

Looking southwest towards the former Academy Steel Drum operation to the south of this property. The aboveground storage tanks are used by the current owner for its vegetable oil refinery operations. The greenhouses were for a nursery that were closed by this time.



Essentially the same shot as the previous photo, the Nursery portion of the Home Depot is located on the southern end of the property.



The operating tenant on the property before redevelopment was the Park 'n Shop store.





The main portion of the Home Depot building is where the Park 'n Shop store and a former parking area to the north of it were located. Redevelopment in this portion of Charlotte along the new light rail corridor is booming, and this type of home improvement store was much needed in this part of town.



From across South Boulevard, looking west, you can see how far back on the property the convenience store was located. The Papa John's was not part of the redevelopment, and still operates here.



An impressive wooden retaining wall in the southwest corner of the property allowed soil excavated during construction to remain on-site behind it.





Behind the Home Depot store itself is a more utilitarian stone and metal fencing step-back retaining wall. Just behind it is the railroad right-of way that will soon have light rail commuter trains going to and from downtown Charlotte. Soil from the site's regrading also was also placed behind this wall.

