

Big Plans for Coastal Georgia

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Quality Of Life

Climate Change and Resiliency

Healthy Environments and Healthy Living

Economic Development and Tourism

Connectivity and Accessibility

Housing

Savannah Forward



SAVANNAH FORWARD

Vision

Savannah, an extraordinary place to live, learn and prosper.

Mission

The mission of the City of Savannah is to provide exceptional public services to residents, businesses and guests so they may experience a safe, healthy and thriving community.



Public Safety

People feel safe in their neighborhoods and the crime rate is low



Infrastructure

Safe and reliable infrastructure that supports public safety, community well-being and economic vitality



Neighborhood Revitalization

Neighborhood access to quality, affordable housing, recreation facilities and programming, and blight reduction



Economic Strength & Poverty Reduction

Resilient and diverse economy, that promotes upward economic mobility and commercial corridor viability for all



Good Government

Exceptional public service to the community, providing high value, quality and transparency to residents



Public Safety

Residents feeling safe in their neighborhoods.



Good Government

Energy efficient government operations.





Infrastructure

Resurfacing City Streets

Sidewalks

Building Flooding

Street Flooding

City Facilities





**Economic Strength &
Poverty Reduction**

Poverty Reduction

Commercial Corridors

Resilient Diversified Economy





Neighborhood Revitalization

**Reestablish & Preserve
Neighborhoods**

City-Owned Properties

**Mobility & Neighborhood
Connectivity**

Access To Recreation

**Access To Quality
Housing**



NewZo

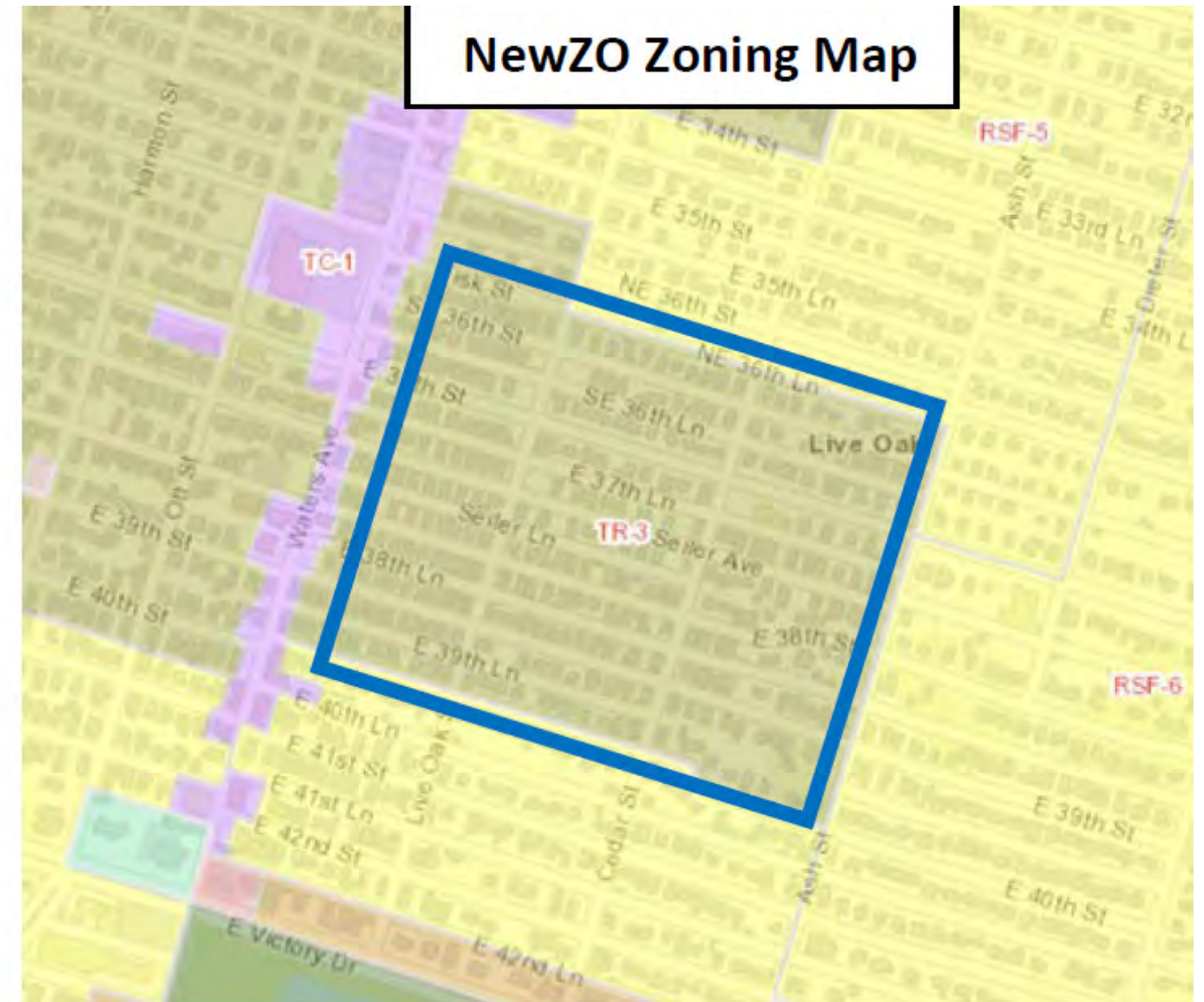
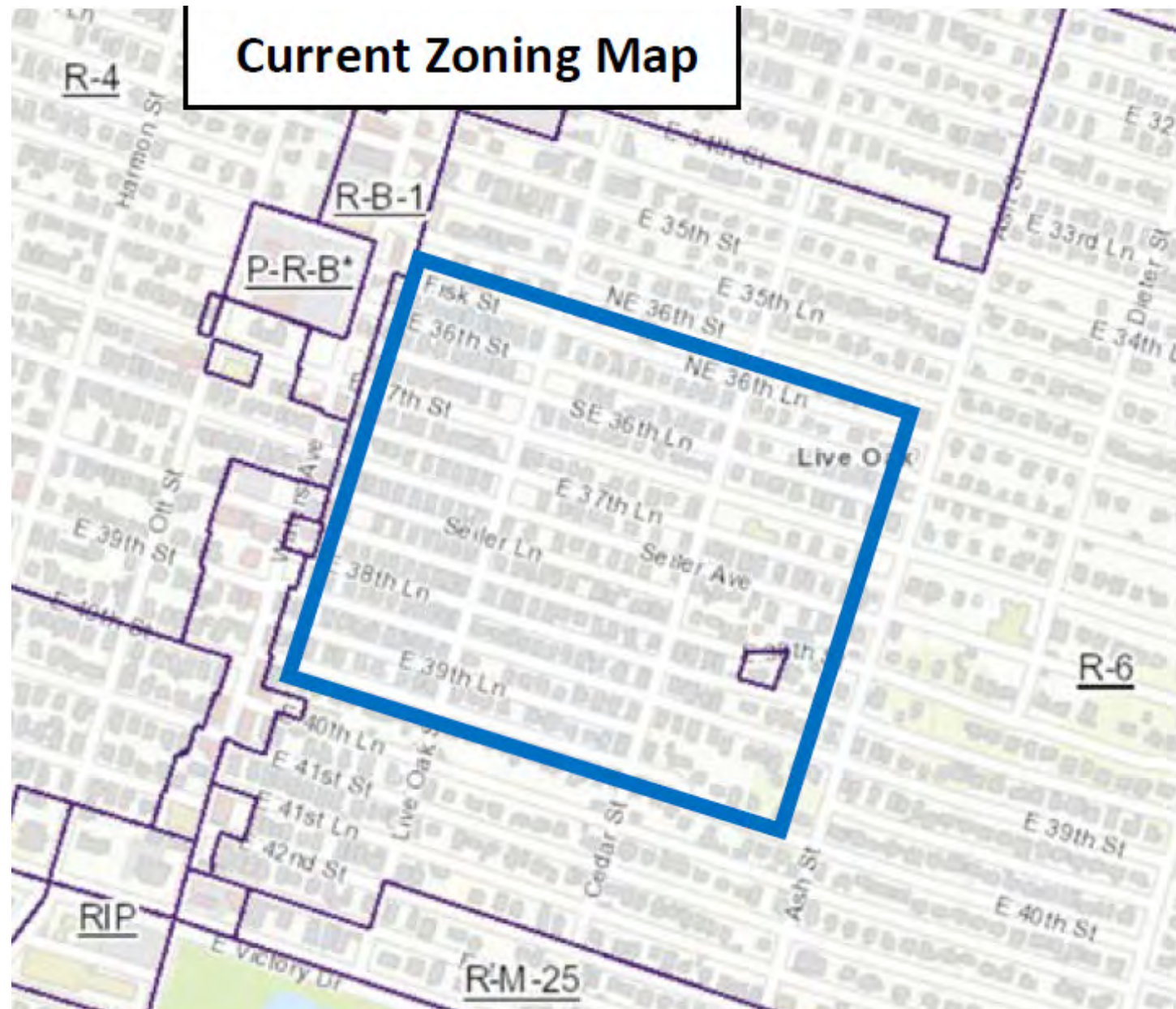


