South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center
Community Task Force

SUBGROUP MEETING 1 – MAY 2&3, 2023
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02 Vision, Goals, and Expectations
Vision
The vision for the South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center Community Task Force is to contribute to the policymaking for a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment that provides comprehensive training for all public safety professionals and encourages public interaction with the site.

Goals
The goals for engagement are to:
• Create inclusive and community-driven recommendations for the surrounding green space (300 acres) and the public safety training curriculum.
• Facilitate an inclusive engagement process that incorporates the aspirations and expertise of the Atlantan community.
• Provide opportunities for fact-based education and awareness of the public safety training center and surrounding green space.
Expectations

Engagement activities are centered around the planned development of the site

Recommendations will be delivered to the Mayor and reviewed by the Community Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Task force members are representatives of their community of influence

The Task Force is focused on the 300 acres surrounding the Public Safety Training Facility site

Only selected Task Force members are to participate in the activities
Rules for Engagement

Be Respectful of Others

Be Present; No Substitutions

Silence Cellphones

One Conversation at a Time

In Absence, Review Materials & Provide Comments
Subgroup Meetings

Meeting 1: Inform and Early Visioning
Meeting 2: Final Vision and Early Recommendations
Meeting 3: Recommendations
Meeting 4: Priorities
Meeting 5: Review & Vetting of Final Recommendations for all groups
03 Previous Plans and Studies
Previous Plan Timeline

1999 Historical Analysis of the Atlanta Prison Farm
2017 City Design
2019 Clean Energy Atlanta
2020 Fresh Food Access Report
2021 Phase I Environmental Assessment
2022 Cultural Resource Assessment
2023 CSAC Vision and Mission
2023 An Overview of Public Engagement on ‘Cop City’
2023 Explore South River Forest
2022 Sustainability Annual Report
2021 Activate ATL
2020 Police Executive Research Forum
2017 Vision Safe ATL
2015 COA Climate Action Plan
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Explore South River Forest – 2023

Study Goal: Provide recommendations for the activation and preservation of the South River Forest

Findings:
• Purpose to operate the SRF at its highest and best use, while prioritizing the resiliency of the forest and its surrounding community
• Extensive community engagement was conducted surrounding several topic areas

Recommendations:
• Intergovernmental and community to determine best practices & align with recommendations
• Trail connections and defined greenspaces within the site
• Master plan and planning & zoning tools for land management
Study Goal: Transition the energy sector to be 100% reliant on clean energy.

Findings:
- 60% of the electricity used within city limits comes from commercial buildings
- The City of Atlanta lies largely within the jurisdiction of Georgia Power Company, so their Integrated Resource Plan influences the approach

Recommendations:
- Support EV Integration
- Solar-Ready Building Code
- Commercial Buildings Water Audit Requirement
- Continue Deep Energy retrofits for municipal buildings
- Energy Savings Performance Contract
- Sustainable Building Ordinance
- Net-Zero energy code
Fresh Food Access Report – 2019

Study Goal: 85% of Atlanta residents will be within a half-mile of fresh, affordable food by 2022

Findings:
From 2015 to 2020, the change in low-income low access (LILA) decreased from 59% to 43% of the city area and 52% to 30% of the population, respectively. This leaves the city of Atlanta to reach an additional 15% of people living in LILA in order to reach the goal

Recommendations:
• Remove barriers and incentivize fresh food access for residents from 2020-2022
• Update the 2014 Urban Ag Ordinance to allow for on-site sales for urban farms.
• Enable Special Use Permit (SUP)
Atlanta Climate Action Plan – 2015

Study Goal: a comprehensive document that prioritizes strategic methods to reduce the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)

Findings:
• Contributors to emissions are in commercial activity (40%), transportation (31%), and residential (19%).
• City of Atlanta operations contributed to 65% of emissions from buildings.

