

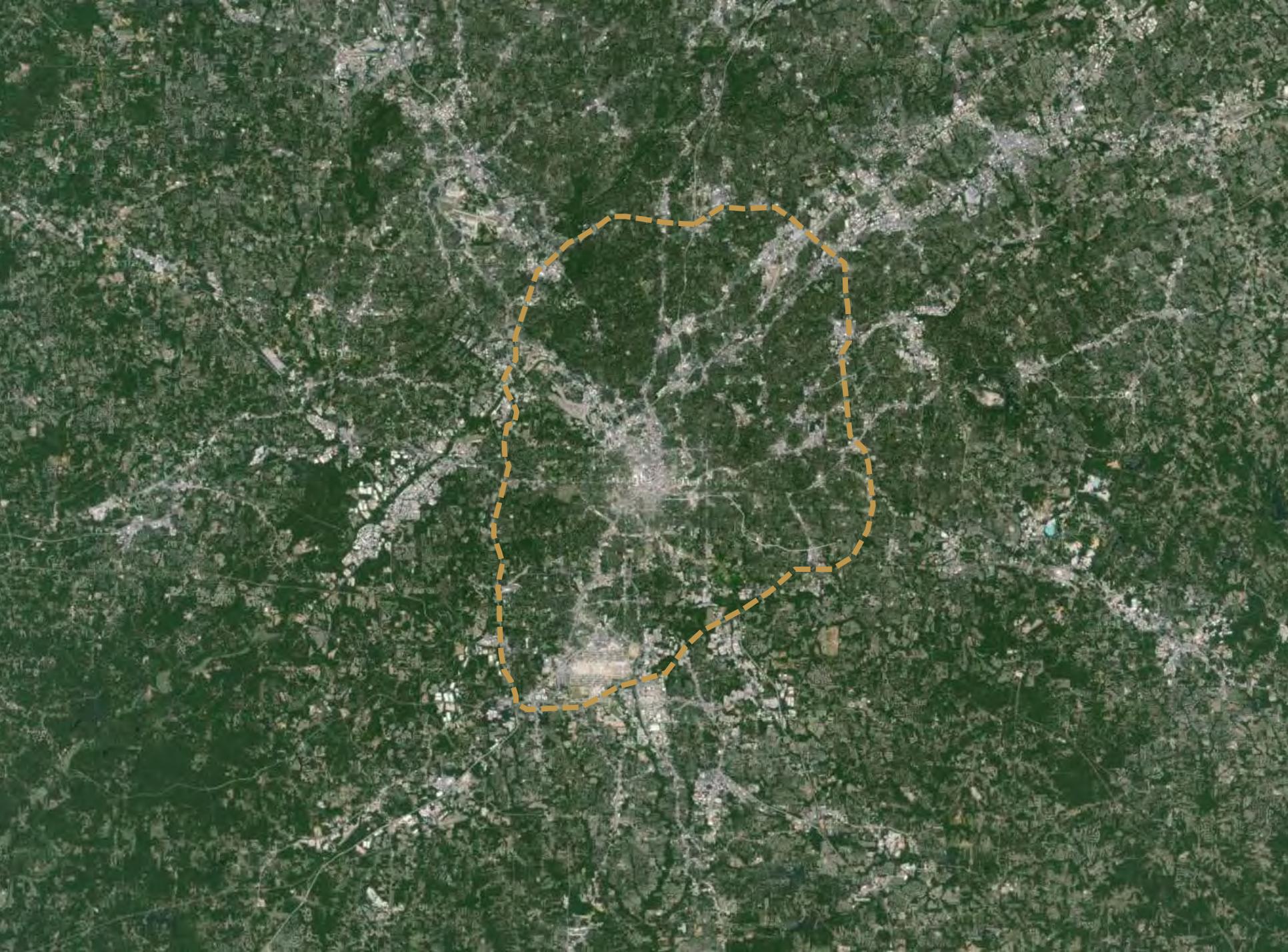
# Stormwater Management Ordinance Update and Site Specific Solutions



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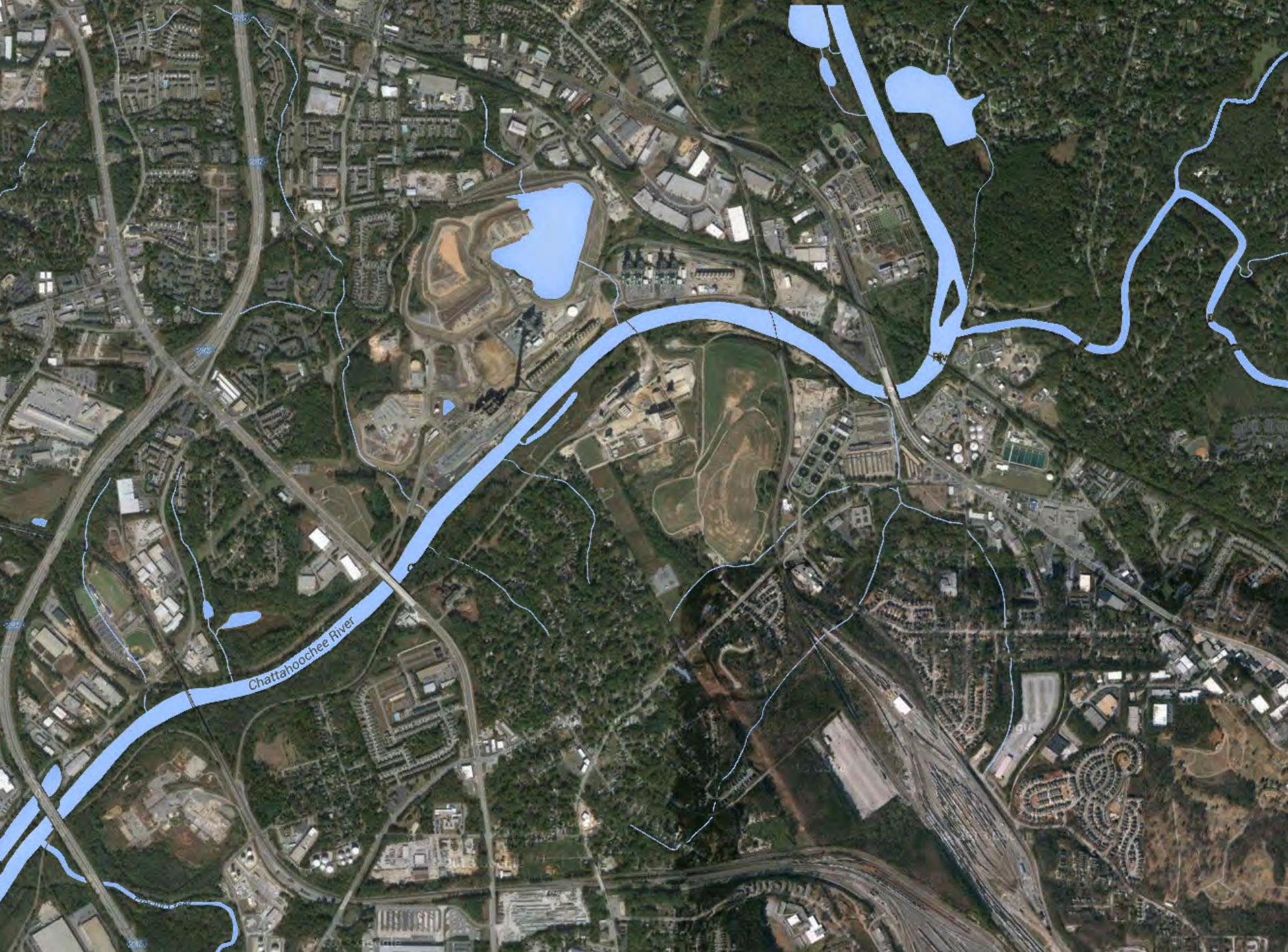
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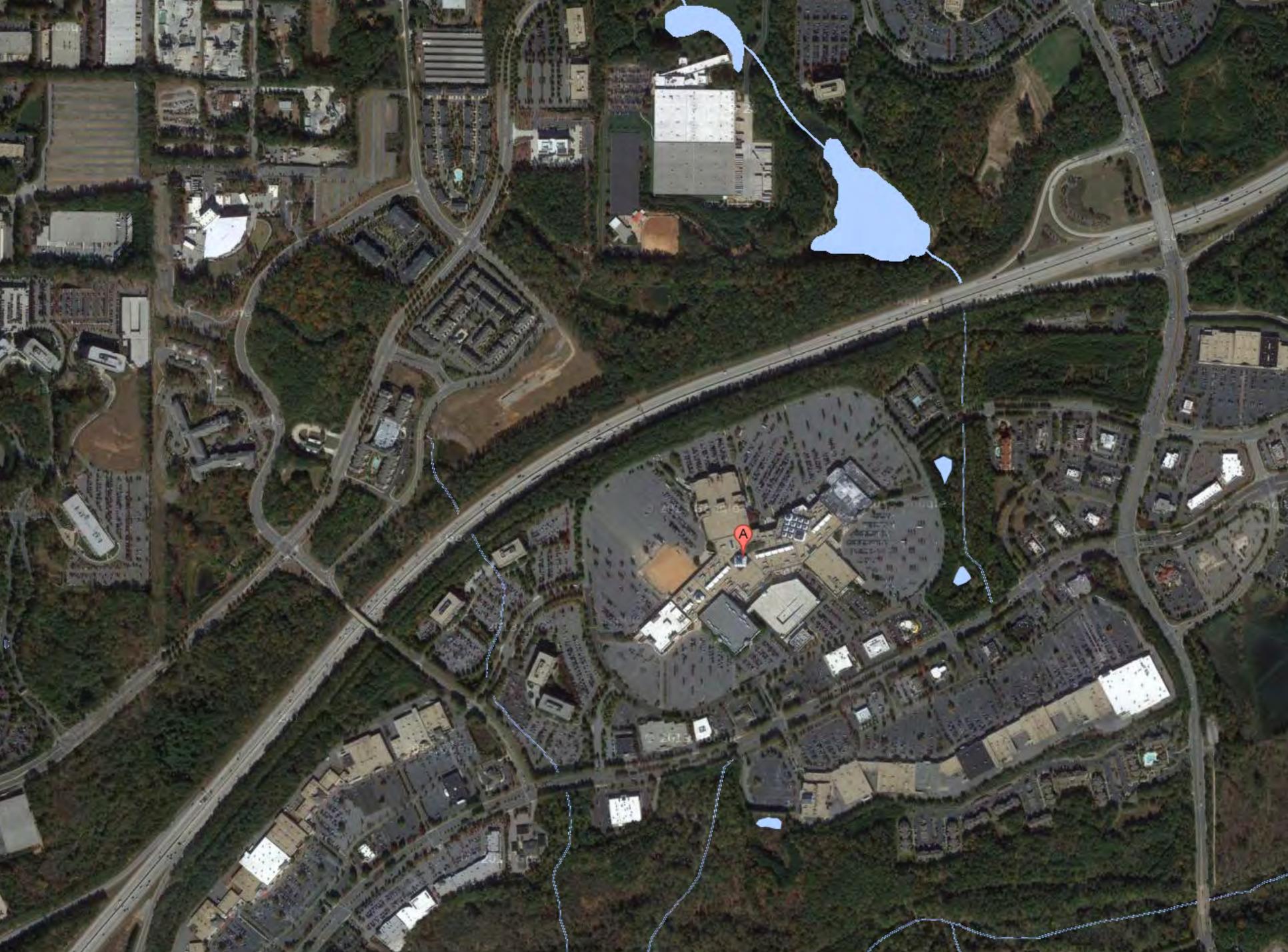


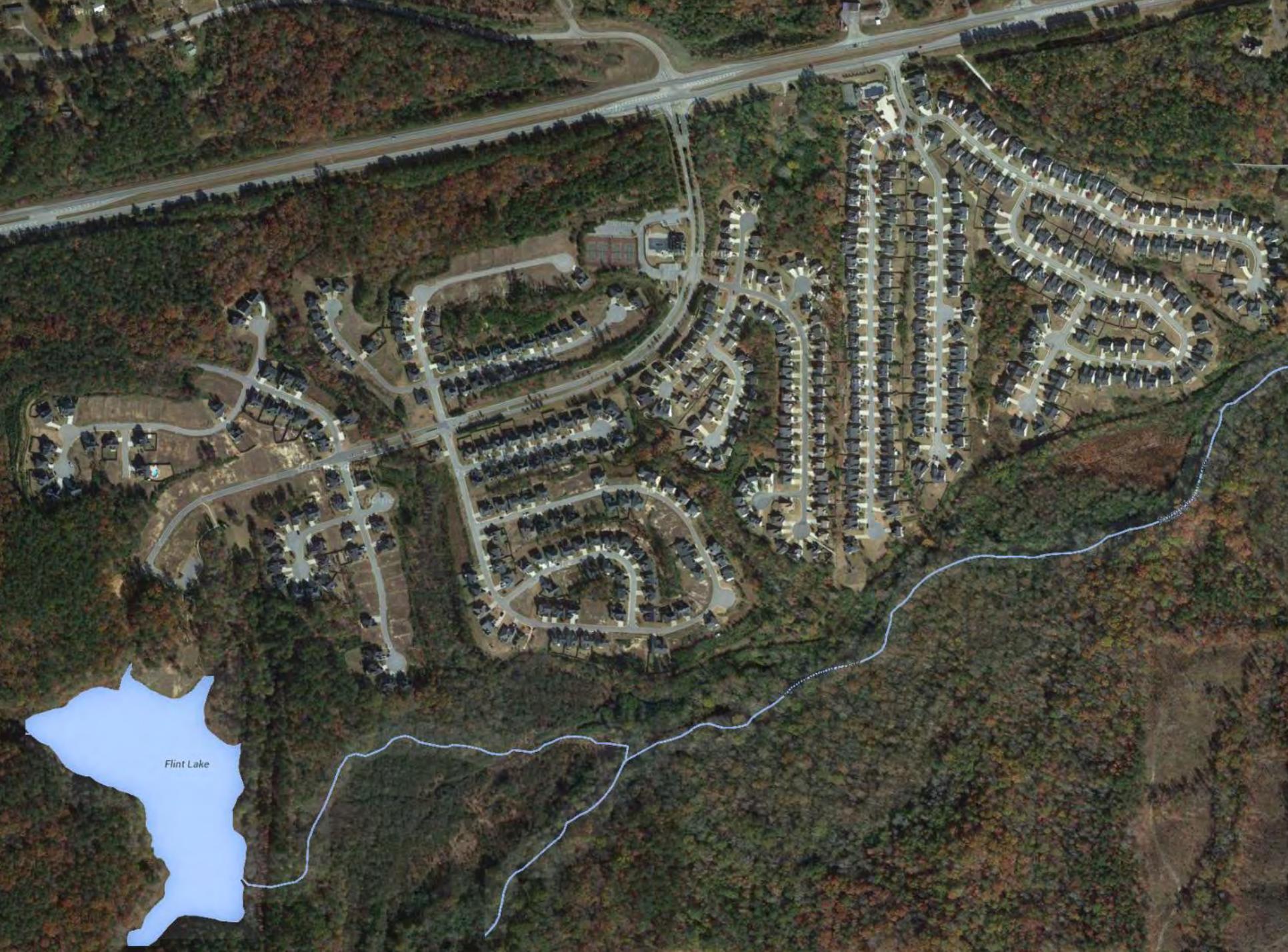
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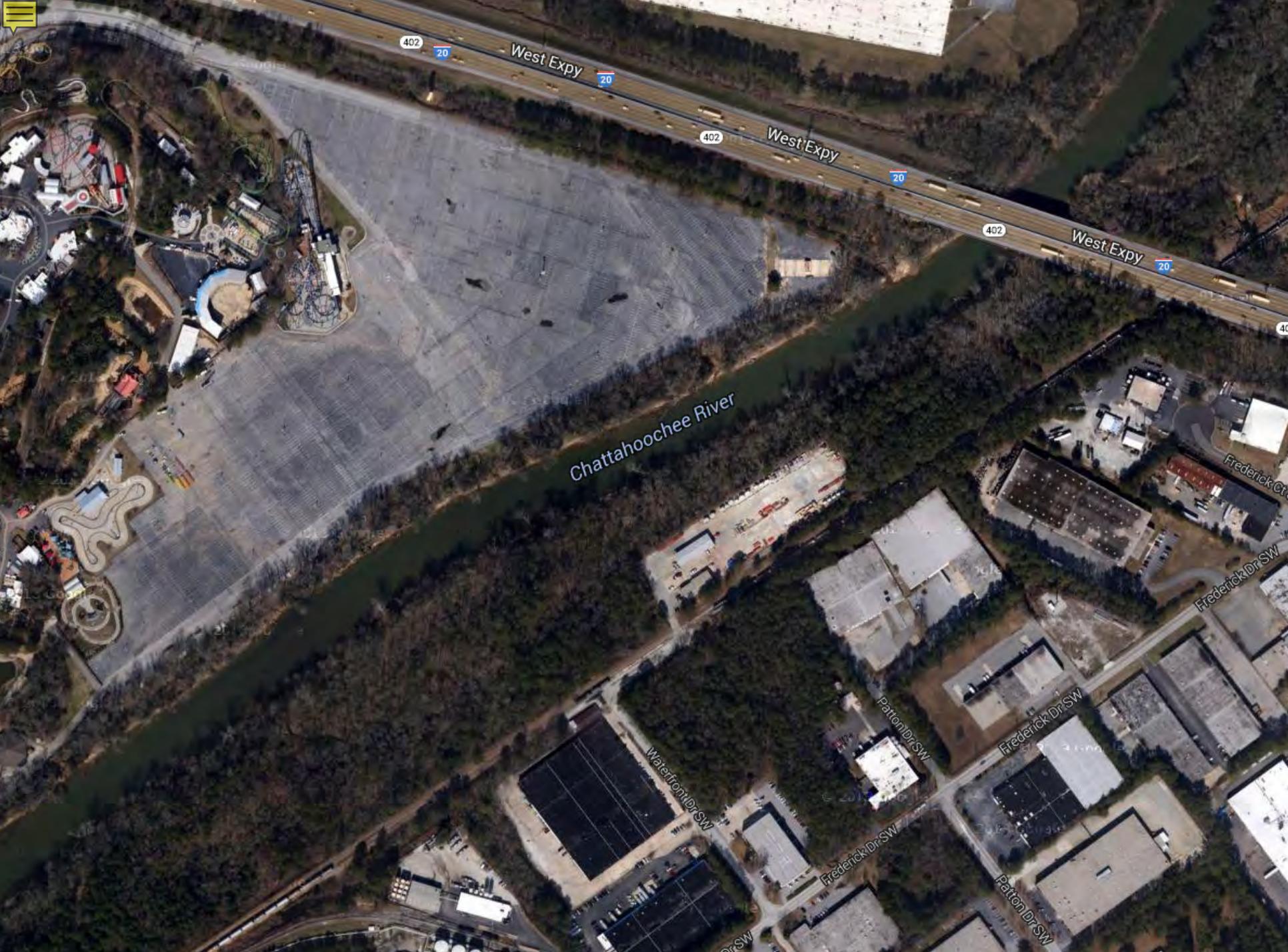


