current property owners and operators, the former manufacturing facility successfully underwent remediation and returned to productive use. Viasystems Technologies Corporation demonstrated responsible corporate citizenship by addressing hazardous waste and groundwater contamination during the cleanup process. Their commitment extended beyond compliance, ensuring the well-being of the community and the environment. The Shops at White Oak Village serve as a major retail hub for the community, supporting over 50 businesses and providing 1,200 jobs.



Target is one of the shopping center's anchor tenants, providing 150 jobs and over \$3 million in estimated employee income per year.



The mall also hosts a Lowe's home improvement store and garden center, providing 95 jobs and \$2.9 million in estimated employee income.