Recommendations:
• Ensure new commercial and industrial construction is built to maximize energy efficiency. Establish new code for existing buildings
• LEED compliance
• Transit Oriented Development
• Pedestrian Facilities
• Promote materials reuse for building materials
04 Visioning Exercise
**What**
... is a Vision?

It is a written statement that reflects the goals and objectives of the group, lists future opportunities, and includes a description of what the project/site should look and feel like in the future.

The vision statement guides government, business, and community entities, among others, in decision-making according to the stated goals and objectives of the project/site.

**Why**
... do we need a Vision?

- It serves to frame recommendations toward a shared vision of the future
- It provides a source of inspiration and motivation for implementing plans and keeping the effort on track
- It generates consensus about the direction of the project

**How**
... do we create a Vision?

Through a visioning session in which we can:
- Create a draft vision or update a pre-existing vision for the project/site
- Obtain feedback on specific topics
- Create a framework that will guide future efforts
**Vision**
Describes the long-term outcomes and aspirations for the future of a project

**Goals and Objectives**
- specific, measured, and time bound targets, road map to achieve vision
- objectives are achievable, relevant and time-bound

**Recommendations**
Specific actions an organization can take based on the analysis of the current situation and the objectives set
Previous Plan Vision Statements

"The South River Forest, a proposal for an expansive, 3,500 acre network of connected greenspaces inside I-285 in SE Atlanta and SW DeKalb County, would be protected, connected, and activated as **publicly accessible greenspace providing significant environmental, social, and economic benefits for metro Atlanta's communities.**" - Explore South River Forest Plan (2023)

"Our mission is simple, **to make Atlanta the safest large city in the nation**, but we can’t do this without unified support from community, business and civic leaders." - Vision Safe ATL (2017)

"The Atlanta Police Academy will provide or make available to employees, training which is required by Georgia POST, the City of Atlanta (COA) and the Department, as well as any other training necessary to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the Department. **The Academy will seek to provide training to allow employees to obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide a safe and secure environment for the City of Atlanta.**" - APD Academy Curriculum (2023)
Task Group Areas

Group 1: Parks & Greenspace
Develop programming for passive and active uses of the land, while preserving its natural ecology.

Group 2: Police, Fire, and E911 Curriculum
Provide input on the collaborative potential and direction of the public safety curriculum.

Group 3: Sustainability & Resilience
Introduce and encourage the use of best practices with regards to infrastructure and development.

Group 4: Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the former Atlanta Prison Farm Site
Contextualize the future best use of the Atlanta Prison Farm Site given its history.
Warm up Exercise

On Mentimeter, please respond to the following prompts:

• What are your desired outcomes for this subgroups?
• What do you hope to contribute to this project?
On Mentimeter, please respond to the following prompt:

Which words are most relevant to your vision for the South River Forest pertaining to Sustainability and Resilience?

Multigenerational
  Diversity
  Sustainability
  Vibrancy
  Equity
  Safety
  Healthy
  Economic
  Opportunity
  Education
  Greenspace
  Revitalization

Community
  Development
  Resiliency
  Entrepreneurship
  Growth
  Civic
  Recreational
  Modern
  Traditional
  Respectful
  Historic Preservation
  Affordability

Walkable
  Heritage
  Transit
  Family
  Culture
  Responsibility
  Parks
  Bikes
  Goods & Services
  Gateway
Examples of Vision Statements – Sustainability and Resilience

“85% of Atlanta residents will be within a half-mile of fresh, affordable food by 2022” – Fresh Food Access Report (2019)

"South River Park - These thousand acres will be claimed for a massive new park" - City Design (2017)

“We see an active educational community encouraging environmental awareness, regenerative design, and healthy living. We envision a beautiful place with comfortable and sustainable buildings that make efficient use of abundant clean renewable energy.”

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• Week 2 – Final Vision/Early Recommendations
• City staff presentations of best practices/current initiatives
# Task Group Schedule

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Large Group Final Recommendations

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 • 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
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