Chattahoochee River





Flint Lake



West Expy

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Chattahoochee River

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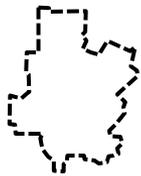
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# Georgia's 52 Watersheds

## Regional Atlanta Watersheds:

- Upper Chattahoochee
- Upper Middle Chattahoochee
- Upper Flint
- Upper Ocmulgee
- Etowah
- Coosawattee
- Upper Oconee

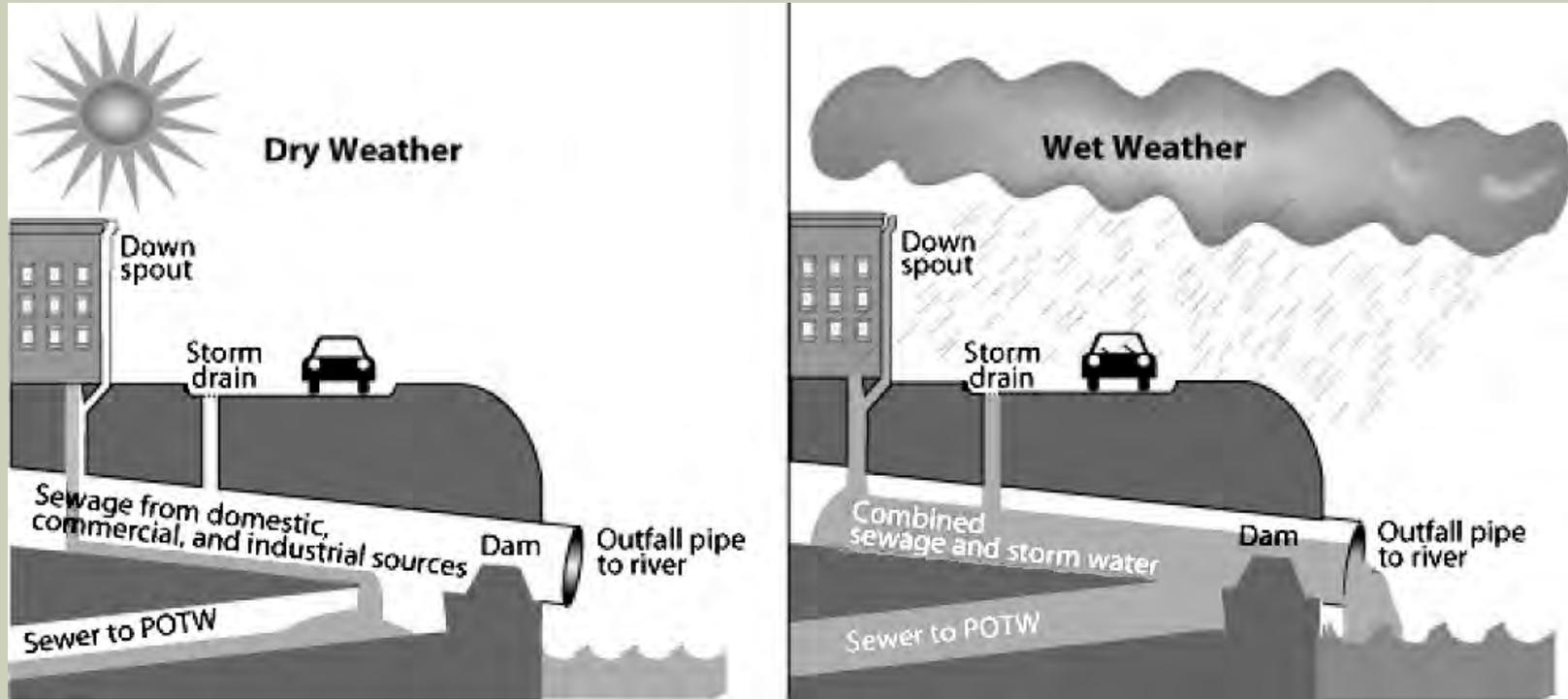


ARC area



Map by the Geologic Survey Branch, Environmental Protection Division  
 provided to the Georgia Water Management Campaign  
 Watershed boundaries from United States Geological Survey 8-digit Hydrologic Cataloging Units  
 Watershed names from Water Protection Branch, Environmental Protection Division

# Combined Sewer Overflow



# **WARNING**

**COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW  
DISCHARGE POINT**

**POLLUTION MAY OCCUR  
DURING RAINFALL**

**CSO OUTFALL NUMBER 014  
( THIRD AVENUE )  
PERMIT # GA 0036854**

**TO REPORT PROBLEMS CALL:  
CITY OF ALBANY  
SEWER SYSTEMS DIVISION  
(229) 883-8998**

**EPD PHONE (404) 241-4113**



**NO**

**SWIMMING**

# History in Atlanta

1880s

- Atlanta's first sewer system, streams walled over. Combined sanitary/storm design chosen to save costs



[www.edaw.com](http://www.edaw.com)

1990s

- Neglected infrastructure, clean water violations. Lawsuit filed against Atlanta. Underground repairs estimated at \$3.9 billion.



[www.atlantcities.com](http://www.atlantcities.com)



## 2000s

In Atlanta, over 2,000 miles of sanitary and combined sewers exist in an area of 19 square miles.

New CSO tunnels have been constructed to increase storage and handling capacity but don't address underlying water issues.



[www.lachel.com](http://www.lachel.com)



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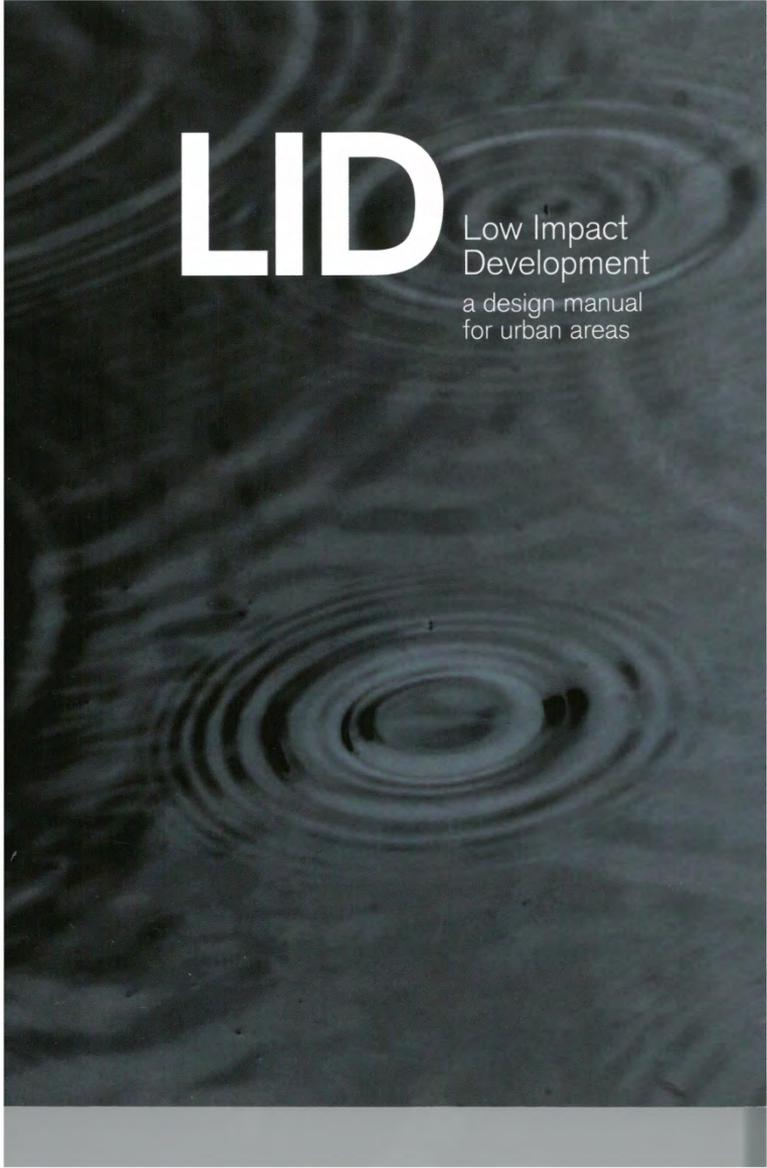
# Gray vs. Green





University of Arkansas  
Community Design  
Center

2010

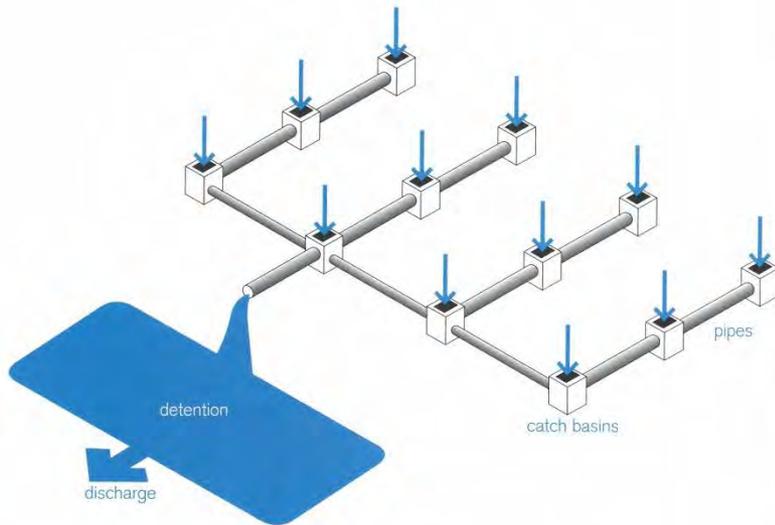


# LID

Low Impact  
Development  
a design manual  
for urban areas

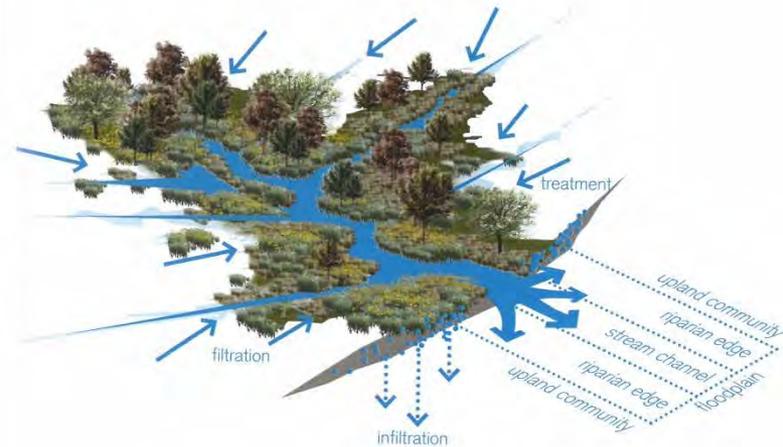
# Hard vs. Soft Engineering

hard engineering  
...just transfers pollution  
to another site



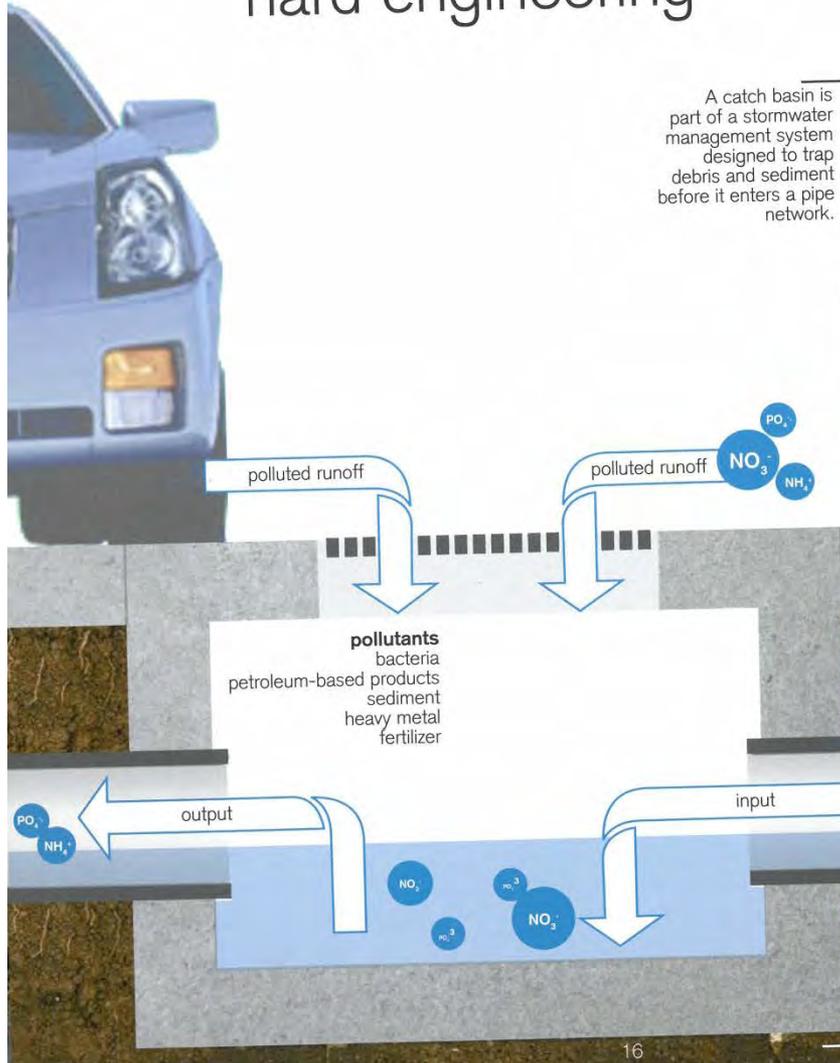
**conventional management: "pipe-and-pond" infrastructure**  
drain, direct, dispatch

soft engineering  
...metabolizes pollutants  
on site—parks, not pipes!



**low impact management: watershed approach**  
slow, spread, soak

# hard engineering

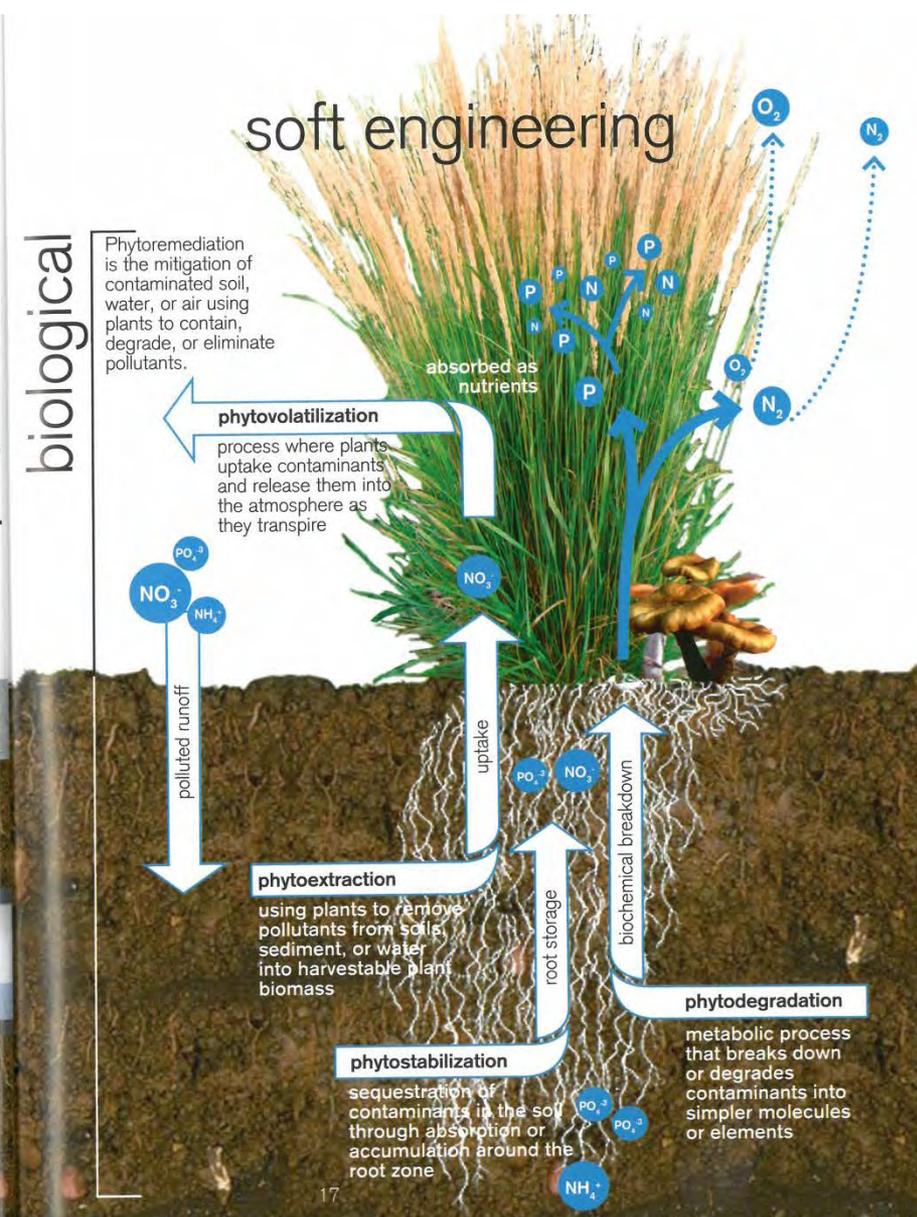


mechanical

biological

# soft engineering

Phytoremediation is the mitigation of contaminated soil, water, or air using plants to contain, degrade, or eliminate pollutants.



# integrating hard engineering ...and soft engineering toward a LID approach



mechanical

biological



slow

→ spread

**flow control:** The regulation of stormwater runoff flow rates.

**detention:** The temporary storage of stormwater runoff in underground vaults, ponds, or depressed areas to allow for metered discharge that reduce peak flow rates.

