



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY FORUM 2

Proctor Creek Learning Exchange: This project would provide the opportunity for community residents to share their stories about Proctor Creek, the effects of flooding, combined sewage overflow and health impacts,. The plan you are creating here will identify steps to produce a summary of these stories in a format to be determined, that will be useful in advancing community interests and projects.

Proposed Community Champion: TBD

Proposed: AUC Champion: Wanda Whiteside, wandawhiteside@yahoo.com

Other team members:

Felicia Davis

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Who are some potential partner organizations who might be involved in the project:

National Park - Clark Atlanta University, Communiversity, Community Base, the City of Atlanta, Health Department, Tyler Perry, Sister's Action Team, Historic Westside Art's Council, Washington Park, Georgia Tech, Proctor Creek Steward Council, Westside Soul, Media, CHOICE Neighborhood

What are the steps to complete the project? What is a rough start date for each step?

Steps	Approx. start date
1. Primary Partner: CAU-Documentary project (Westside Soul) - < History > {Asset Base Approach, Identify Resources Available}	
2. History of Creek – Advocacy (legacy)	
3. CHW Training (history)	

Can you foresee any challenges with this project? If so, how might you overcome them?

Next Group Meeting Date: TBD

Notes:

- History begins in 1912
- How will we brand Proctor Creek
- Work with CAU to identify process of collecting and documenting stories
- Kelly / Documentary Video - Interviewing Residents, Hunter Street/Sustainable\Mims Park\ Brooklyn Stadium



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Workforce development for Green Infrastructure: There is an opportunity to employ community members in the construction and development of green infrastructure projects. The plan you are creating here will summarize a process to provide needed skills and training for Vine City and English Avenue residents.

Proposed Community Champion: Juanita Wallace juanitawallace307@yahoo.com

Proposed: AUC Champion: Art Frazier aefrazier@spelman.edu

Other team members:

Lynne Young

Charles B. Harris

Who are some potential partner organizations who might be involved in the project:

Arthur Blank Foundation, Lifecycle Building center, Atlanta Workforce Development, GA Standup/Tradeup, Clark Atlanta University (as training site), Westside Works/Integrity (as training site or training partner), Bonner Office of Community Service (is working with Greening Youth Foundation), Southface (green workforce development), local churches, Greater Vine City Program (Mabel Thomas), GA Department of Labor, Center for Sustainable Communities, potential employers, ECO-Action, WAWA, PCSC, Greening Youth Foundation, Community Improvement Association, NPU L (skill set assessments)

What are the steps to identify to the skills and training needed, find participants and train them?

What is a rough start date for each step?

Steps	Approx. start date
1. Development of a planning committee (see note 1)	
2. Identify who will do what, at what cost (funding)	
3. Identify location (see note 2)	
4. Identify community participants/ community organizations that might be partners (see above)	
5. identify specifics of training (see notes)	
6. Train individuals	

Steps	Approx. start date
7. Place individuals in jobs or in cooperatives/individual businesses.	

Can you foresee any challenges with this project? If so, how might you overcome them?

Accessibility of site. The training location needs to be sited near residents. There may be a need for transportation assistance during training: We talked about having multiple site locations, providing MARTA cards or stipends.

Education level and felony records: Some programs exclude individuals from participation based on these criteria. This should be less of an issue that with some other programs that need extensive reading/writing skills.

Drug use: Programs often exclude individuals based on positive drug tests. One of our participants felt strongly that some slots need to reserved for person who test positive for drug users (in treatment?) to provide an incentive for them to overcome their issues. (A speaker with a later group said that alcohol abuse was a greater issue in the community.)

English Avenue and Vine City tribalism. We need to work through this but at the same time, we may need to provide separate training sites in each neighborhood.

Next Group Meeting Date: December (no firm date set).