NewZo

Why a new ordinance?

Outdated ordinance (1960)

Numerous zoning districts (70+)



The Benefits

Organizes information and less cumbersome

Provides clearer processes for applications and review procedures

- MPC and City's roles clearly articulated
- Rezoning map amendments, text amendments and variances

Public notice requirements

- Outreach to neighborhoods
- Pre-meeting requirements for most applications

Updates use tables

Removes archaic language and revamps definitions

Updates parking standards and relates to Parking Matters recommendations

Expands options for mixed-use development

- Nearly every business and office district provide for upper-story residential

Complies with State Code

- Establishment of Historic Preservation Commission

Revamps Planned Development process

NewZo

Effective Date

Effective Date: September 1, 2019

From Effective Date through February 29, 2020

Any new development submitted may be reviewed under the former ordinance or NewZO at the discretion of the developer

Selection made at the time of application submittal and development standards of the ordinance chosen shall be applied

Canal District Master Plan

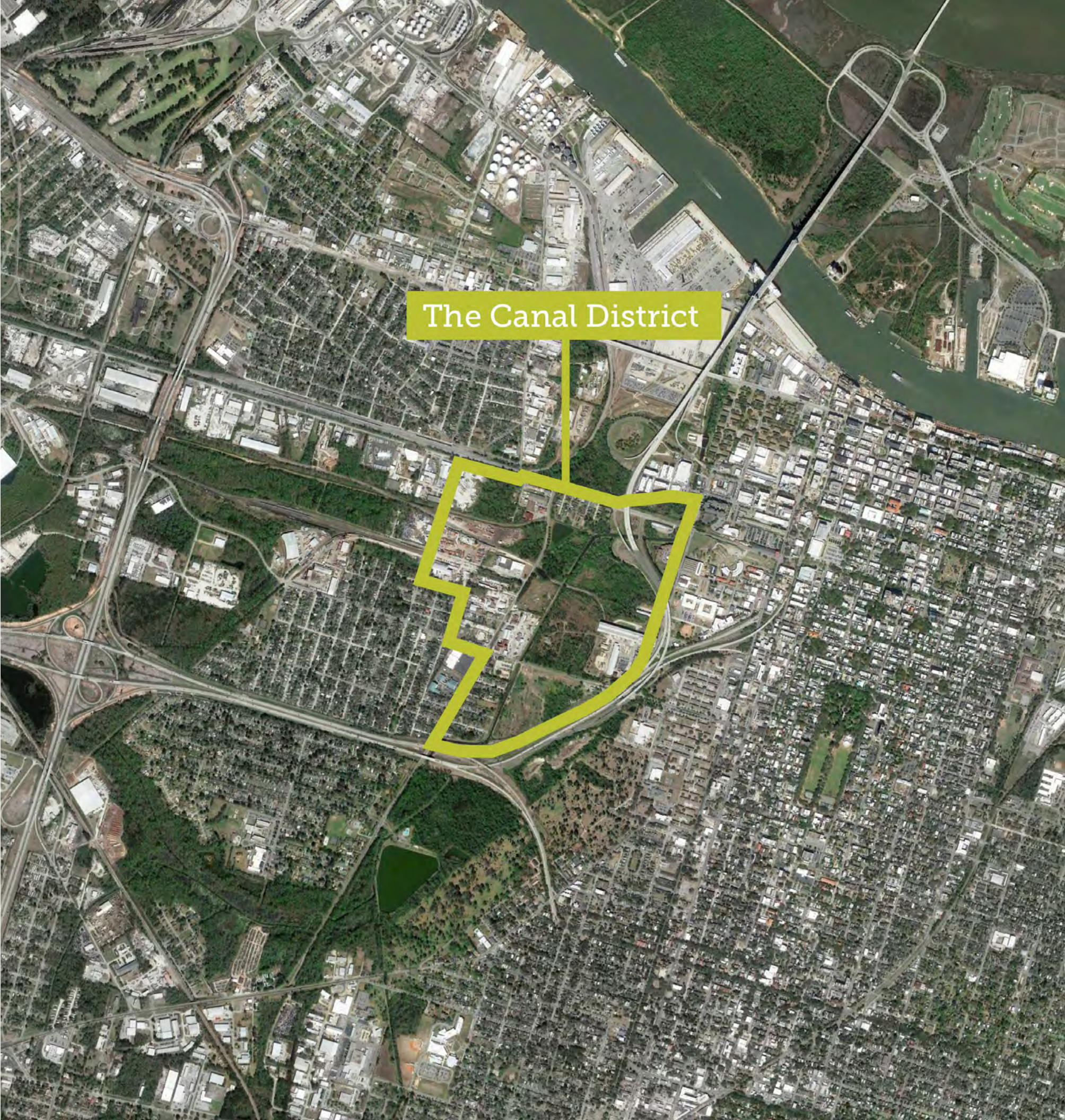


Canal District Master Plan

The Planning Team

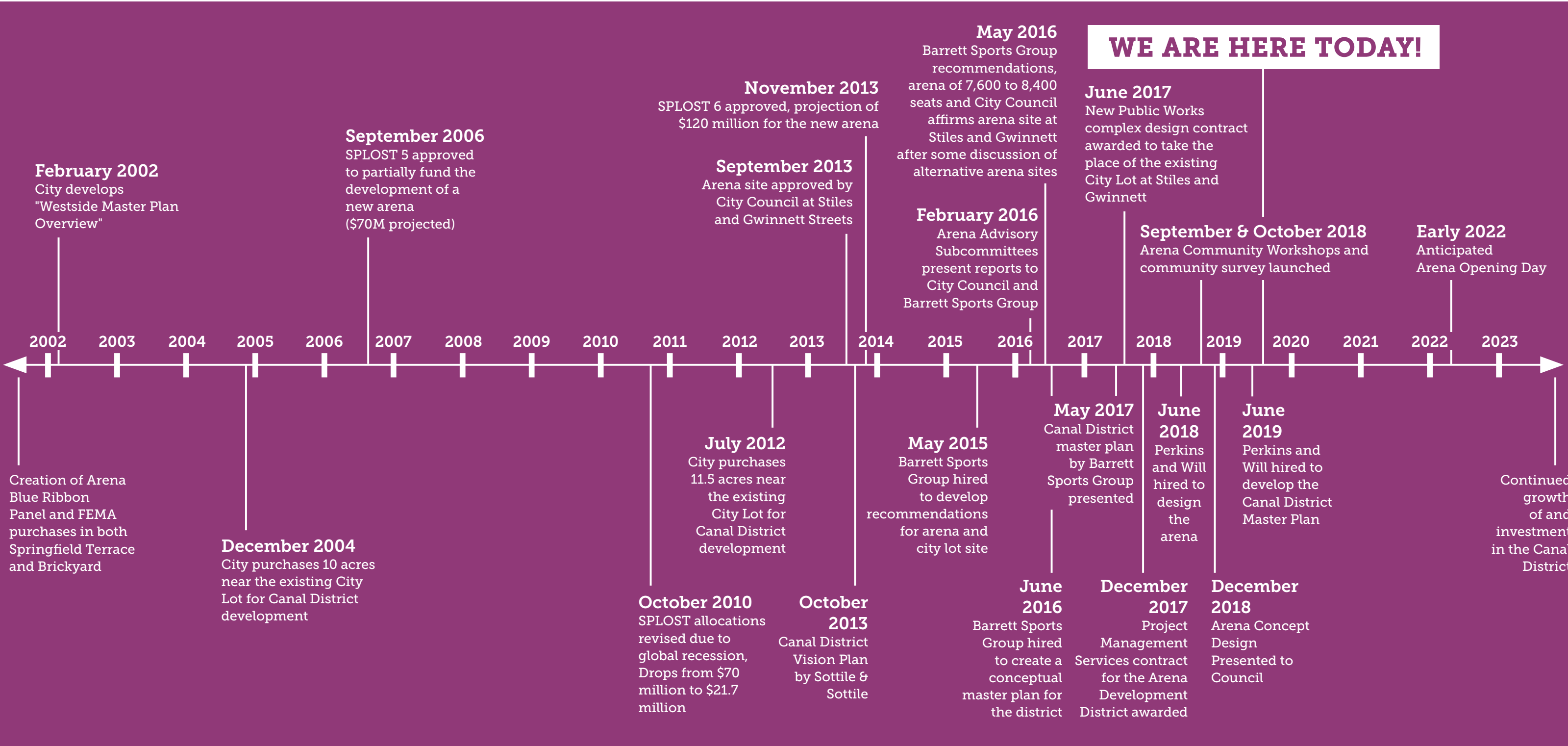


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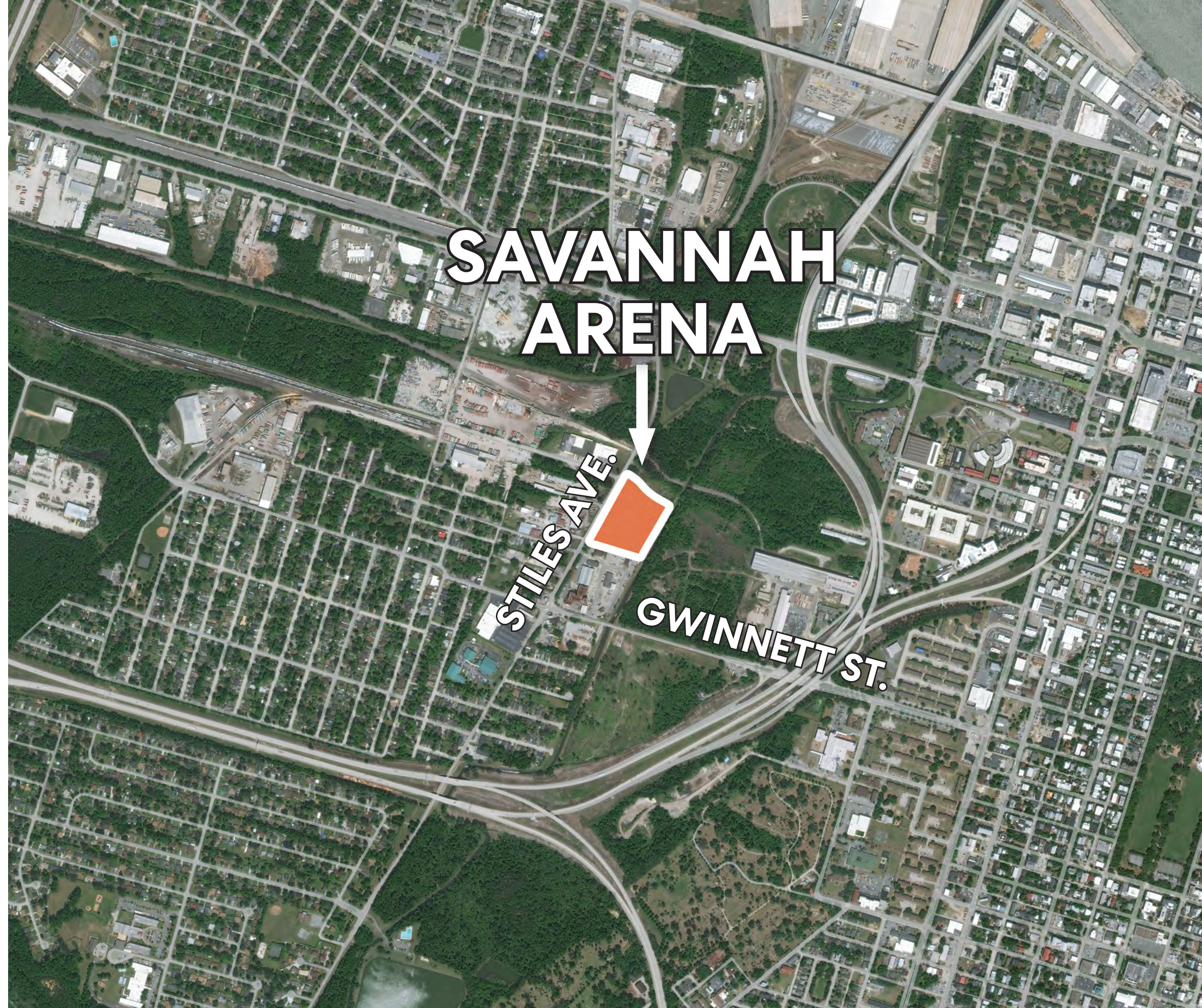