**retention:** The storage of stormwater runoff on site to allow for sedimentation of suspended solids.

**filtration:** The sequestration of sediment from stormwater runoff through a porous media such as sand, a fibrous root system, or a man-made filter.

**infiltration:** The vertical movement of stormwater runoff through soil, recharging groundwater.

**treatment:** Processes that utilize phytoremediation, bacterial colonies to break down contaminants in stormwater runoff.



# City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management

## Projects

Old Fourth Ward Park

Fire Station #16

Juniper Street

Boone Boulevard

### Green Roof

Atlanta City Hall



### Rainwater Harvesting Cistern

Southface Energy Institute



### Rain Garden

Adair Park



### Pervious Paving

English Park



### Bioswale

Fernbank Museum Parking Lot



### Stormwater Planters

Juniper Street (planned)



### Pervious Concrete

Felder Street



### Stormwater Bump-outs

Whitehall Terrace



# Old Fourth Ward Park

Opened 2011

Combined sewer  
capacity relief





# Old Fourth Ward Park

Opened 2011

Combined sewer  
capacity relief



# Fire Station #16 Rain Garden

Built in 2012.

Demonstration.

EPA, EPD, COA, UGA,  
WAWA





# Juniper Street 'Green Street' Improvements

Midtown Alliance funded  
14<sup>th</sup> Street to North Ave

Incorporation of a  
bioswale system to  
capture runoff

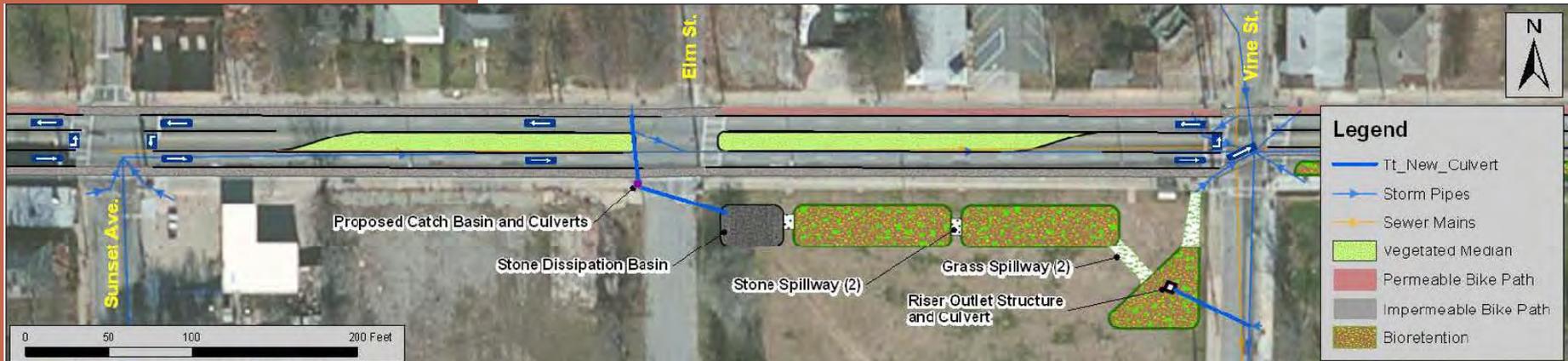
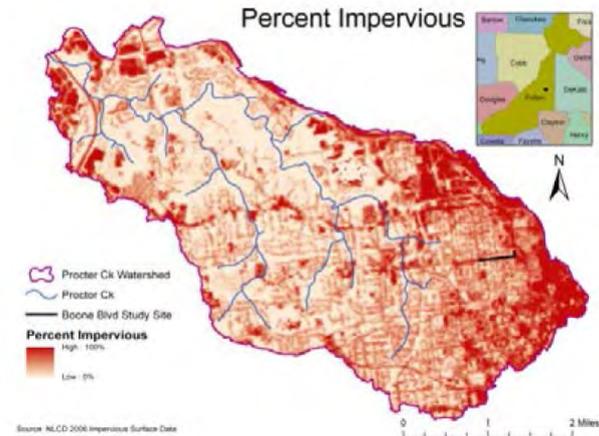


# Boone Boulevard

Green Street

Demonstration Project –  
EPA Technical Assistant  
Grant

## Proctor Creek Watershed



# Post-Development Stormwater Management Ordinance



- Adds a **Runoff Reduction** requirement
  - the stormwater runoff volume generated by the first 1.0” of runoff from the site shall be retained on site.
- Revises the **Rate Reduction** requirement
  - New development cannot increase the peak rate of discharge up to the 100-year storm event
  - Redevelopment must reduce the peak rate of discharge (up to 50%) based on the pre-development impervious conditions for the 1-25 year storm event
- Revises stormwater requirements for **SFR**
  - Applies to any new or redeveloped SFR, plus any additions that add >1,000 sf of impervious cover AND disturbs more than one acre

# Post-Development Stormwater Management Ordinance



- Requires maintenance of existing detention ponds
- Adds a **stormwater concept plan** and consultation meeting
  - Prior to submitting for a building permit, a consultation meeting with City staff is required to ensure that the design professional is familiar with the new requirements and to actively promote the use of green infrastructure early on in design/permitting process

# Questions?



- [www.AtlantaWatershed.org/GreenInfrastructure](http://www.AtlantaWatershed.org/GreenInfrastructure)
- Contact:
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(404) 546 - 1334 or at [crayburn@atlantaga.gov](mailto:crayburn@atlantaga.gov)

# Georgia Conservancy



- GC sponsored Georgia Tech studio led by Richard Dagenhart and Tom Debo, Ph.D, P.E.
- *Blueprints for Successful Communities*
  - Sponsored by
    - ✦ The Home Depot Foundation
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- Goals for the final product

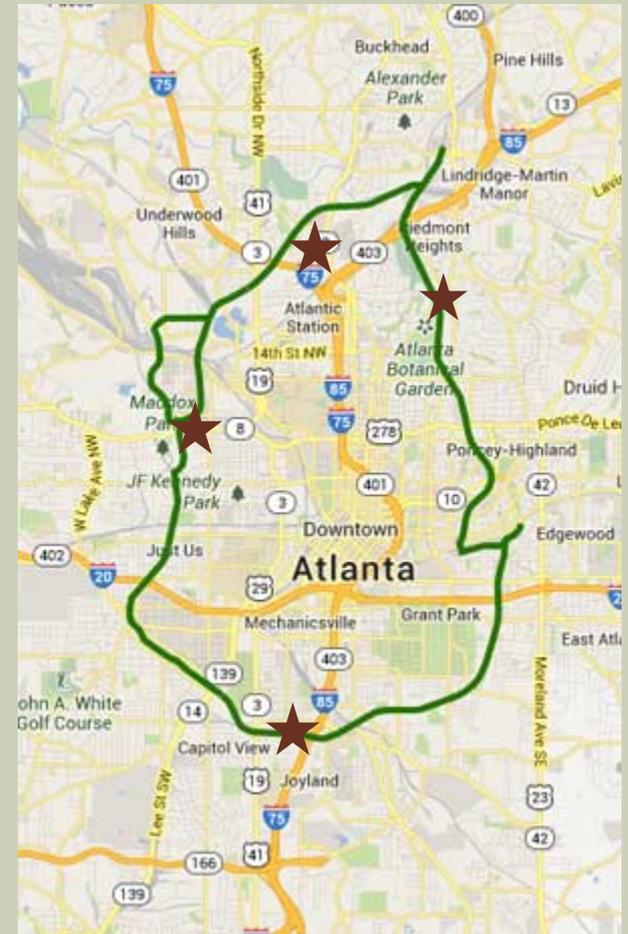
**How can urban design address  
stormwater solutions?**

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urban design solutions?**

# Stormwater in Context



- Not engineering solutions, but projects are about design with a focus on stormwater; solutions fundamental for planning and urban design
- BeltLine subarea plans currently don't address stormwater



# Colonial Homes Peachtree Creek





# Threat

## Colonial Homes Flooding ——— 1



### Colonial Homes

"Colonial Homes Apartments were constructed in the early 1950's. The site boundary encloses 18.4 acres (802,151 square feet). Approximately two-thirds of that area exists in the floodway of Peachtree Creek. Currently the site is occupied by 24 residential multi-family buildings comprising 254 individual residential units serving an adult population of 441.

By area market standards, the existing buildings are outdated functionally and aesthetically, and flood plain issues limit options for rehabilitation."

- Alan Maxwell Overton

Sept 21, 2009  
Colonial Homes Apartments flooding.



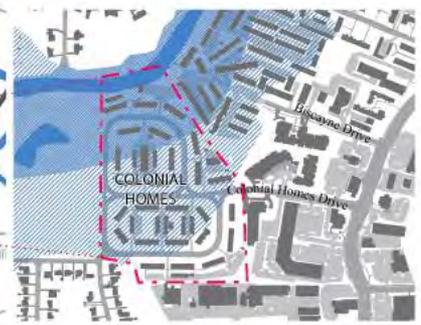
▲ 1 inch = 20000 feet



▲ 1 inch = 6000 feet



▲ 1 inch = 600 feet



▲ 1 inch = 300 feet



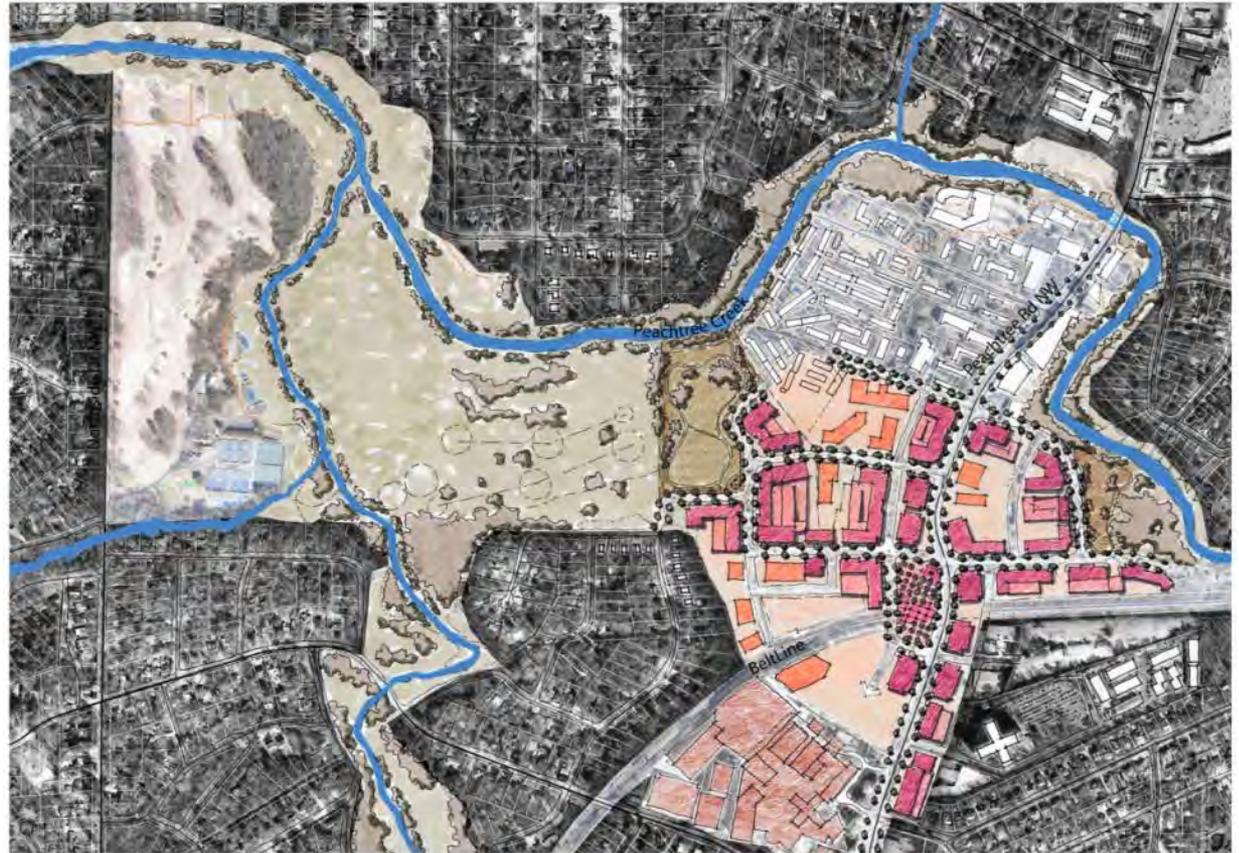
Sunny Days

Flooding Images



# Opportunity

BeltLine ————— 2



BeltLine Plan Recommendations





New Growth			
Jobs Created	2,473		
New Residents	4,357		
30-40 units per gross acre (1/4 mile north of the CSX rail corridor)			
Conceptual Development Program			
Use	Proposed Program	% of Demand	Net Demand 2020
Commercial (sq.ft)	84,425	10%	854,211
Office (sq.ft)	688,390	72%	945,292
Residential (units)	2,848	50%	5,647

## Summary

- A transit plaza and public space built over the CSX rail line that serves as a signature public space on Peachtree Road, a location for the BeltLine transit stop, and a unique address for surrounding development.
- Higher intensity residential development (10+ stories) with supporting ground floor retail services along Peachtree Road (consistent with the area's future land use and existing zoning).
- New office and mixed use development around the transit plaza with ground floor retail use.
- New residential development adjacent to Peachtree Creek reconfigured to protect significant portions of the floodplain for parks and open space.
- Incorporation of the MOCA GA and portions of the Bennett Street district into the redevelopment with a new address on the future Peachtree Parkway.
- New street connections across the CSX rail line that create better north-south connectivity along Peachtree Road and provide more accessibility to the hospital and adjacent redevelopment.

*Beltline Subarea 7*



### Critique 1: Tax Allocation District Boundary

Only focuses on redevelopment within the TAD boundary, but does not pay attention to the adjacent areas, especially the large area north of Colonial Homes that is subject to flooding.

We recommend to include these areas in the TAD boundary.

### Critique 2: Stormwater Management

Does not address the entirety of flooding issues. Only removes the residential from the floodplain and turns the remaining land into new public open space.

Lacks concrete stormwater management tactics to mitigate flooding such as green streets, detention ponds and bio-swales.

### Critique 3: Transit Plaza

The transit plaza over the BeltLine transit stop has a good location and significant function.

However, the crude slab overhead will probably reduce the spatial quality of BeltLine underneath.

Consequently the form of its design should be reconsidered.

### Critique 4: Northside Dr -- Peachtree Rd

There is no direct connection between the two main roads bordering the site (Northside Dr. and Peachtree Rd.) within a 10,000 foot radius of the proposed Beltline plaza and commercial center.

### Critique 5: BeltLine -- Peachtree Creek

The connection between BeltLine transit stop and the green space besides Peachtree Creek is very weak and should be enhanced.

### Critique 6: Peachtree Rd -- Open space

The stretch between Peachtree Rd. and open space is long in distance and poor in quality.

There should be more agreeable connections between Peachtree Rd. and the green open space associated with the development.



■ Pros ■ Cons



# Observation

Stormwater



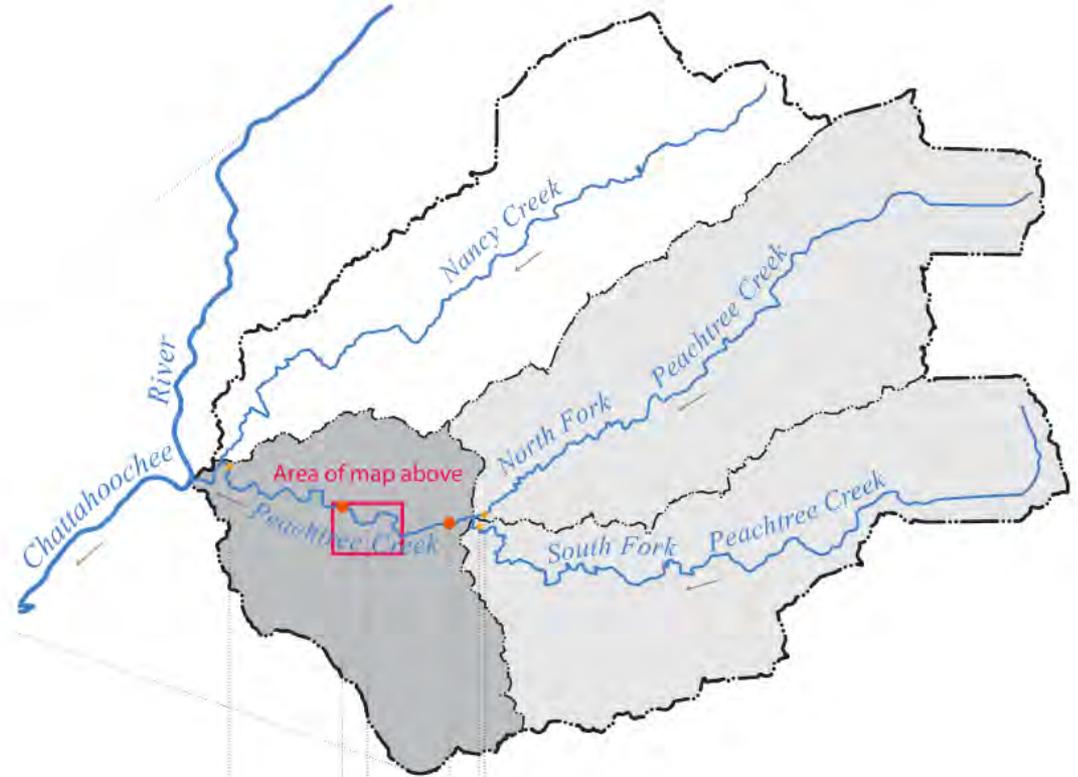
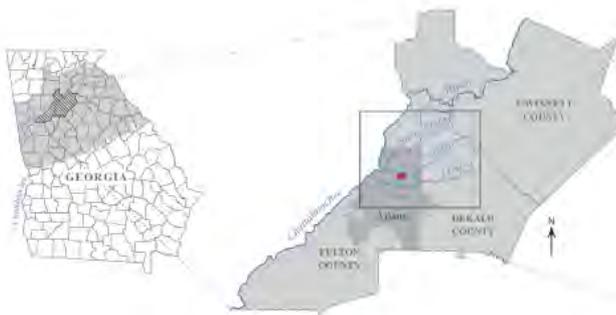
Stormwater Runoff System



- 100 Year Floodway
- 100 Year Floodplain
- Watercourse
- Drains
- Intermittent Streams

Basin Name:

Area (square miles)	Hydraulic Length (feet)	Land Slope (percent)	Curve Number (cn)	S 1000-10 (in)	Lag (hours)	
<b>Main Peachtree Creek</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>37000</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>82.02</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>0.74</b>
North Fork Peachtree	38.6	72800	10.0	77.82	2.85	0.79
South Fork Peachtree	30.5	58000	10.57	78.96	2.66	0.40
Nancy Creek	40.2	90200	11.6	77.22	2.95	1.20



Using the data of the two nearest gaging stations, Southern Railroad and Northside Drive, runoff per square feet of our site can be estimated by the formula  $Q = C^*I*A$ .

