



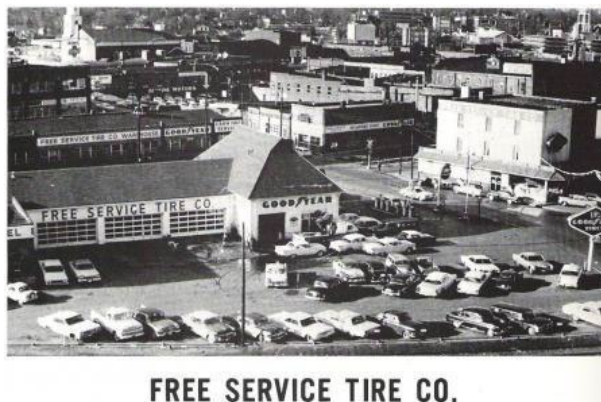
From Train Depot and UST Site to Popular Hangout

The Division of Underground Storage Tanks (UST) was involved in the transformation of a historic Washington County property that previously served as a train depot in the 1800s and an auto center in the 1960s.

The Tweetsie Railroad Depot was constructed and used from 1891 to the 1940's to transport passengers, iron ore and timber from the mountains of Northeast Tennessee and Western North Carolina. Damage to the rail lines from flooding resulted in the closure of the depot. The property was then operated by Free Service Tire between 1965 and 1988.

Four petroleum underground storage tanks and potential contamination were prohibiting economic reuse. TDEC's UST Division, the Division of Solid Waste Management, City of Johnson City, Washington County Economic Development Council, Yee-Haw brewing and others collaborated to assist with tank closure, site assessment, building renovation, utility relocation, and development.

Today, the Yee-Haw Brewing Company Taproom and White Duck Taco Shop occupy the refurbished location. It's a trendy location near the ETSU campus and even offers meeting room space.



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