The Bigger Picture

Canal District Planning Timeline



Savannah Arena
**The Arena
in Context**



Savannah Arena

View from Canal



Savannah Arena

View from Stiles Avenue



Savannah Arena

The Site Today

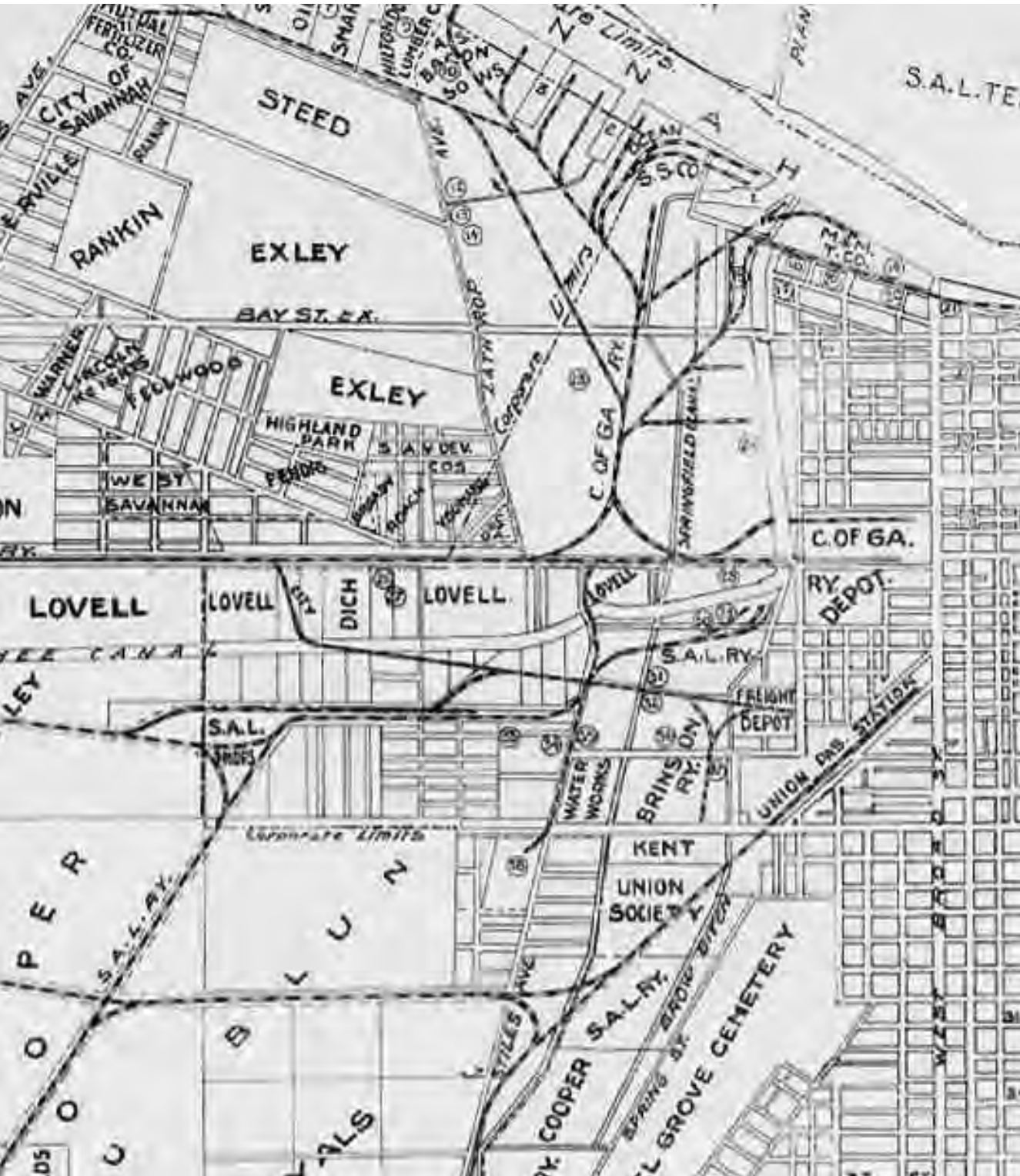


Savannah Arena
**A District
with an
Arena**



The Canal District

A Place with a Past

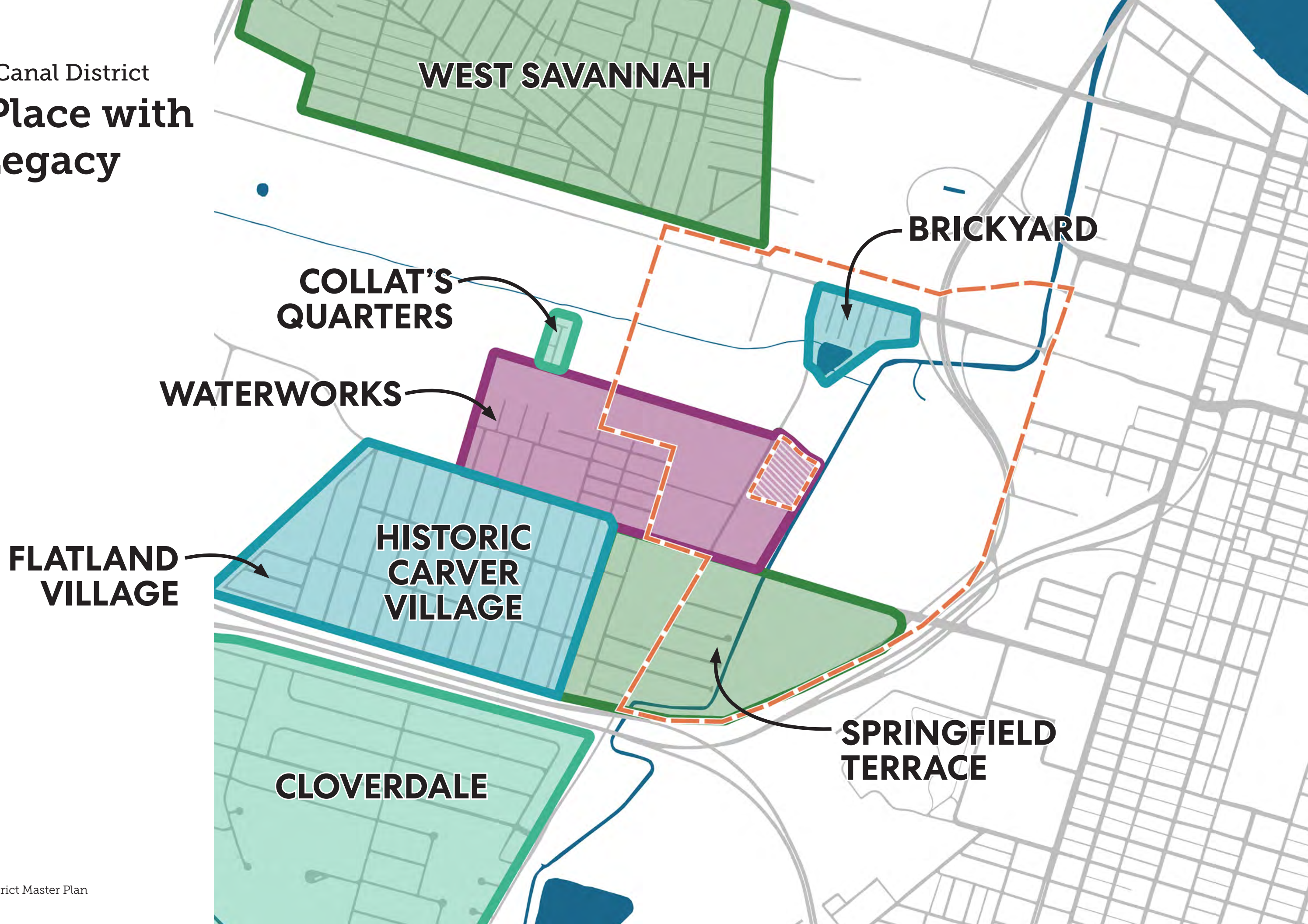


The Canal District

