

EASTERN WHARF DEVELOPMENT

East President Street, Savannah, Georgia

57-acre development
40,000 square feet of retail space
80,000 square feet of office space
\$30 million investment

CONCRETE STANDS STRONG IN CONSTRUCTION FIRE

On February 27, 2020, a massive fire broke out at one of Savannah's largest construction sites: Eastern Wharf Development. But like everything else in the tight-knit community, first responders, local leaders and citizens are coming together to rebuild for a brighter future. Something else that's making this rebirth possible? Concrete. Because the site's concrete structures held strong against the blaze, there's still a solid foundation left intact.

01. The safety of precast concrete.

Several large sections of the development site, such as the parking garage and apartment buildings, were made of strong, durable, precast concrete. These structures remained solid and virtually intact after the fire.

02. Wood construction didn't stack up.

Unlike the precast concrete, the sections of the construction development that contained wood construction were completely destroyed. Only after the site has been cleaned, sanitized and repaired can new wood construction begin.

03. Building toward the future.

Construction will soon resume on the Eastern Wharf Development, with a vision for luxury apartments, a boutique hotel, ample public parking, and retail, restaurant and office space abounding. But perhaps above all, there is a renewed focus on safety.