Gaging Station Name:

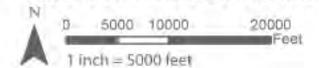
Drainage Area (square miles)	Mean Annual Discharge (c.f.s.)	10 Year Discharge (c.f.s.)	25 Year Discharge (c.f.s.)	50 Year Discharge (c.f.s.)	100 Year Discharge (c.f.s.)	
Upstream Nancy Creek	93.6	5845	12810	14853	19539	21503
<b>Northside Drive</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>5593</b>	<b>13005</b>	<b>15139</b>	<b>19745</b>	<b>21827</b>
<b>Southern Railroad</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>5368</b>	<b>11891</b>	<b>13778</b>	<b>17783</b>	<b>19548</b>
Mouth of South Fork	30.5	2996	6383	7335	9504	10301
Mouth of North Fork	38.6	3632	8486	9965	12831	13988
<b>Difference of the Two Nearest Stations</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>1361</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>2279</b>

Runoff per square feet (feet/second)

	Mean Annual	10 Year	25 Year	50 Year	100 Year
	$4.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$23.5 \times 10^{-7}$	$28.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$41.4 \times 10^{-7}$	$48.1 \times 10^{-7}$

Site Runoff Estimation

Peachtree Creek Watershed



- Peachtree Creek Basin boundary
- Subbasin boundary



# Observation

Site Conditions ————— 4



Site Composite Map



- Locations of site photos below
- Major property (group) line



Values

1 inch = 800 feet



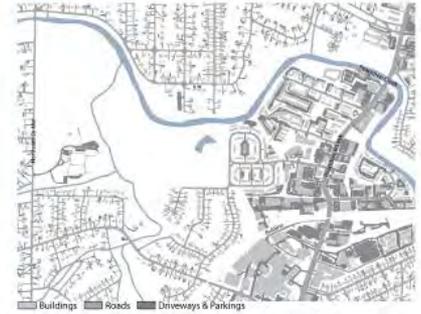
Tissues

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Contours

1 inch = 800 feet



Impervious (32.9%)

1 inch = 800 feet



Paths



Intersections



Water Outlets



Water Pollutions

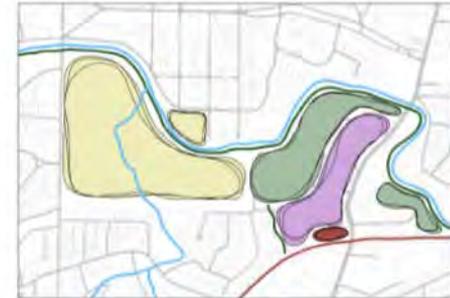
### GOALS

- INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF FLOODPLAIN TO MITIGATE VOLUME
- CLEAN THE WATER ON THE SITE
- PRESERVE AND ENHANCE ECONOMIC VALUE OF ADJACENT LAND
- IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS
- DEVELOP BELTLINE-PEACHTREE CREEK CONNECTION
- CREATE A PERMANENT SOLUTION

### TACTICS

- REMOVE BUILDINGS FROM FLOODPLAIN
- RE-EXAMINE DESIGN OF GOLF COURSE TO BETTER UTILIZE FLOODPLAIN
- PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
- DESIGN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INTERRELATIONSHIPS AMONG BELTLINE, COLONIAL HOMES SITE, PEACHTREE STREET, AND GOLF COURSE
- DESIGN FOR WALKABILITY/ ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

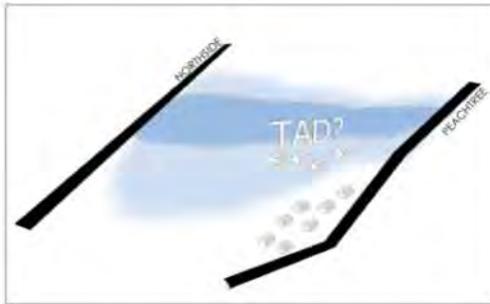
### CONCEPTS



# PRESCRIPTIVE MOVES



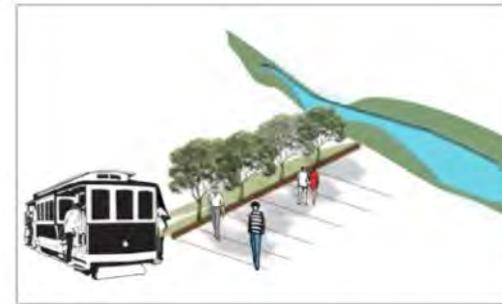
OPTIONS FOR STRUCTURES IN FLOODPLAIN



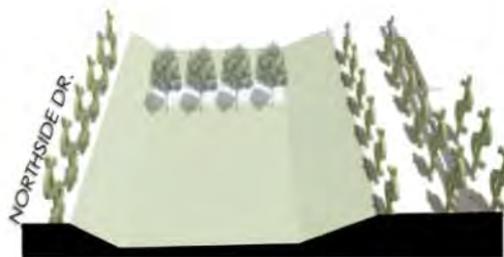
RECOMMENDED TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT EXTENSION



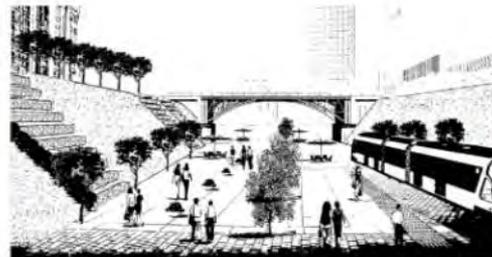
GREEN STREET SECTION



CONNECTION OF BELTLINE AND CREEK



CAPITALIZATION OF POTENTIAL VALUE



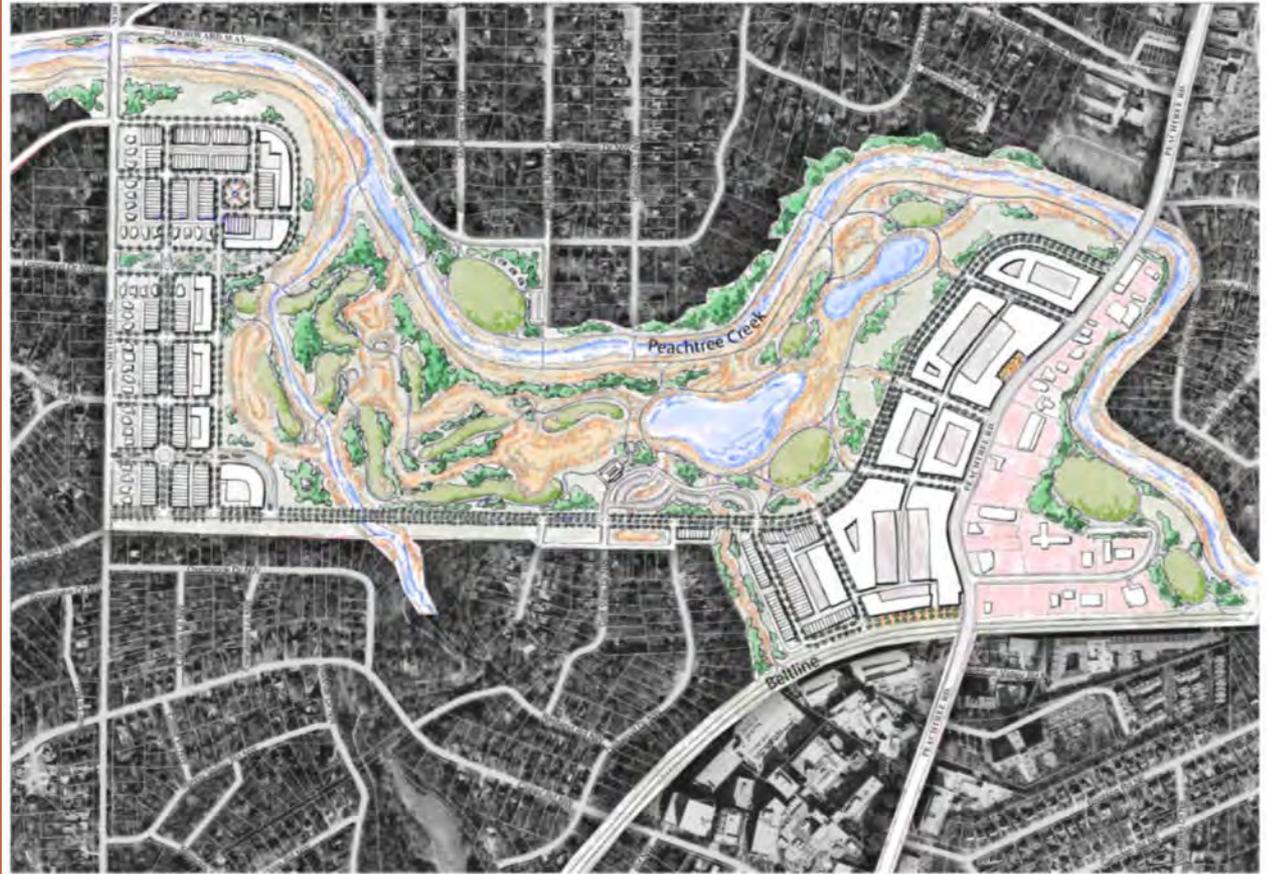
IMPROVED BELTLINE PLAZA



TYPICAL GREEN STREET PLANT MATERIAL



# Design



Master Plan  
0 200 400 800 feet  
1 inch = 200 feet



Existing Parcels

1 inch = 800 feet

EXISTING		
Retail (sq.ft)	Office (sq.ft)	Residential (units)
201,355	7,000	332
BELTLINE PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT		
Retail (sq.ft)	Office (sq.ft)	Residential (units)
205,750	436,800	1,977
Net Gain		
Retail (sq.ft)	Office (sq.ft)	Residential (units)
4,395	429,800	1,645



Proposed Parcels

1 inch = 800 feet

Beltline Proposal	Our Proposal		
Single Family Residences	0	Single Family Residences	36
Townhomes	0	Townhomes	296
Condos/Apartments	1,977	Condos/Apartments	2,642

OUR PROPOSAL		
Retail (sq.ft)	Office (sq.ft)	Residential (units)
201,355	7,000	332
OUR PROPOSAL		
Retail (sq.ft)	Office (sq.ft)	Residential (units)
279,337	558,674	2,974
NET GAIN		
Retail (sq.ft)	Office (sq.ft)	Residential (units)
77,982	551,674	2,642



**Tactic 1:**  
Relocation and Enhancement of Residential Units

- All homes have been removed from the floodplain.
- To replace and increase residential unit quantities, homes have been proposed on higher land with increased values.
- A variety of housing types is offered.
- The proposed net gain of residential units directly leads to a higher tax base for the Tax Allocation District.



**Tactic 4:**  
Northside Dr.- Peachtree Rd. Connection

- A grand boulevard experience provides increased connectivity on the site without disruption to any residential areas, existing or proposed.



**Tactic 2:**  
Eco-Consious Golf Course & Eco-Educational Park

- The existing 18-hole Bobby Jones Golf Course is proposed to be transformed into an ecologically-friendly 9-hole golf course in concert with its urban context.
- The proposed park not only provides a respite for hectic city life, but also effectively reduces issues of flooding while providing the public educational opportunities about flood mitigation and the importance of protecting our precious water resources.



**Tactic 5:**  
Green Connection of Beltline to Peachtree Creek

- Four direct connections are offered for the Beltline user to Peachtree Creek. The first is the park on the East side of Peachtree Rd. The second and third link the Beltline plaza through green streets to the large park next to the golf course. The fourth is a greenway connecting the Beltline to the large park. A greenway is proposed along Peachtree Creek throughout the extent of the study area.



**Tactic 3:**  
Capitalizing on Land Value Potential

- A total of 296 condominiums overlook the golf course's West end. Four stories each, these buildings are still agreeable with the context on adjacent uses.
- 2486 high-value condominiums and apartments overlook the park and rest above a commercial center and office space along Peachtree Rd.



**Tactic 6:**  
Green Streets

- All proposed streets will be proposed as green streets to better handle the issues of water quantity and quality running through and falling on the site.