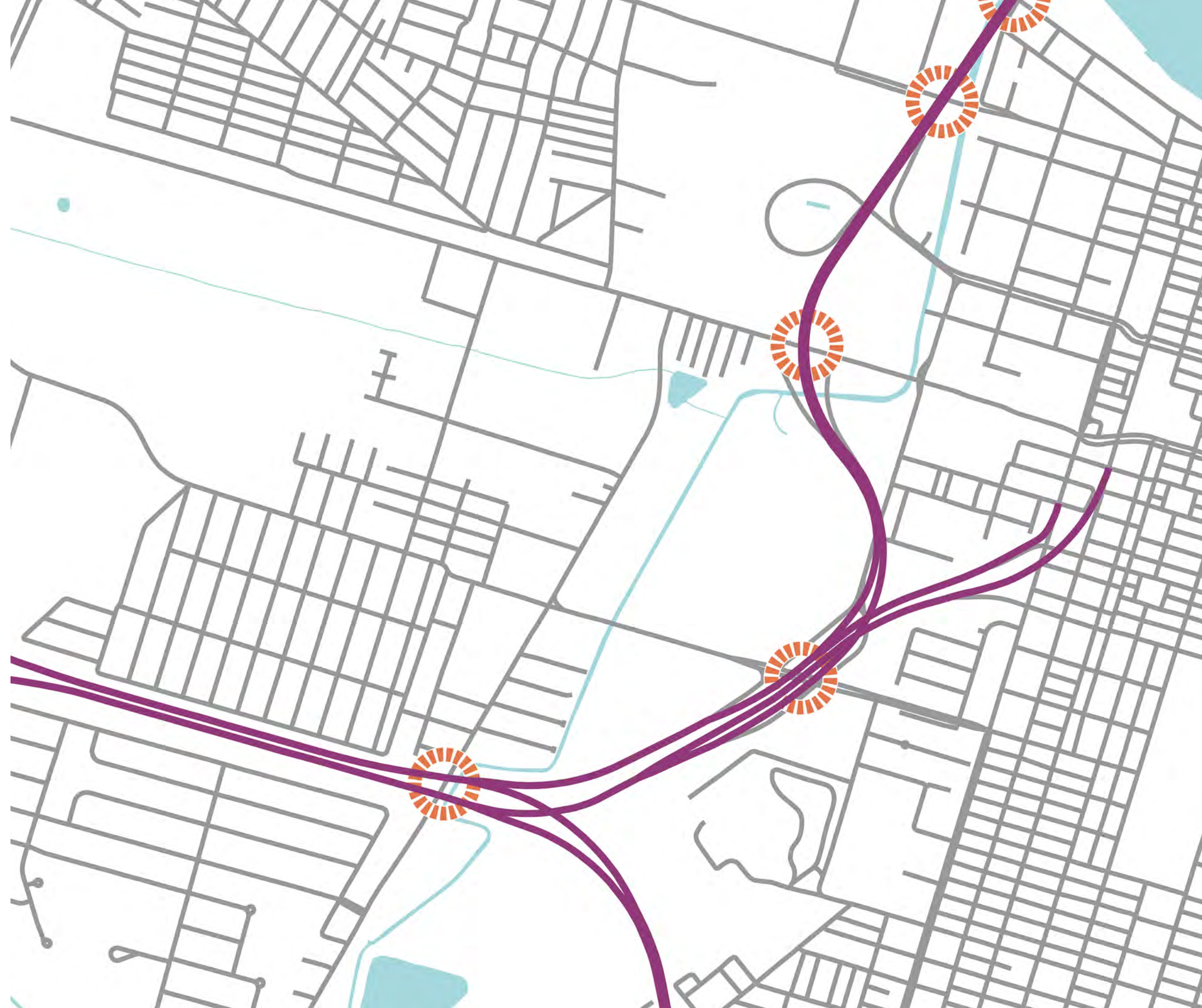
A Place with a Past



The Canal District
**A Place with
a Legacy**



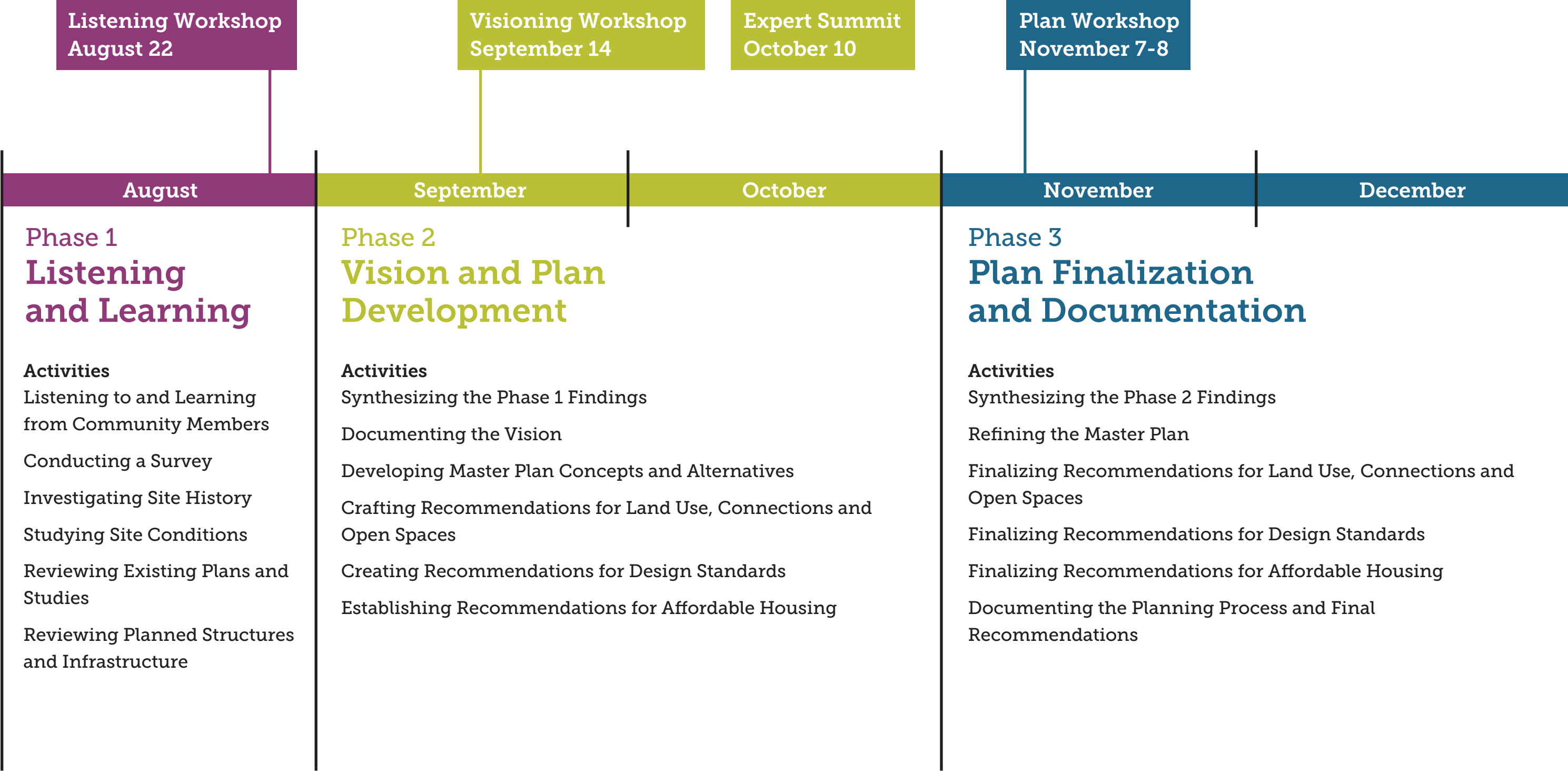
The Canal District
**A Place to
Connect**



