

AUC GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY FORUM

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Open Discussion Notes

POINT OF DISCUSSION	
<p>Current Status</p> <p><i>Where are we (individually and collectively) concerning Green Infrastructure?</i></p>	1. There is involvement in education.
	2. Initiatives to recycle
	3. Community groups stepping up to the challenge
	4. Training for students in Sunday school
	5. Ready for implementation
	6. Ready to incubate green infrastructure businesses
	7. Increased awareness
	8. Self-determined to be involved
	9. Community and college collaborating to take action
	10. Educating the community (youth and elderly)
	11. Diversity not there
	12. Need more workshops to raise awareness
	13. Community (Proctor Creek, James P. Brawley, and English Avenue) organization is working to collect trash in community
	14. Recycle
	15. Rain barrels and gardening
	16. Native gardening – high canopy → dripping, not washing
	17. Storm water infiltration – created low spots
	18. Learning

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<p>Barriers</p> <p><i>Why are we where we are?</i></p> <p><i>What keeps us from moving forward?</i></p>	1. Communicating the value of green infrastructure and creating wealth opportunities (green jobs) is important (Health is wealth.)
	2. Homes built on bad settlement
	3. Population clogging our drainage system
	4. Lack of education on green infrastructure
	5. Money resources
	6. Development
	7. Report our concerns
	8. Lack of knowledge
	9. Lack of faith-based participation
	10. Redefining jargon and sustainability
	11. Access to resources
	12. Need more awareness
	13. More education at the school level
	14. How to build that responsibility
	15. Finding problem areas
	16. Finding people willing to help
	17. People are not informed or aware of these problems
	18. Money
	19. Tools
	20. People need to be properly educated about green infrastructure.
	21. Lack of knowledge
	22. Lack of resources
	23. Resistance to change
	24. Availability - cost

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<p>Opportunities</p> <p><i>What and who are the potential resources, partnerships, projects, etc. which are available?</i></p>	1. Stewardship
	2. Education
	3. Engagement
	4. Research to improve and support green institutions
	5. EPA, EPD, Department of Watershed Management
	6. Non-profits
	7. Academic sector
	8. Big corps and large developer
	9. Politicians
	10. Entertainment
	11. Green streets
	12. A partnership with Build Up/ Living Green Club
	13. Strengthen relationship with City for prompt pickup.
	14. Need someone to pick up the tires
	15. Get a company to support you w/ PPE
	16. Waste management as a funding source? Need bins, storage location
	17. City of Atlanta
	18. NPU's
17. Academic Institutions	
18. Religious Institutions	

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<p>Realistic Next Step(s) <i>Where should we go from here?</i></p>	1. Top three (3) items to turn from waste products to usable products
	2. Incubate small business
	3. Certified vendors
	4. Love of neighborhood
	5. Next forum in community
	6. Skills and trades
	7. Ex offenders
	8. Find all problem areas and put groups together to help clean and fix problem areas.
	9. Teach more people about green infrastructure.
	10. Lindsay Street park/ Lindsay Street Baptist Church as location for next Community forum
	11. Door-to-door neighborhood effort – kids involvement
	12. More education on issues
	13. Ground up effort – community educating public officials, academic institutions
	14. Hold “dumpers” accountable
	15. Start w/ young students