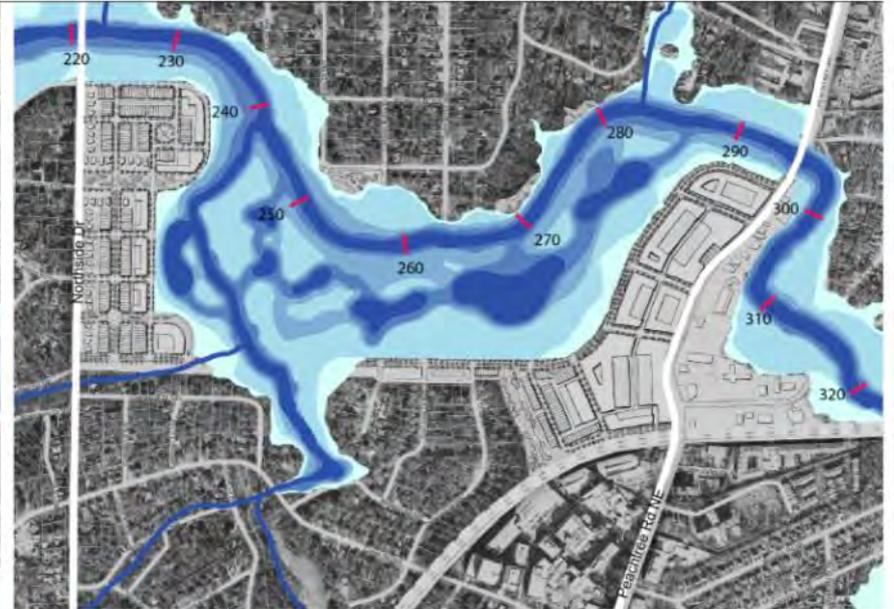
# Design

## Stormwater Management — 7



Existing Floodplain

1 inch = 400 feet



Proposed Floodplain

1 inch = 400 feet



2 Year Flood Plan

1 inch = 800 feet



5 Year Flood Plan

1 inch = 800 feet



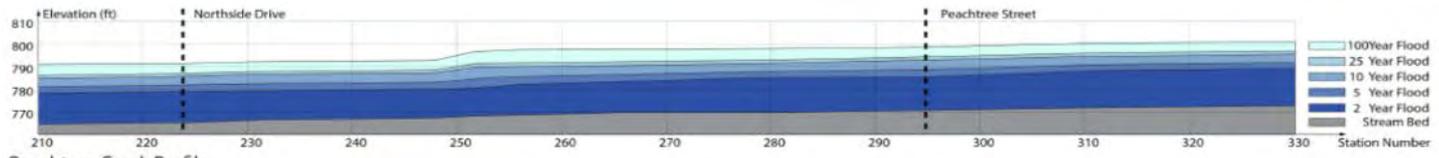
10 Year Flood Plan

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25 Year Flood Plan

1 inch = 800 feet



Peachtree Creek Profile



Retention

1 inch = 800 feet



Detention

1 inch = 800 feet



BMP

1 inch = 800 feet



Infiltration

1 inch = 800 feet



Retention



Detention



BMP



Infiltration





1. VIEW OF PROPOSED PARK AND DEVELOPMENT



2. GREEN STREET RETROFIT



3. GREENWAY CONNECTION



4. VIEW OF PROPOSED BELTLINE PLAZA



DESIGNED TOPOGRAPHY

University Avenue  
Pittsburgh Neighborhood  
McDaniel Creek



# EXISTING CONDITIONS



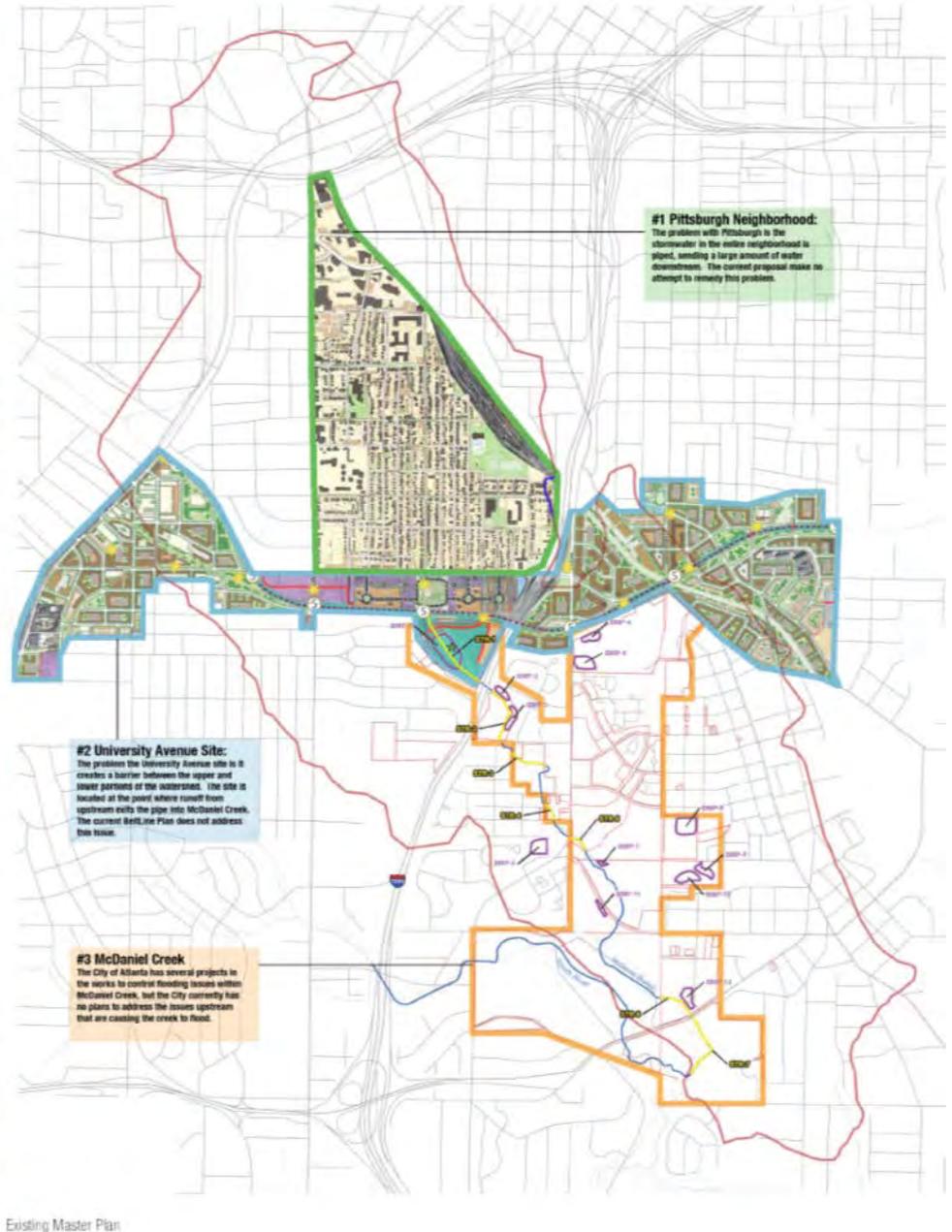
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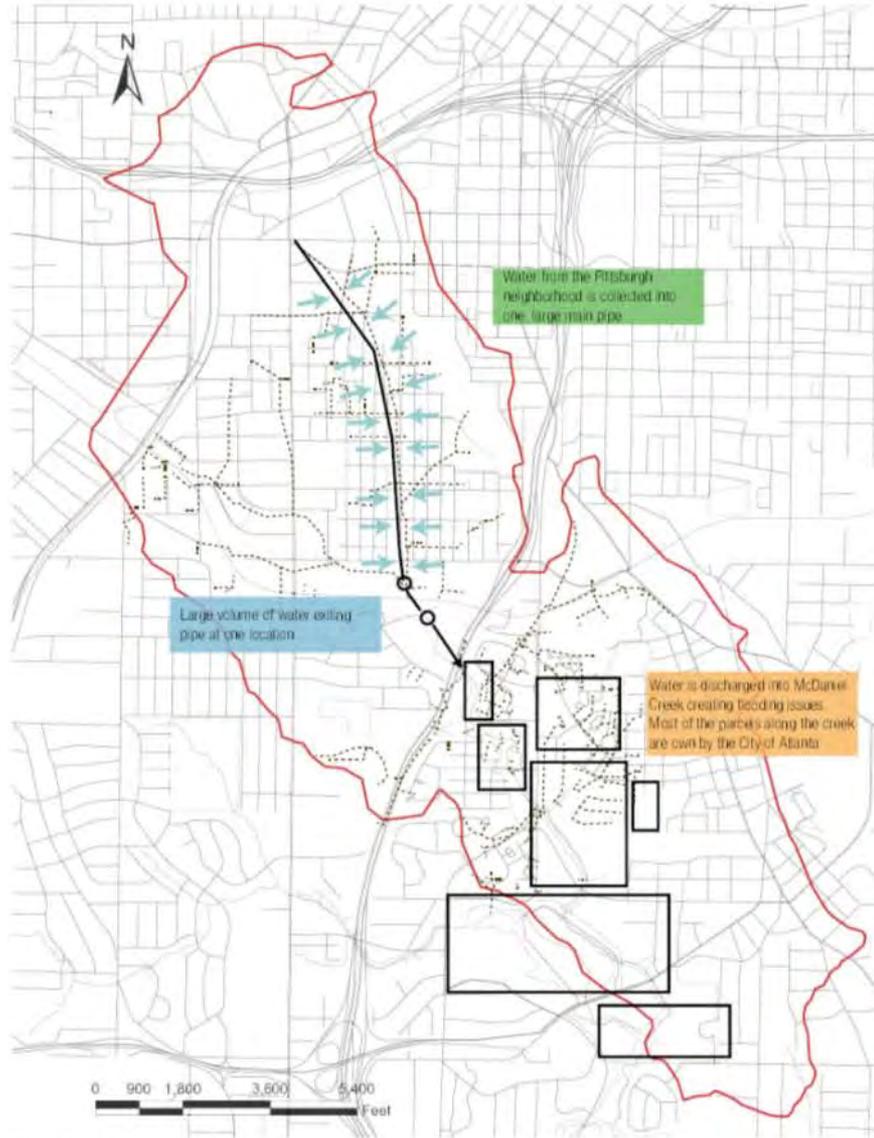
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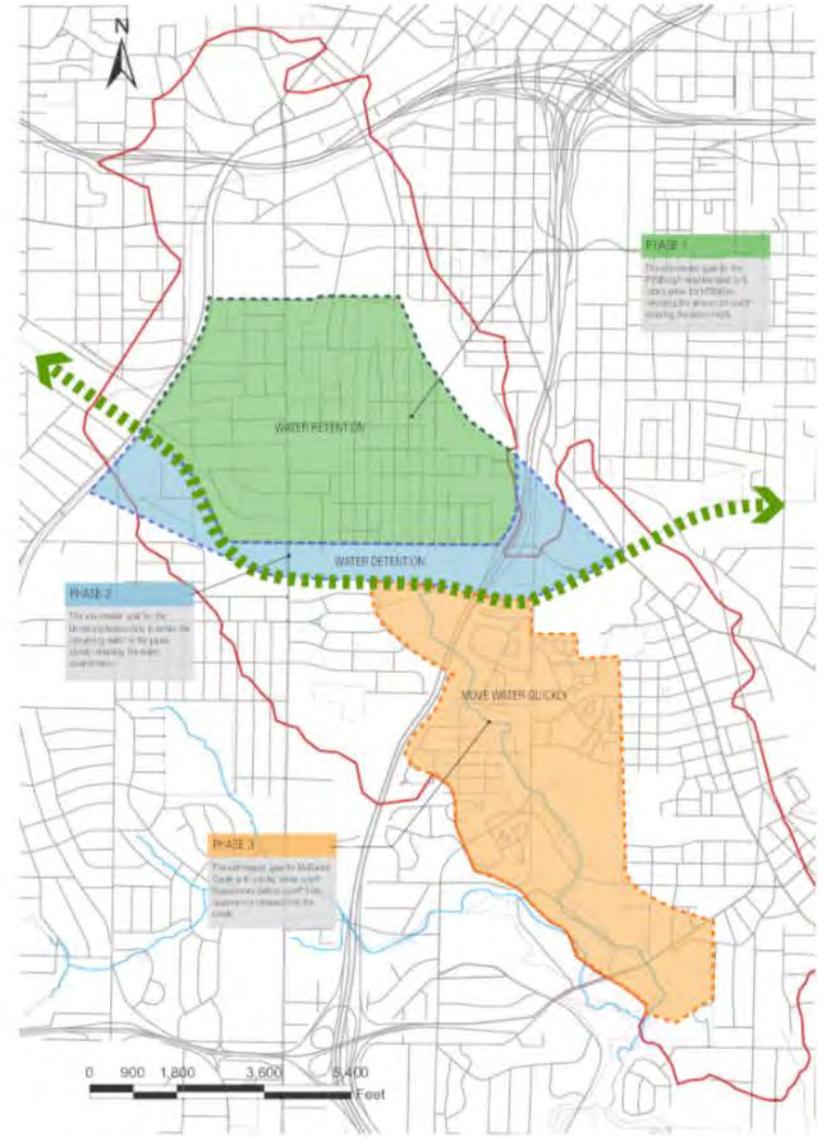
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# WATERSHED ANALYSIS



Watershed Analysis



Three Key Strategies



100 Year Flood Plain



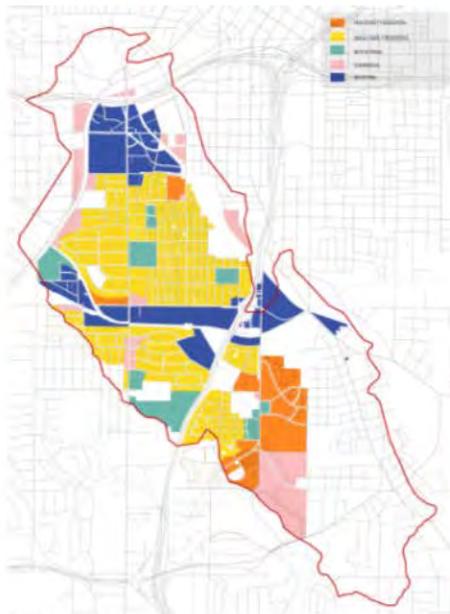
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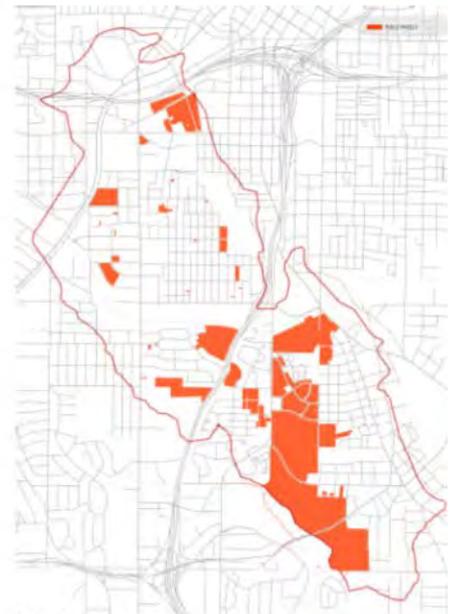
Topographical Analysis



Impervious Areas

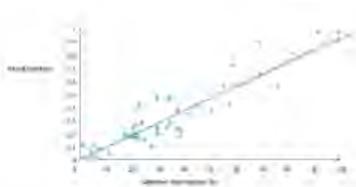
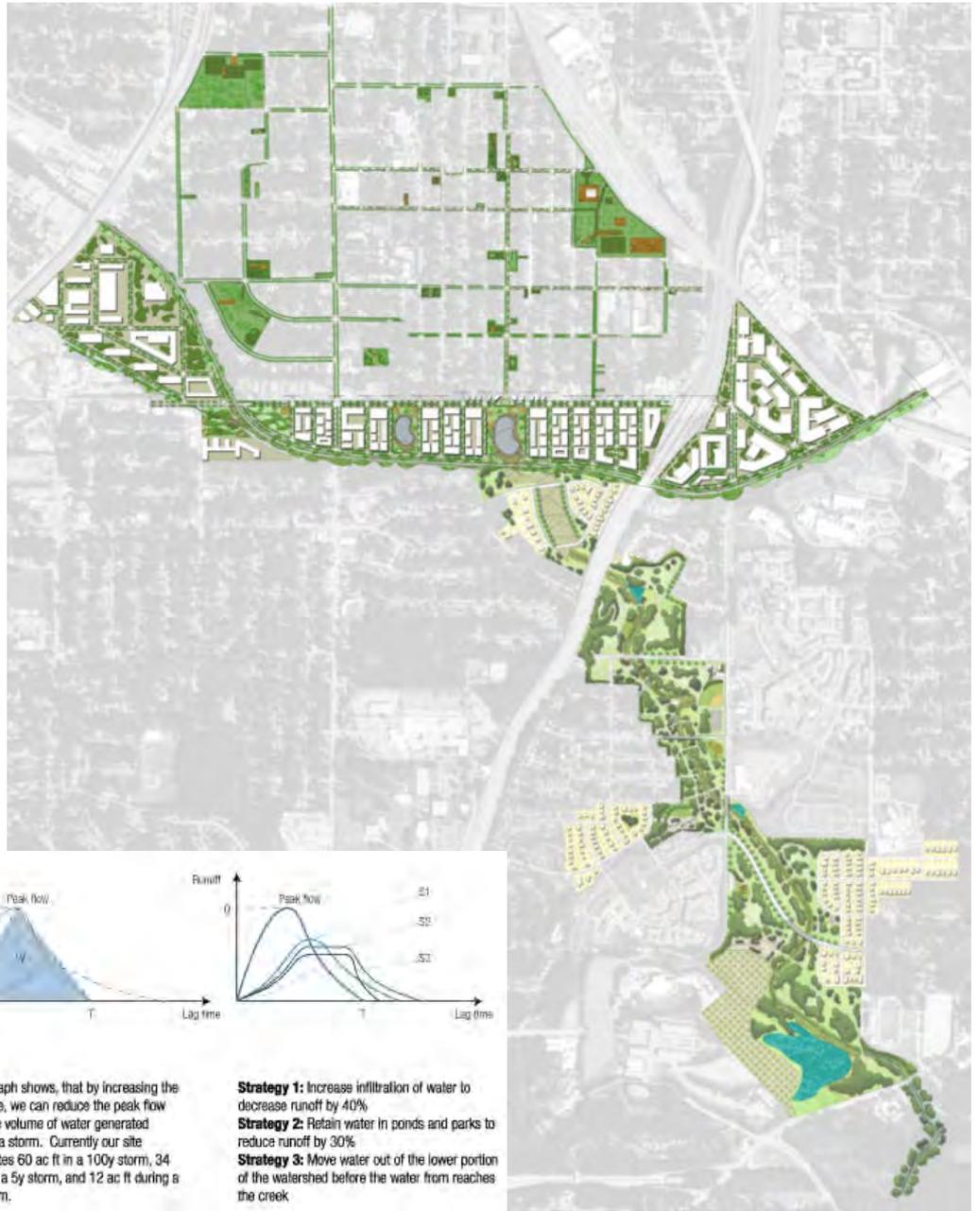


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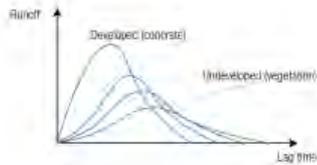


Public Parcels

# MASTER PLAN



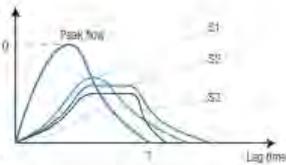
This figure illustrates the coefficient relationship between runoff and imperviousness. We know that the runoff coefficient goes up when imperviousness increases. According to peak flow calculation, the higher the imperviousness, the higher the peak flow rate. When imperviousness is greater than 10%, water quality will decrease. Our watershed is approximately 46%.



This graphic shows the volumes of runoff for different impervious conditions within the watershed. Our goal is to decrease the amount of impervious surfaces to minimize the runoff into the creek.

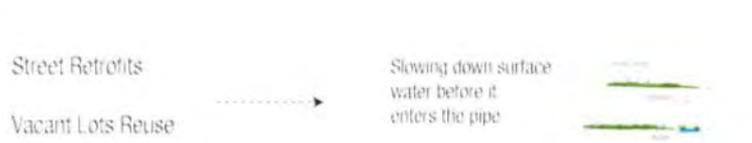


This graph shows, that by increasing the lag time, we can reduce the peak flow and the volume of water generated during a storm. Currently our site generates 60 ac ft in a 100y storm, 34 ac ft in a 5y storm, and 12 ac ft during a 2y storm.



**Strategy 1:** Increase infiltration of water to decrease runoff by 40%  
**Strategy 2:** Retain water in ponds and parks to reduce runoff by 30%  
**Strategy 3:** Move water out of the lower portion of the watershed before the water from reaches the creek

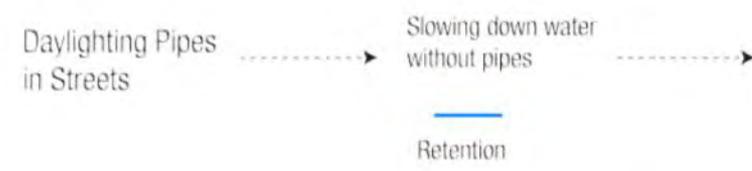
# PITTSBURGH NEIGHBORHOOD



- Parks
  - Trees
  - Vegetation
  - Pervious Paving
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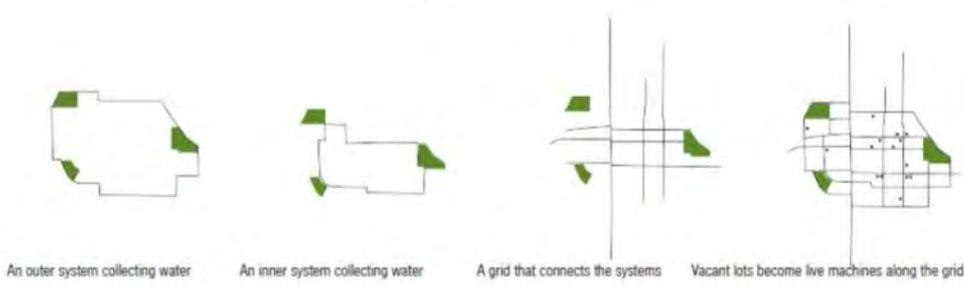
The main purpose of Pittsburg area is to infiltrate the water as much as possible by daylighting the pipes and creating more green space with vacant and city parcels.

Since the imperviousness of this area is so high, I want to prevent more runoff to flow into the pipes and then to the McDaniel Creek, which contributes to the flood plan. So, the strategies are retrofitting the streets and vacant lots, daylighting the pipes. Indeed, some of the streets will be transformed to be oneway streets. Meanwhile, by block the inlets and pipes, more runoff can flow out to the ground through the green area.

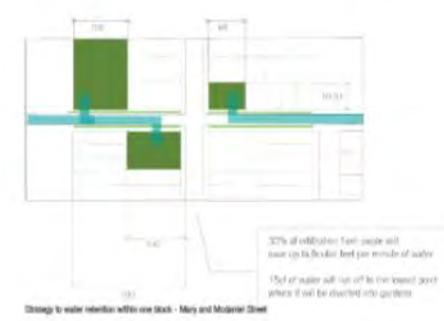


- Inlets disuse
  - Swales
  - Rain Garden
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Then I take one sample area to do detailed design and make an estimated calculation. Finally, the whole area will get 30% off of runoff.