The Canal District
**A Place
with Nature**



Canal District Master Plan Project Timeline



Phase 1
Listening and Learning

- Activities**
- Listening to and Learning from Community Members
 - Conducting a Survey
 - Investigating Site History
 - Studying Site Conditions
 - Reviewing Existing Plans and Studies
 - Reviewing Planned Structures and Infrastructure

Phase 2
Vision and Plan Development

- Activities**
- Synthesizing the Phase 1 Findings
 - Documenting the Vision
 - Developing Master Plan Concepts and Alternatives
 - Crafting Recommendations for Land Use, Connections and Open Spaces
 - Creating Recommendations for Design Standards
 - Establishing Recommendations for Affordable Housing

Phase 3
Plan Finalization and Documentation

- Activities**
- Synthesizing the Phase 2 Findings
 - Refining the Master Plan
 - Finalizing Recommendations for Land Use, Connections and Open Spaces
 - Finalizing Recommendations for Design Standards
 - Finalizing Recommendations for Affordable Housing
 - Documenting the Planning Process and Final Recommendations

Listening and learning from each other.

01 Community Vision

What will make the Canal District a successful change for your community?

02 The Canal District

What will make the Canal District a successful change for Savannah?

03 Connections

How can the Canal District connect you to the places you frequent and things you do?

04 Open Spaces

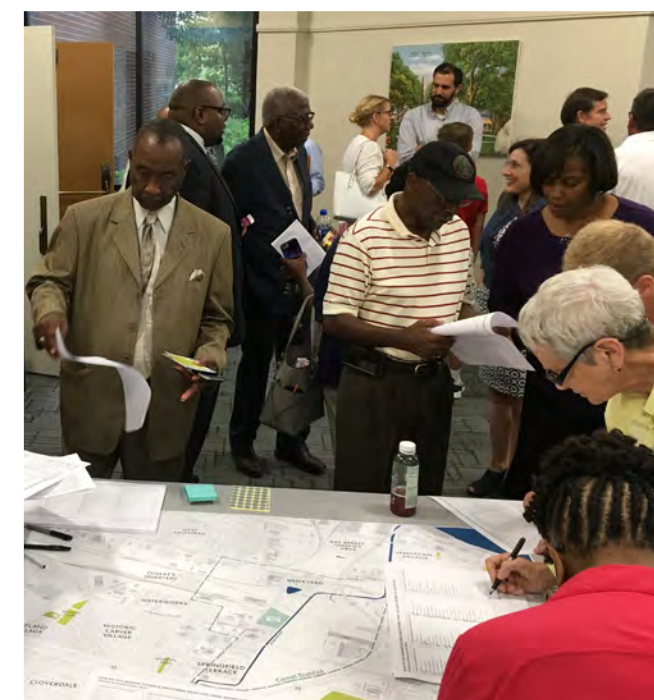
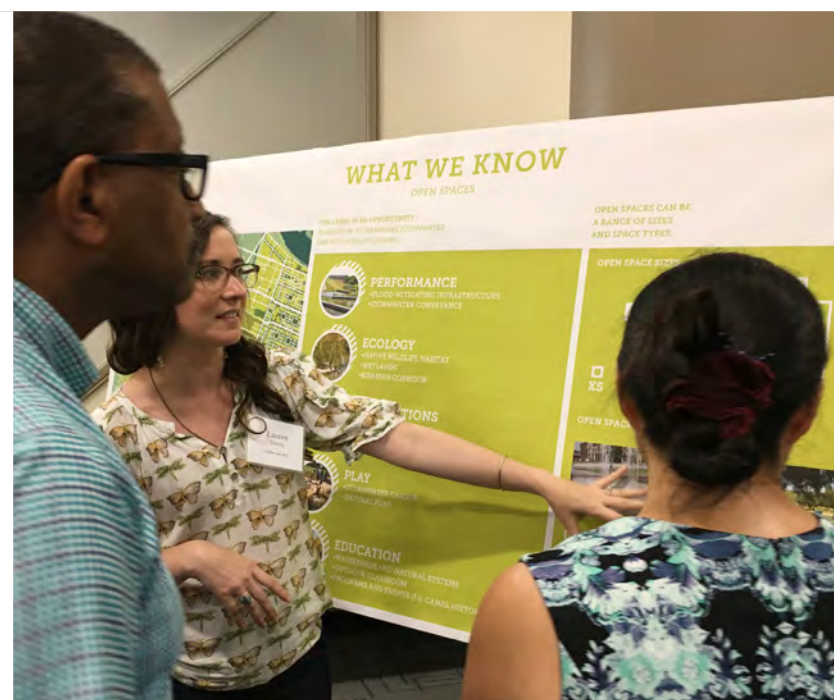
How can the Canal District create civic spaces that you want to use?