Notes:

1. Potential employers need to be part of the planning committee. We thought GI was a special type of landscaping. An earlier speaker told us over 300 new housing units/commercial buildings had been outfitted with GI with the implementation of the GI stormwater ordinance. There is a need for a workforce who can install and maintain these features.
2. We talked about holding some training classes in a local park so that participants could practice installing GI design features there.
3. We thought that training might go beyond just green infrastructure installation and cover green infrastructure maintenance and other green trades such as home energy audits or weatherization, demolition, deconstruction of existing historic buildings.



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Smart Relocation Resource Center: Flooding has caused mold and other problems in Vine City/English Avenue households near Proctor Creek. The group will create a plan for the development of a Smart Relocation Resource Center that community residents can use to obtain relocation support.

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Other team members:

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 Hon. Mable Thomas State Representative

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Who are some potential partner organizations who might be involved in the project:

Funding: HUD (City of Atlanta), Habitat for Humanity, Homeowners, Conservation Fund-Invest Atlanta,
 Educational Support-Fulton County (Health impact perspective),
 City Economic Development/Fulton County Economic Development, City of Atlanta Department of Planning, City of Atlanta Code Enforcement, Georgia Buildup, Life cycle Building, Trust for Public Lands

What are the steps to complete the project? What is a rough start date for each step?

Steps	Approx. start date
1. Bring all stakeholders together	
2.	

Can you foresee any challenges with this project? If so, how might you overcome them?

- Some people have financial limitations and/or felony convictions that might hinder them from relocation
- What happens to their old places when they relocate? (Are they rented to new people without renovation or repairs?)
- A lot of people are renters (rather than homeowners).

Next Group Meeting Date: Early December

Notes:

- A secondary theme of this initiative is: Relocation without Gentrification.
- The target is that residents will be relocated to within 2 to 8 blocks of their current location so they are still in the community
- Create a plan of action for individuals before relocation (SMART Relocation)
- Moving body of neighborhood centers
- 49% of homeowners want to move
- Potential location: ITC is central/could this be a permanent location?
- Target populations for relocation: those experiencing flooding
- Funding



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Advancing Conceptual Planning for Green Infrastructure: As discussed during the forum, steps still need to be taken to transform plans created by community members and students into projects that can be built. Students can help community residents and community residents can help students to achieve their goals. The group will identify a series of action steps for a joint student/community effort to advance the implementation of Proctor Creek North Avenue and AUC GI conceptual plans

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Proposed: AUC Champion: TBD

PNA Steering Committee: work group 4 - Team members:

Garry Harris
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 Art Frazier
 Christine McKay

Who are some potential partner organizations who might be involved in the project:

AUC Consortium, Center for sustainable communities, GA Tech (Westside soul communityhistorians.net) Student Government Associations. University Development Corporation, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, WAWA, WALT, AUC Eco-District.

What are the steps to complete the project? What is a rough start date for each step?

Steps	Approx. start date
1. Set up a meeting with the President's of the AUC and their administration to meet with the people of English Avenue, Vine City and other neighborhoods (NPU-L) to bring it down to scale and to help them fully understand the impact of their choices. This is important because none of the presidents have been around for longer than 2 years. This delegation's goal will be to create a memorandum of understanding. Then have a press conference.	

Steps	Approx. start date
2. Art Frazier has been working with a number of community groups including NPU-T. Connecting with these groups might be helpful as we look at ways to advance our projects.	
3. Reach out to student government associations as a means to reach more students. *Note: GA Tech, in general, has worked with local churches, but not necessarily the community residents.	

Can you foresee any challenges with this project? If so, how might you overcome them?

Next Group Meeting Date: December

Notes:

None identified.

What We Need To Convey: This is a project that everybody can put their hands on. The sensitivity for this project is high because everyone who is working on this project has to understand that these are human beings in this community and not research subjects.

- "Turn Vision into Reality"
- "Inclusivity without Exclusivity"
- "Maintain the authentic voice of the community"

Don't fix something that isn't broke. Make sure to work through the channels and partnerships that are in the community as well and really leverage that in order to successfully engage the residents