Conceptual approach to water retention

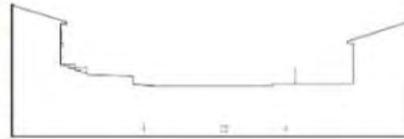


Design to water retention within one block - Mary and McDaniel Street

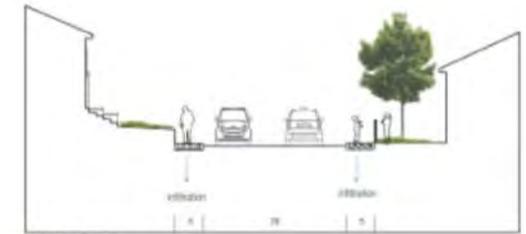
# STREET DETAILS



Hubbard Street



Hubbard Street existing dimensions



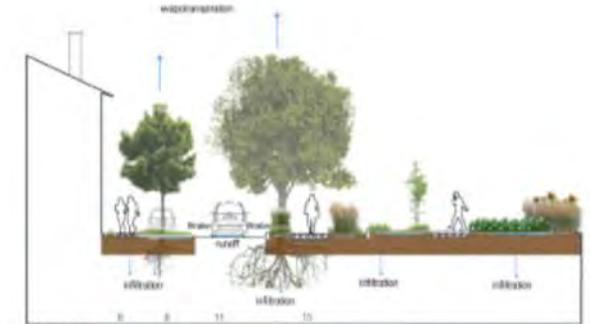
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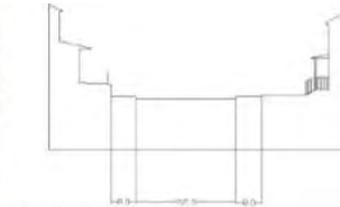
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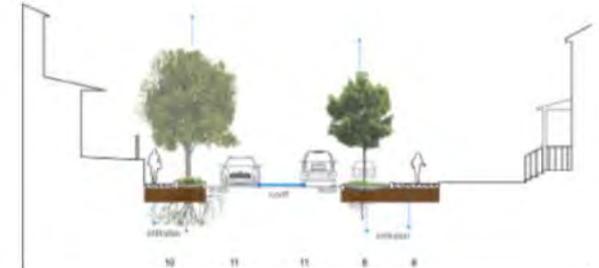
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McDaniel Street



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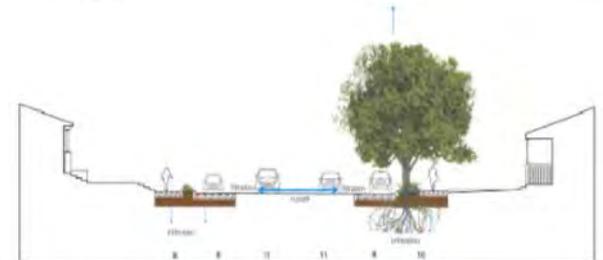
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Metropolitan Avenue



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Metropolitan Avenue new dimensions

# PITTSBURGH NEIGHBORHOOD



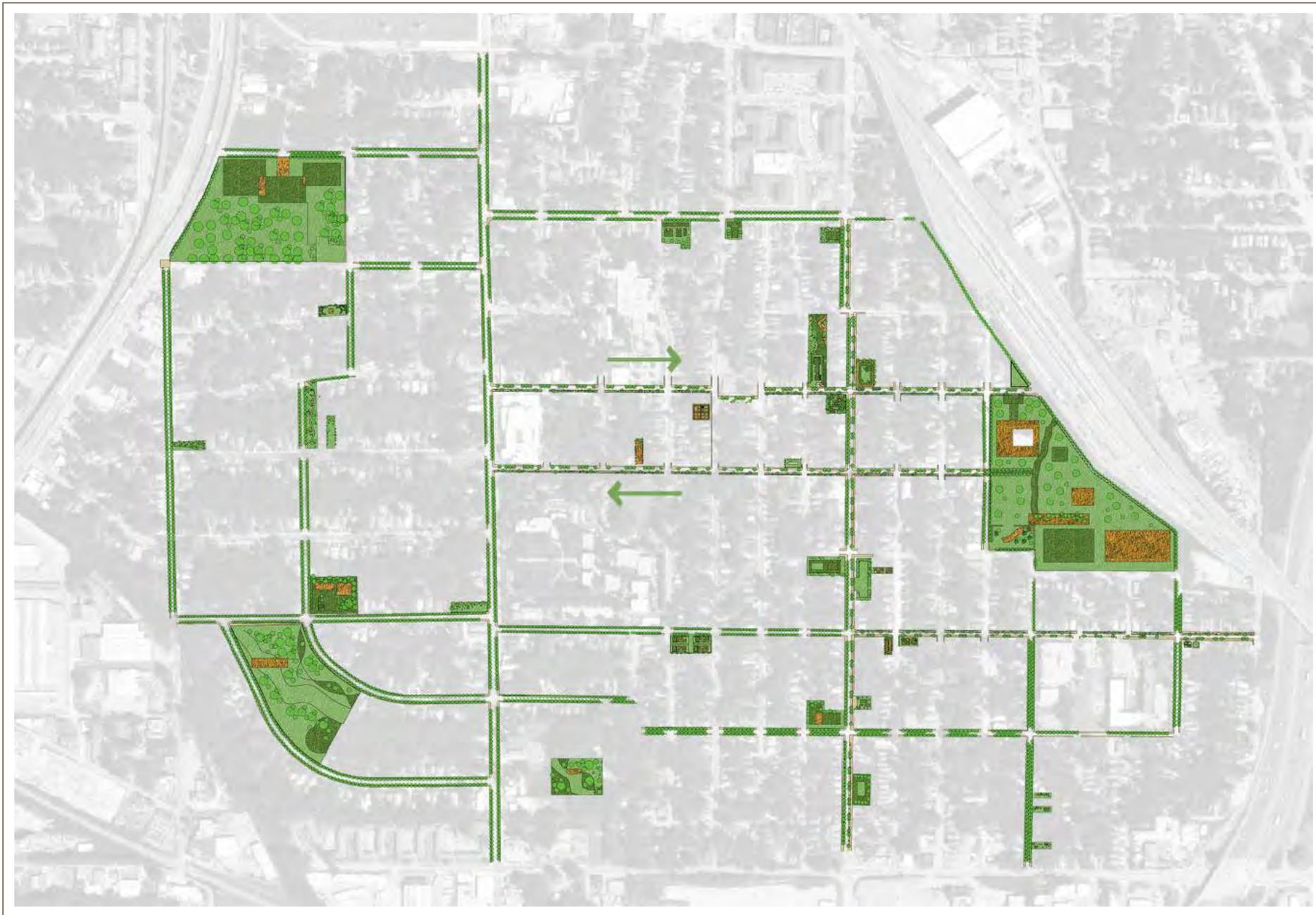
Detail plan Mary Street and McDaniel Street



A new Park on a vacant lot

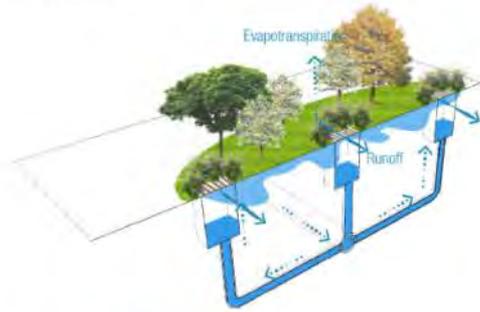


A new Green Street for the neighborhood





# STRATEGIES



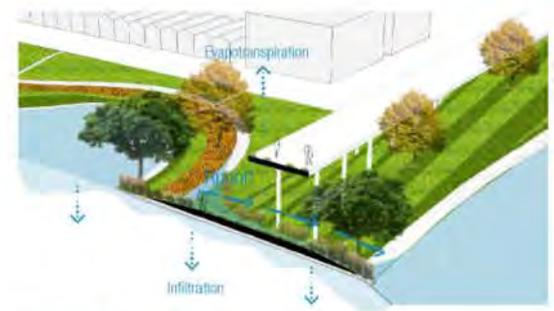
## Daylighting Pipes

This strategy is aimed at blocking and daylighting the pipes underground, forcing the stormwater to flow through the infiltration surfaces, like parks, green streets, and detention pond. We will divide the main pipe into several smaller pipes to help disperse the large amount of water; which will force the runoff to infiltrate into the ground



## Detention Pond

Holding water in detention pond is the main goal for this phase. The pond is 10ft at the deepest point, which can hold 40 ac ft water. The pond will require a 2 ft permanent water depth to prevent erosion. The topography of the pond will be shaped to allow the water to change levels.

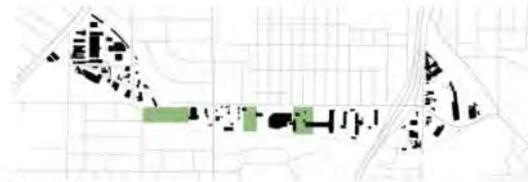


## Terraces

In order to allow the water to rise and drop, we will use terraces to handle different volumes of water. Along the terraces, water tolerant plants will be planted to help with erosion.



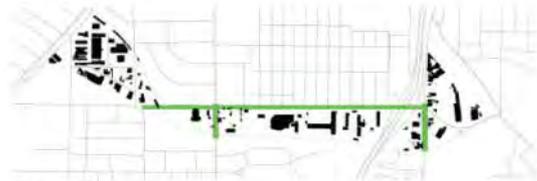
Daylighting Gardens



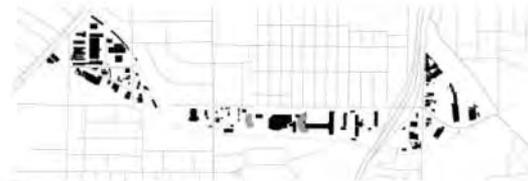
New Parks



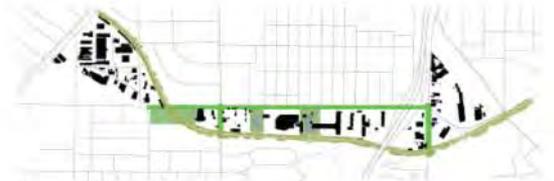
Terracing the BeltLine



Green Streets

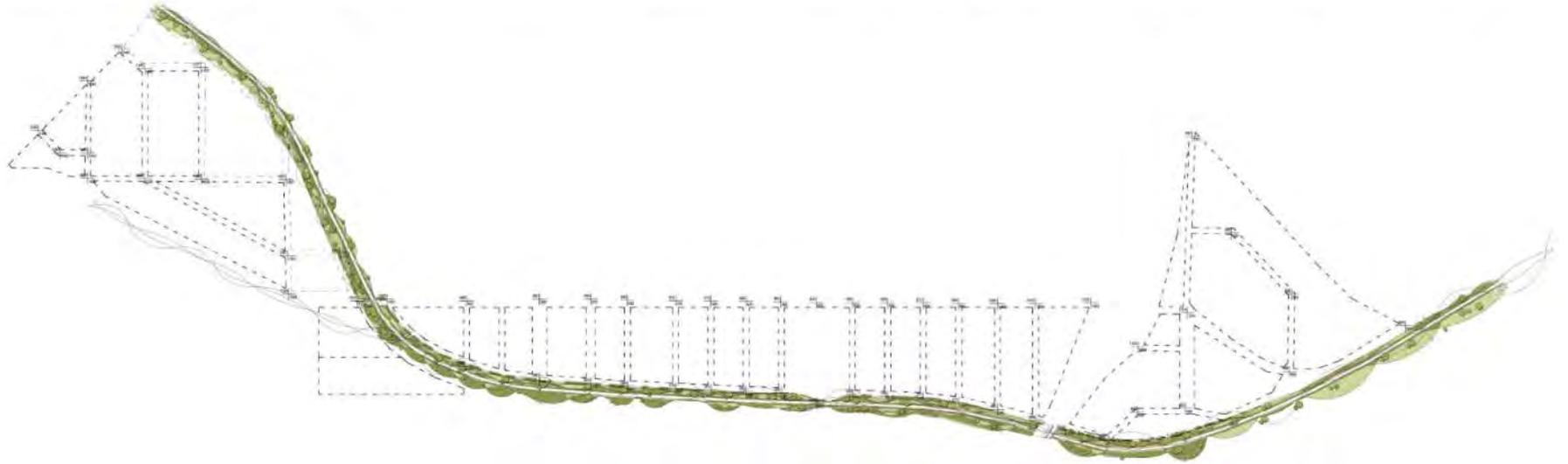
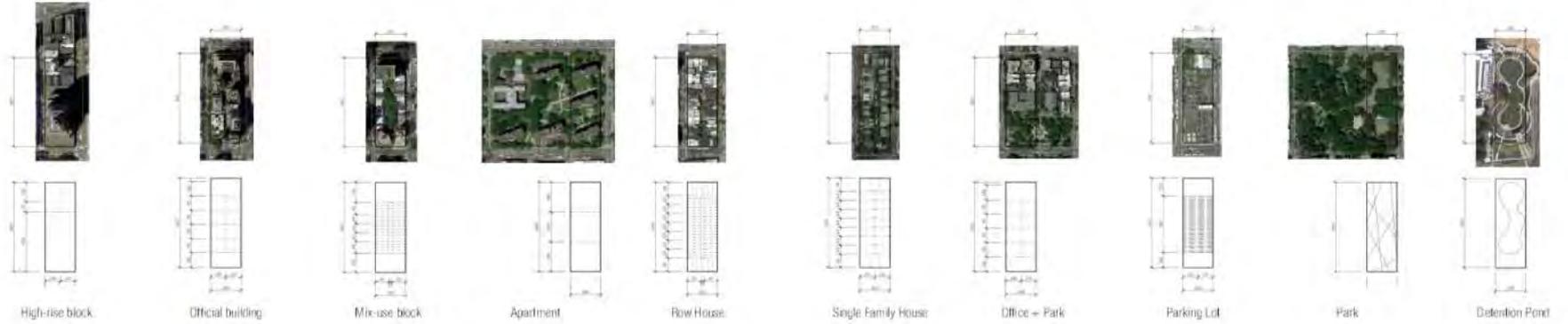


Detention Ponds



Overall Proposal

# Subdivision Typologies



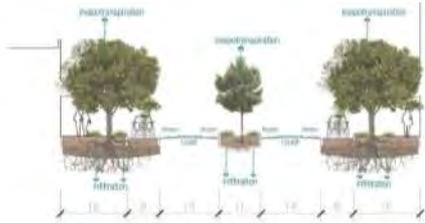
# Subdivision Plan for University Avenue



CENTRAL PARK PERSPECTIVE



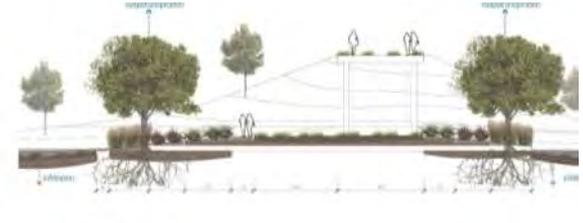
BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF CENTRAL PARK



Green Street Section



Detention Pond Section



Beltline Section



# UNIVERSITY AVENUE MASTER PLAN

# MCDANIEL BRANCH



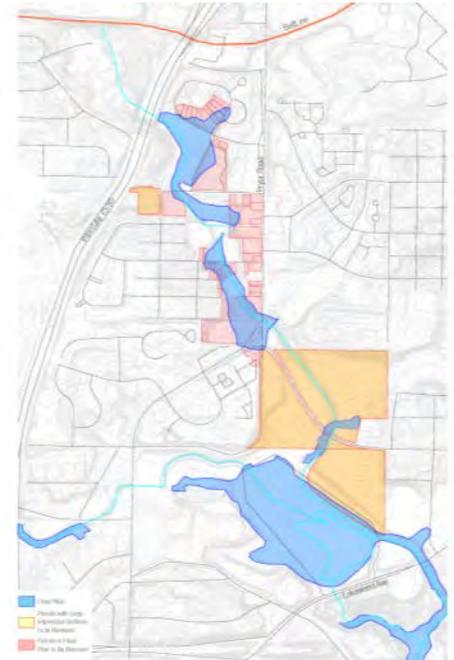
Strategy One: Move Water Out Quickly



Strategy Two: Control Velocity of Water Coming Out of Pipes (Day 6 dia)



Strategy Three: Restore Stream Bank



Strategy Four: Remove Development from Flood Plain and Large Impervious Areas

# MCDANIEL BRANCH MASTER PLAN



# Proctor Creek Greenway University Avenue McDaniel Branch





Site Location at West Atlanta



Marta Bridges Across Proctor Creek



Proctor Creek Through Culvert under North Avenue



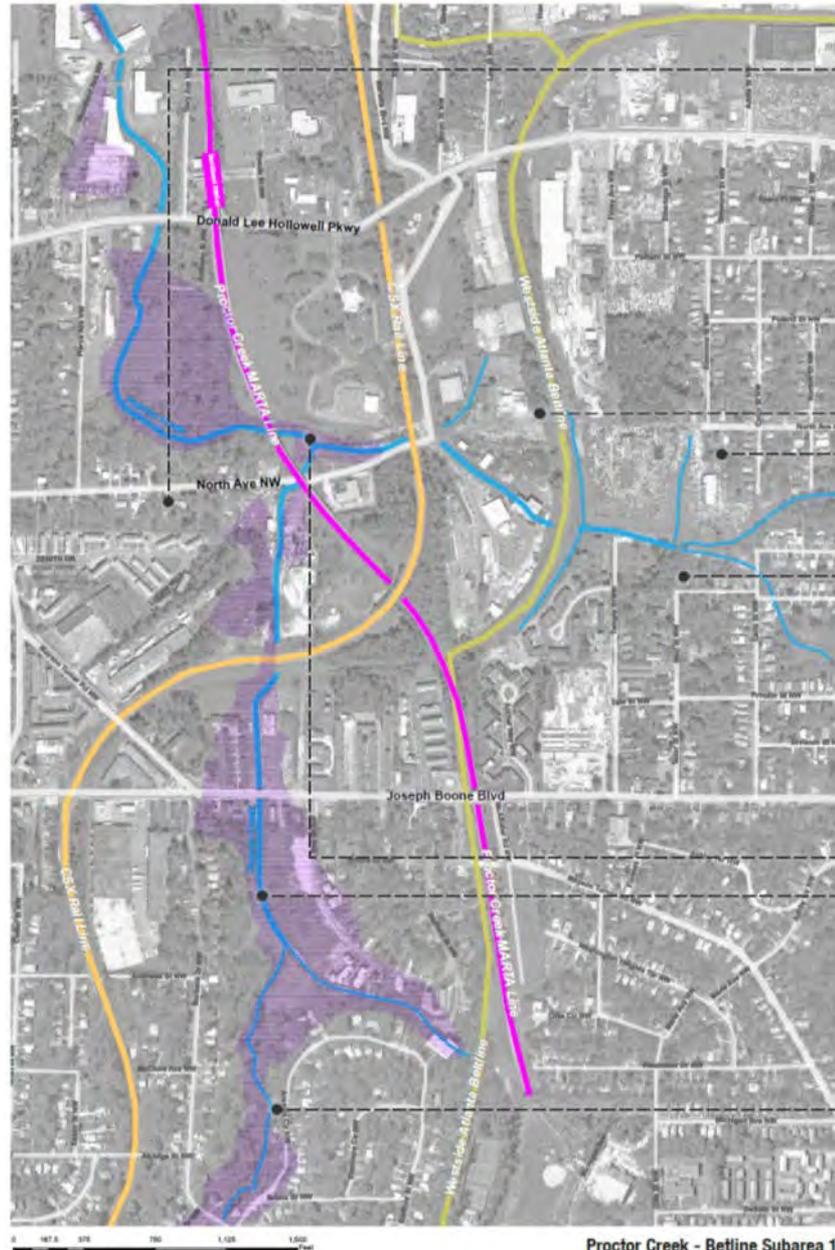
Continuous Fence Along the Rail



Beltline Leading to Distance

# EXISTING CONDITIONS

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## Terrain Problems



Rapid Change of Terrain

## Urban Problems



Infrastructure Disruption



Abandoned Land



Ruins in Floodplain

## Water Problems



Water Bank Erosion



Concrete Channelization

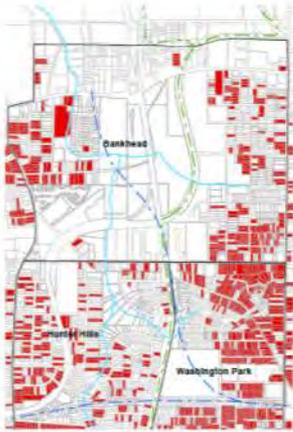


Terrible Water Quality

Proctor Creek - Betline Subarea 10

# URBAN ANALYSIS

## Defining the Site Boundary



Historic Structures (older than 1940)