05 Additional Priorities

What else do you want us to know?

06 Kid's District

What would make the Canal District a fun place?



Canal District Master Plan

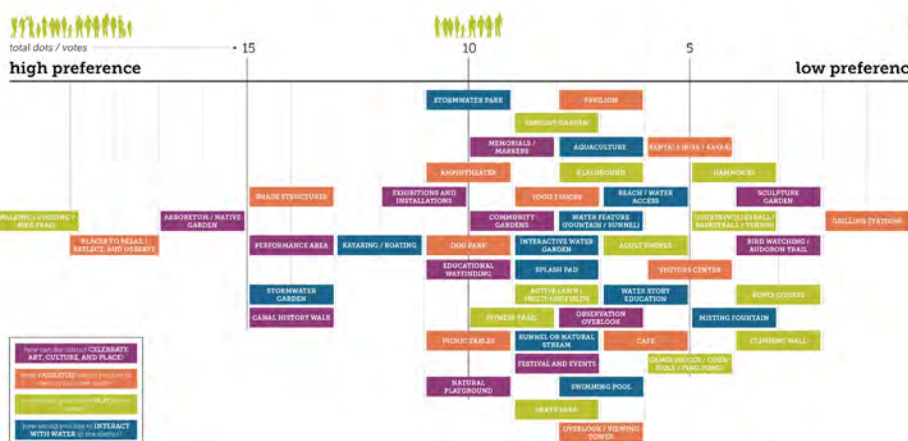
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Program Preferences | Community Input

399 Total Responses



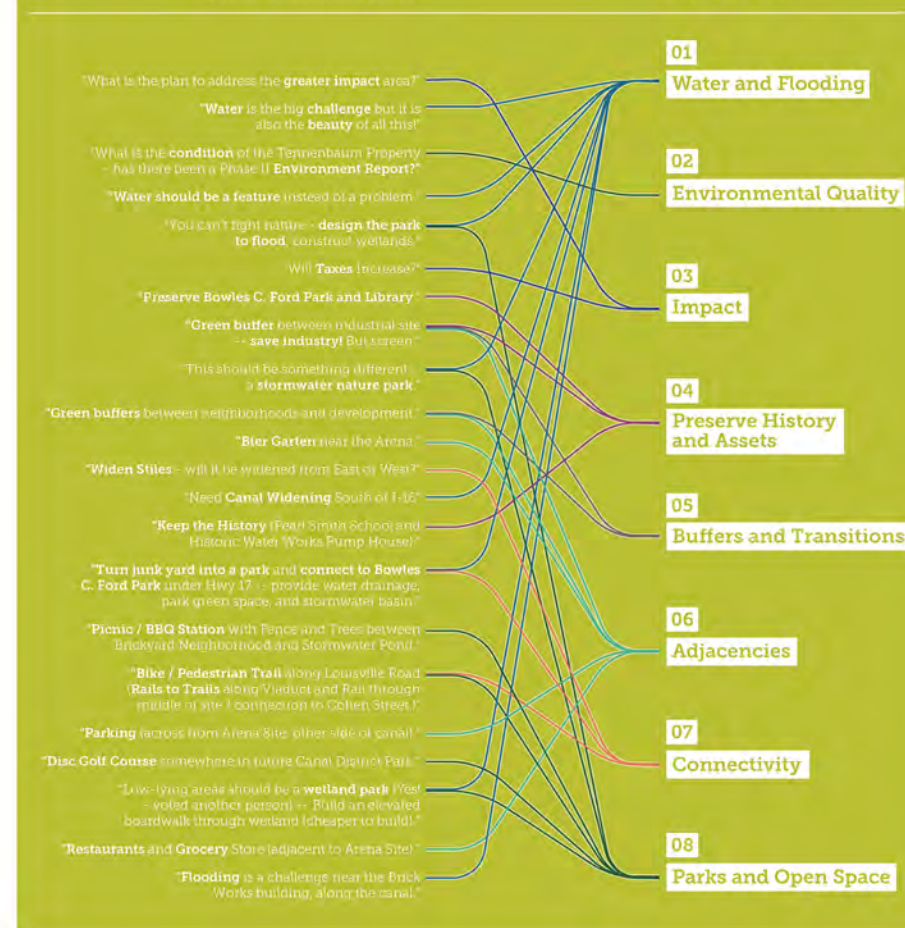
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Your Comments:

Themes:



YOUR OPEN SPACE PRINCIPLES

We've translated your priorities into principles for the Canal District Master Plan. Post your thoughts.



The Canal District Master Plan should integrate infrastructure, historic and natural features, and water management in the design of its open spaces by:

<p>01 Water and Flooding</p> <p>Embracing water and alleviating flooding by design.</p>	<p>02 Environmental Quality</p> <p>Remediating industrial land that will be reclaimed for future urban development.</p>	<p>03 Impact</p> <p>Being sustainably financed and mitigating new burdens on economically sensitive communities.</p>	<p>04 Preserving History and Assets</p> <p>Keeping the historic features that celebrate our heritage and share our stories.</p>
<p>05 Buffers and Transitions</p> <p>Using natural buffers to transition between residential and industrial uses.</p>	<p>06 Adjacencies</p> <p>Clustering active uses near the arena and everyday services near the existing neighborhoods.</p>	<p>07 Connectivity</p> <p>Connecting all parks and destinations in the city through multi-use trails and walkable, bike-friendly streets.</p>	<p>08 Parks and Open Space</p> <p>Embracing the natural features of the site to create recreational uses for everyone.</p>



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