Existing Publicly Owned Parcels



Parcels Affected by Flood Plain



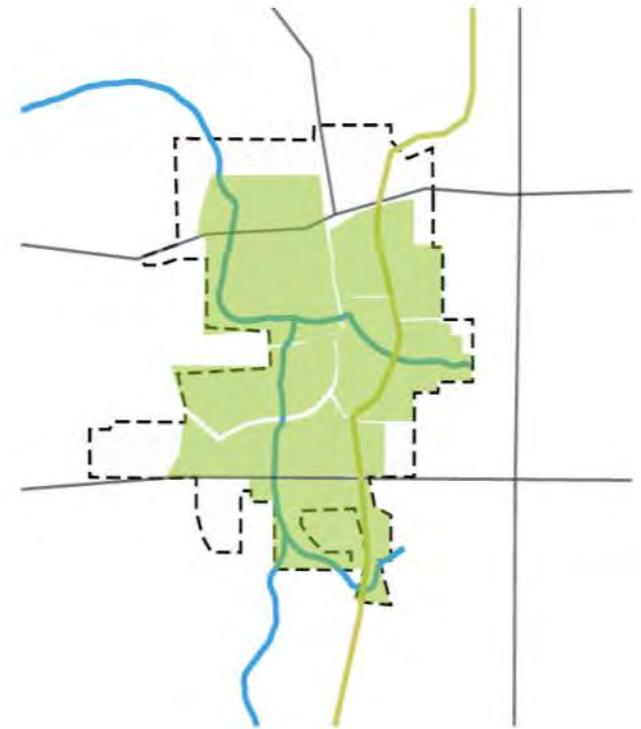
Depressed Property Values (Below \$50,000)



Properties in Bad Condition



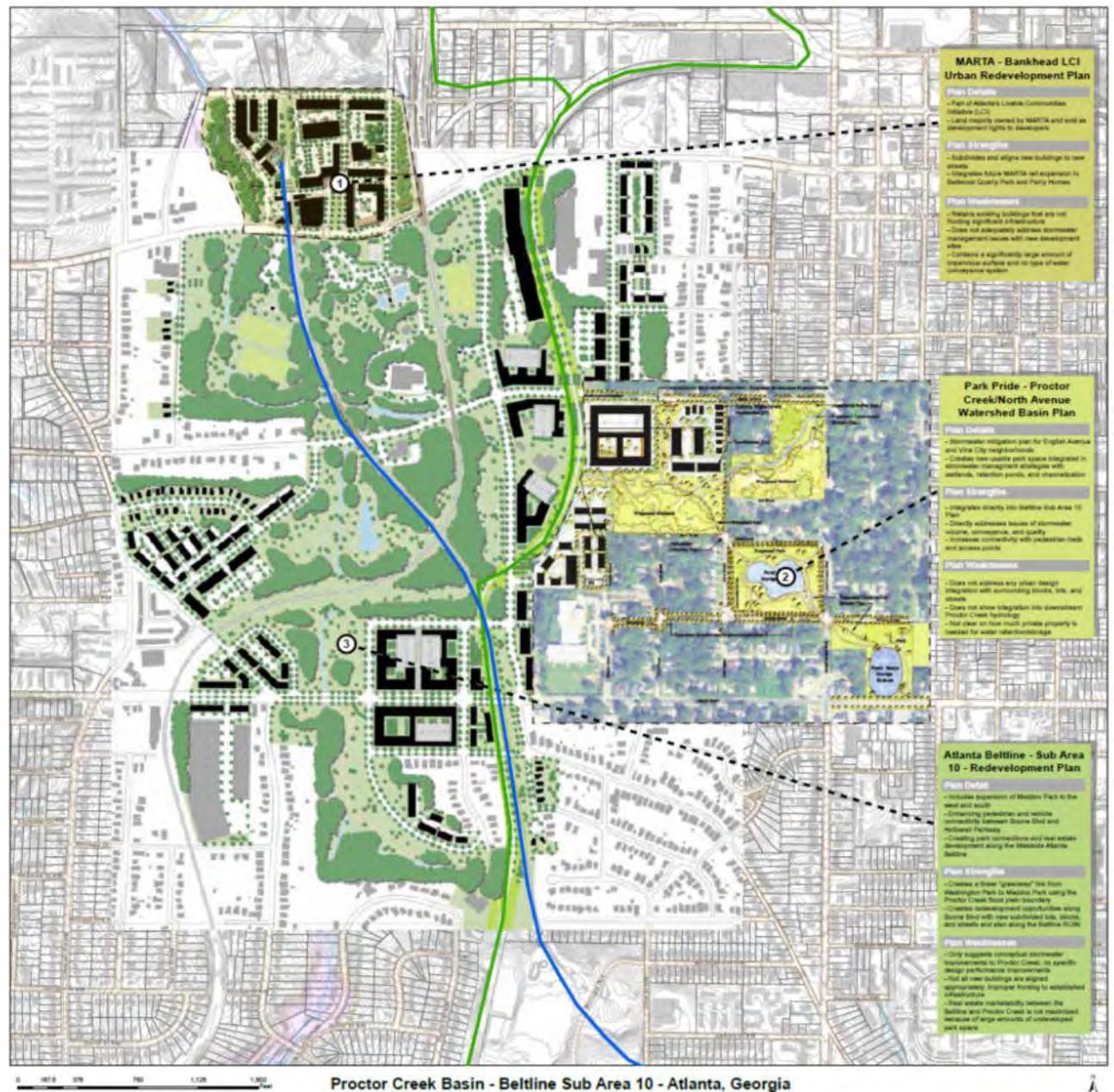
Parcels Most Susceptible to Change



## Susceptibility to Change

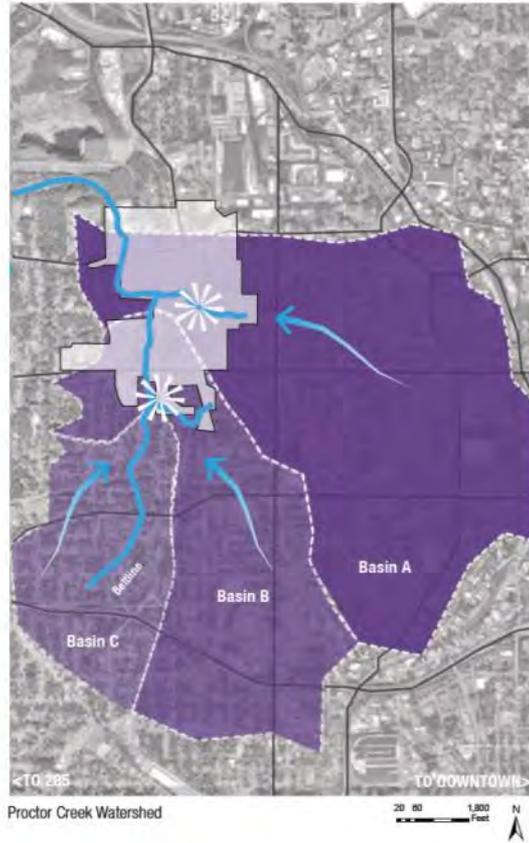
The study area boundary for this site is generated by using a combination of methods using the existing Atlanta Beltline Tax Allocation District (TAD) Boundary along with a series of computer generated, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) analysis that determines which lots and parcels within close proximity of the Proctor Creek, MARTA, and Beltline corridors would be susceptible to developmental change over time. Each type of generative analysis was assigned an individual score that cumulatively generated a total score of susceptibility to change ranging from least likely (white) to Most Likely (Dark Red).

# EXISTING PLANS IN DEVELOPMENT

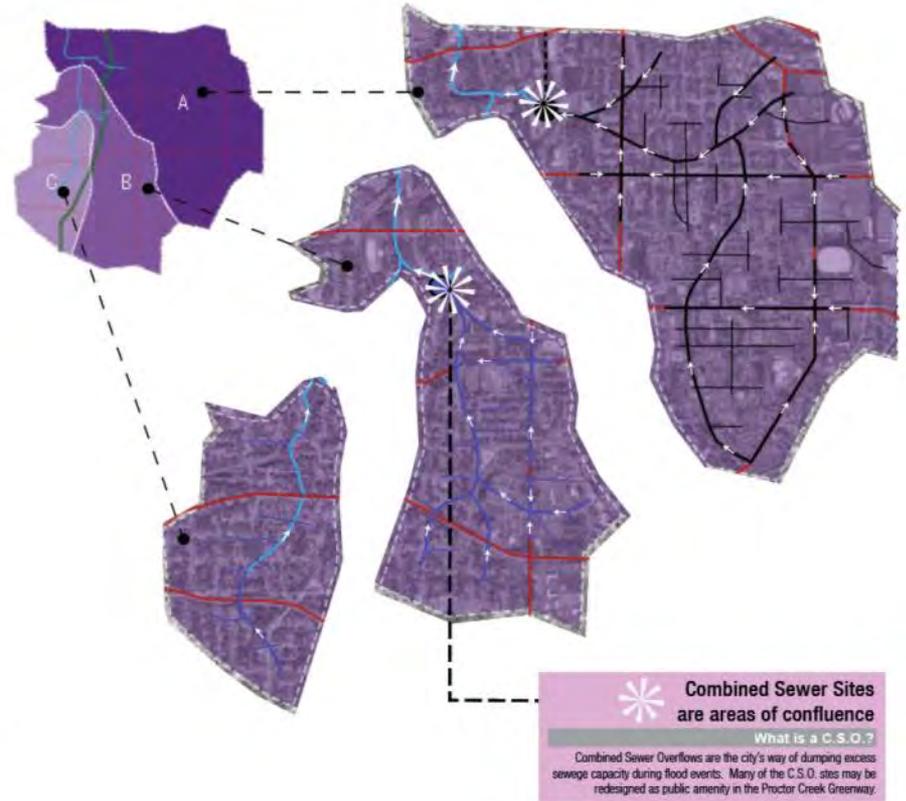


# HYDROLOGY

## Watershed Boundaries



## Stormwater Drainage System

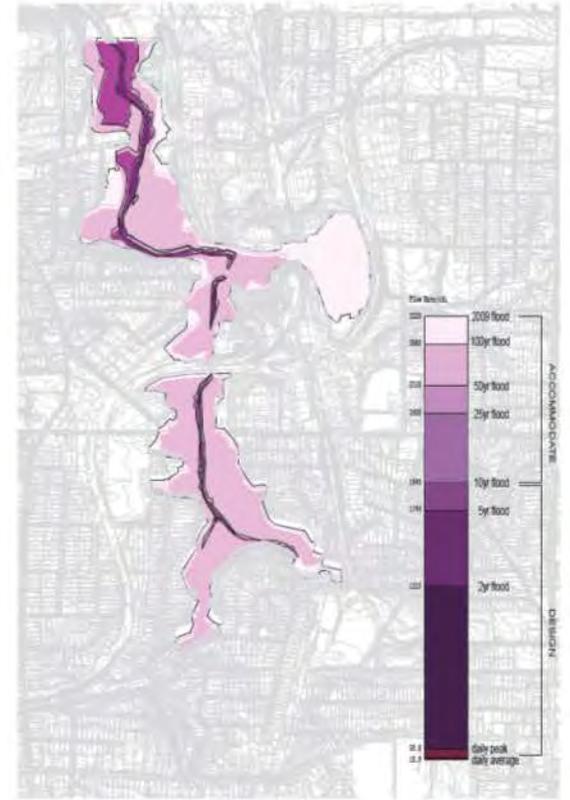


# Historic Flow Rates + Current Flood Plain Boundaries



- Habitat
- Highway
- Creek
- Water Use

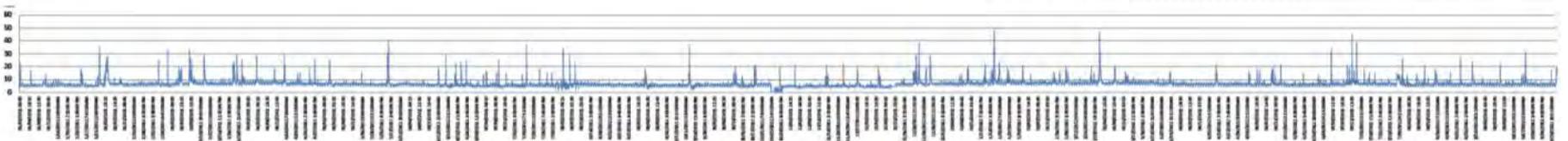
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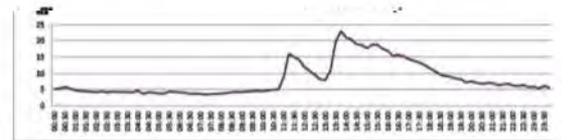
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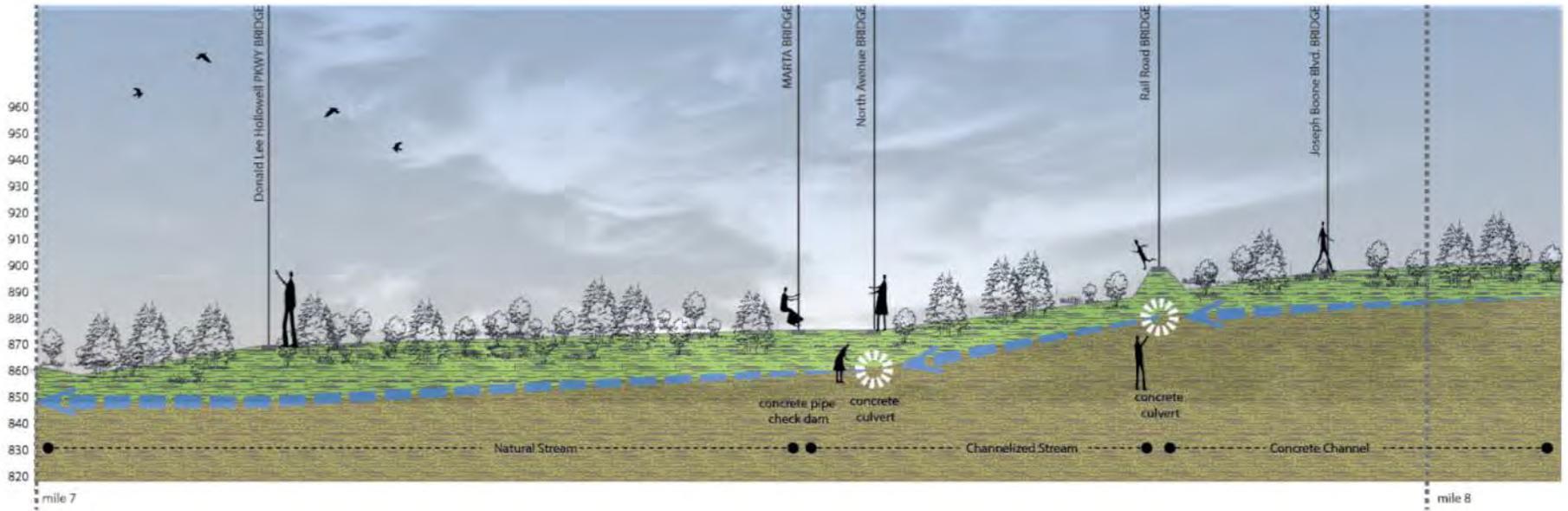
Annual Flow Rate



Daily Flow Rate



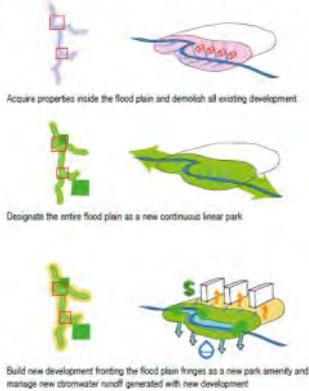
# PROCTOR CREEK BASIN PROFILE WITH CHARACTERISTICS



# PERFORMANCE STRATEGIES

## Water Performance

### 1 Reclaim Flood Plain Land



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Contains stormwater volume inside flood plain boundaries, guides stormwater conveyance, and improves water quality with wetland development
- Enhances real estate value of surrounding development with new linear park amenity
- Maintains water flow performance within the flood plain without endangering surrounding private property.

### 9 Street Redesign



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Integrating green streets collects, recovers, and improves the quality of stormwater right off the street and properly before it pours into creeks
- Less dependence on underground stormwater piping
- Allows for some water to be infiltrated into the ground

## Urban Performance

### 2 City Stormwater Ordinance



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Currently requires all new urban development in the City of Atlanta to retain the first 1.2 inches of rainfall from any given rain event
- Significant redevelopment will make a difference in the short-term, while the remaining built environment will phase in over time with continuing redevelopment
- Alleviates strains on city stormwater and sewer capacity

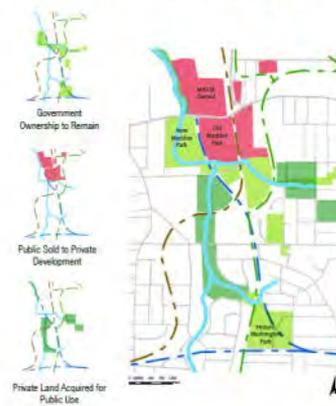
### 10 Bridge Redesign



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Updated bridges with pedestrian railings increases safety from above
- Enhance creek as an amenity with scenic pathway under bridge and over creek water flow
- Create a monumental amenity with bridge's conceptual design and nature framing view

### 3 Land Ownership Shifting



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Creates a new Maddox Park within a connecting linear park from the Bellwood Quarry/Grove Park area to Washington Park in the low-lying flood lands as a natural park amenity.
- Significant redevelopment will make a difference in the short-term, while the remaining built environment will phase in over time with continuing redevelopment
- Utilizes higher elevated lands in the current Maddox Park area for prime real estate development; within close proximity to the Bellline and MARTA stations.

### 11 Culvert Redesign

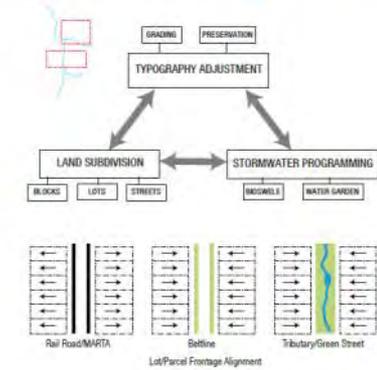


#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Converting current culvert to larger culvert or bridge allows for increased water flow
- Increases daylighting inside tunnel/bridge
- Creates pedestrian access along creek to maintain full connectivity in the linear greenway park.

## Land Performance

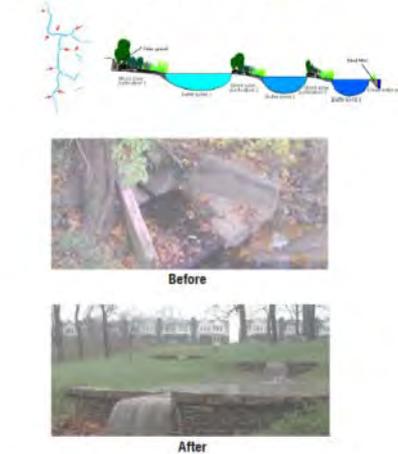
### 4 Land Subdivision



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Provides an urban framework with stormwater mitigation as a subdividing driver
- Integrates a sustainable, easy maintenance stormwater system
- Establishes a model set of rules for future subdivision developments to integrate green stormwater practices and promote them as valued amenities

### 12 Pipe-End Redesign



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Terminating the pipe before the creek allows water to infiltrate in the ground, decreasing velocity
- Thick grass and wetlands can improve water quality by filtering impurities before it is poured into the creek
- Enhances real estate value as a park amenity

## Strategy Applications to Redevelopment Plan

### 5 Bioengineering



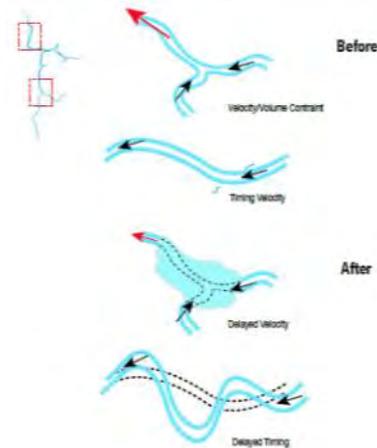
Deepen concrete channel to efficiently increase volume capacity and enhance conveyance

Utilize new design of deepened concrete channel to create new greenway development opportunities adjacent to Proctor Creek

#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Increases water flow efficiency and capacity of Proctor Creek
- Keeps the flood plain defined boundaries from increasing in size with more uncontrolled development
- Creates multiple real estate enhancement opportunities for developing park leisure space within the flood plain, once water is re-channeled

### 7 Retention

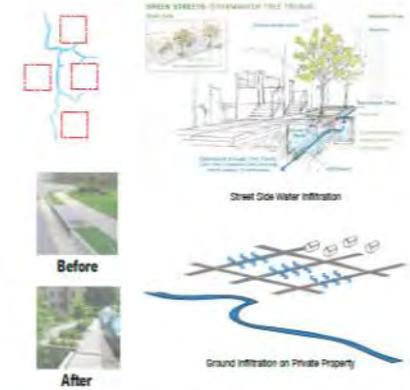


#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Retention ponds delay water flow velocity, slowing down large amounts of water flowing downstream, releasing only a portion of input flow
- Re-directed conveyance channels increase distance of flow and therefore slow down timing of water flow downstream and increase volume capacity over more land coverage



### 6 Infiltrate



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Retains small quantities of water locally and therefore alleviating large storm runoff flows into the city stormwater system and Proctor Creek
- Integrates green stormwater infrastructure in established street Right-of-Ways for easy construction and maintenance
- Slows down water velocity with ground absorption

### 8 Collection



#### Benefits/Advantages:

- Retains small to large quantities of water domestically and limiting storm runoff flow into the city stormwater system and Proctor Creek
- Water infiltrated and collected on individual sites can be reused for local work functions by private landowners and public entities
- Uses include: Irrigation, Park Land Maintenance, Indoor 'grey water' Plumbing, and servicing amenity water features

# PROCTOR CREEK GREENWAY

Illustrative Master Plan (Scale 1" = 150')

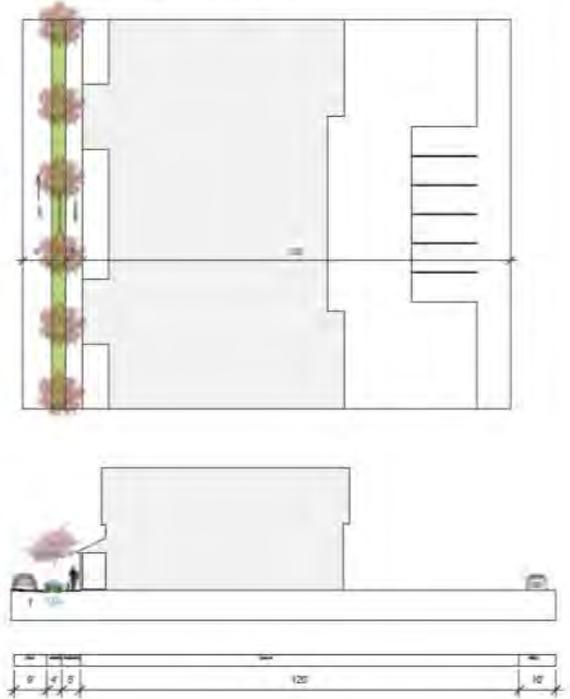


# DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

## North Avenue Perspective



## Street Design



Subdivision Green Street

# Subdivision

Subdivision of parcels was divided to be as flexible as possible for various degrees of density and development. The typical parcel size is 65 ft. by 120 ft. which allows a range for low density development to high density development with integrated parking.

Frontage is important in the division of land. Parcels adjacent to a transit right of way face away from the transit corridor. Parcels adjacent to the Beltline and Flood Plain front towards the land in order to increase value along these corridors.

In Maddox Park, the pavilion remains as a memorial and key component to the newly subdivided land.

Right of ways connect vital urban corridors while respecting the lay of the terrain.

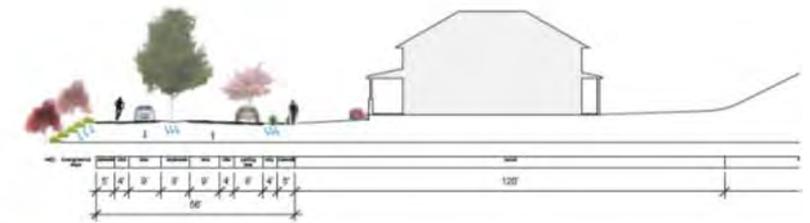
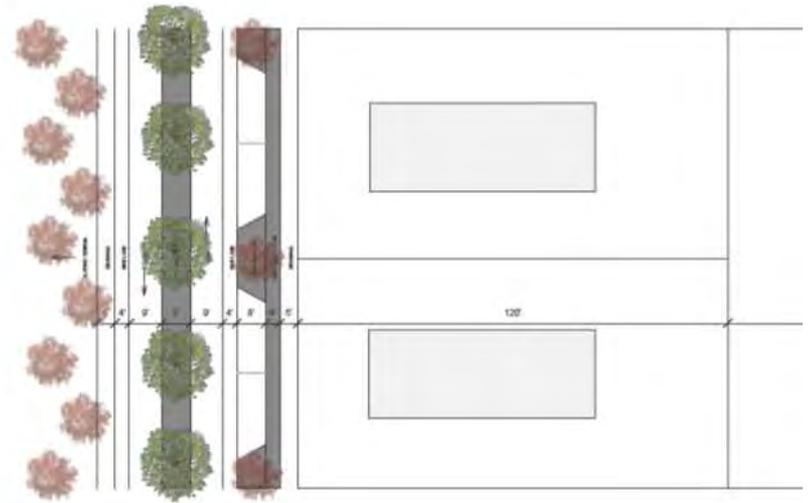


Current Spatial System



Proposed Spatial System

- |                |                     |  |
|----------------|---------------------|--|
| Current Street | Current Main Street |  |
| Railway        | Proposed Street     |  |
| Beltline       | Pedestrian Path     |  |
| Marta          | Linear Park         |  |



North Avenue at Park

# Structure and System



Structural System



Right of Way System



Pedestrian System



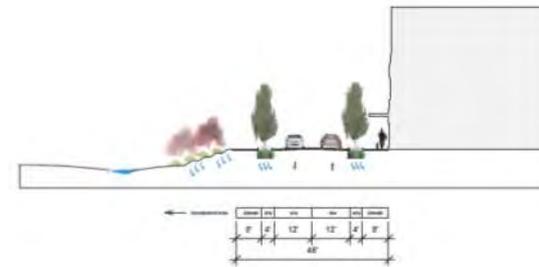
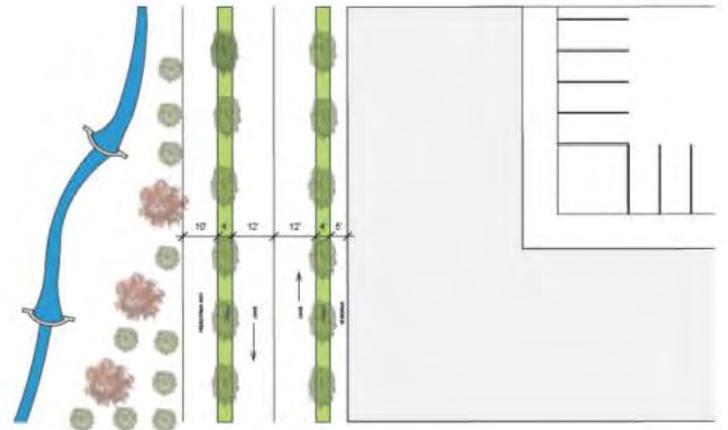
Function System



Node System



Interrelated System



Urban Street at Park



**Ansley Mall**  
**Clear Creek Greenway**

# EXISTING CONDITIONS

UBLIC NODES EXISTING



GREENWAY EXISTING

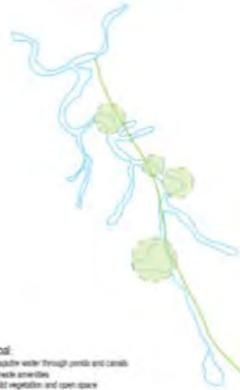


# EXISTING SITE FEATURES



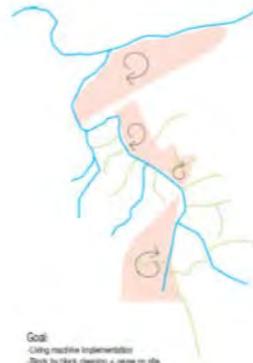
# SCHEMES

Water Detention



Goal:  
 Quash water through ponds and basins  
 Create amenities  
 Add vegetation and open space

Filter + Reuse



Goal:  
 Carry reactive implementation  
 Block by block cleaning + reuse on site  
 Create 8-foot high stormwater plant  
 Water reuse for commercial + public spaces

Public Space Performance



Goal:  
 Activate Beltline  
 Waterway woven into urban fabric  
 Identify public space change with water level  
 Maintaining flood plain

# STRATEGIES

Water Capture



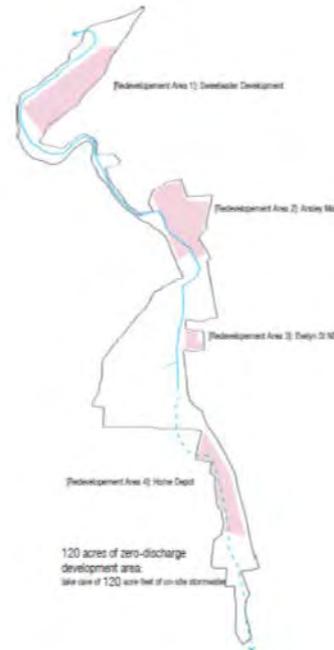
13 acres of retention area  
 hold 130 acre-feet of water (55% of  
 "total volume") during flooding

Greenway + Filter



4600 feet of aisle:  
 30% of the new sidewalk 10' wide and  
 cleared wide

Redevelopment Zones



120 acres of zero-discharge  
 development area  
 take care of 120 acre-feet of on-site stormwater

Public Nodes



7 beltline transit stations  
 connect Cleveland Creek to 22 miles of transit  
 and development

Water Capture Example:  
Clara Meer Retention Pond



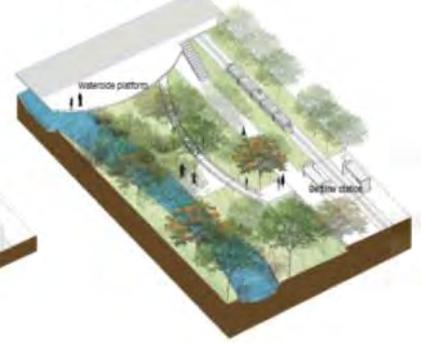
Swale Example:  
North Piedmont Park Swale



Redevelopment Zone Example:  
Green block+ Green street



Transit Example:  
Belkline Southern Station

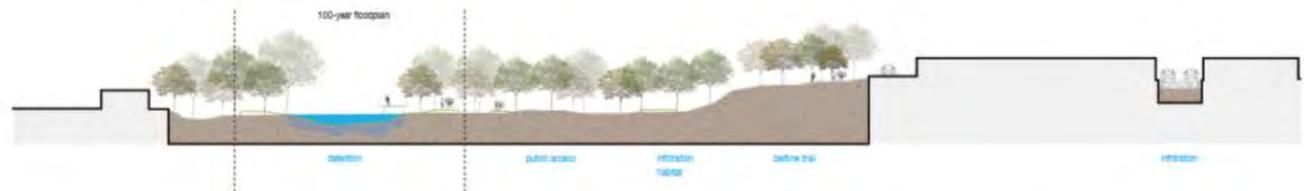


# PROPOSED SECTIONS

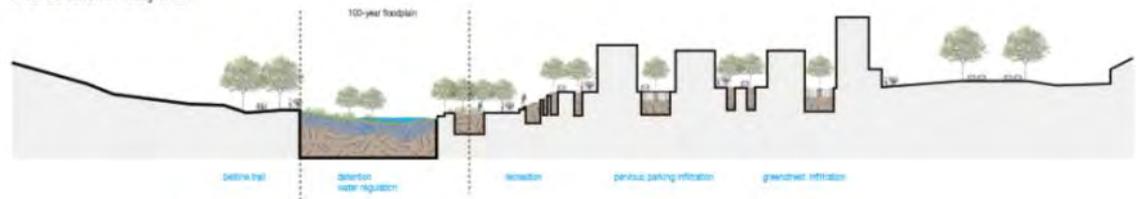
Section Key



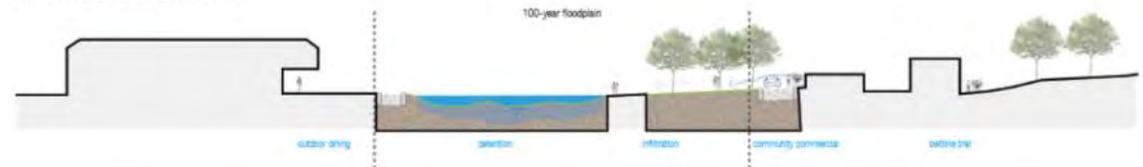
A-A Section: Sweetwater District



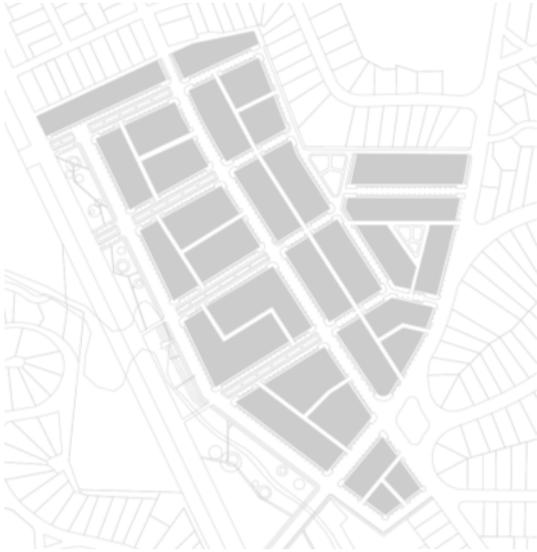
B-B Section: Ansley Mall



C-C Section: Clear Creek Center



# SUBDIVISION PLANS AND PHASING



# PERSPECTIVES OF NEW WATER SYSTEM



# CLEAR CREEK GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC NODES PROPOSAL

GREENWAY MASTERPLAN



# Conclusions



- Utilizing park space and floodplains (Proctor Creek)
- Land swap opportunities (Colonial Homes)
- Specific conditions of hard vs. soft infrastructure (University Avenue)
- Private landowners are responsible for their developments (Ansley Mall/Clear Creek Greenway)