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# CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERLANDS GREENWAY STUDY

# PUBLIC FORUMS SUMMARY

**SATURDAY JUNE 22 & SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2019**

**SUBMITTED ON 06/28/2019**

 **Chattahoochee  
RiverLands**

# OVERVIEW

## THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERLANDS STUDY

The **Chattahoochee River** is one of Metro Atlanta's greatest natural assets. Yet for much of its recent history the river has been hidden and its lands and neighbors disconnected. The Chattahoochee RiverLands will follow the river and unite the region by linking suburban, urban, and rural communities into a **continuous 100-mile public realm**. More than a single trail, the RiverLands is a **linear network of greenways and blueways that will bring people to the water's edge**, promote stewardship and conservation of the river, and reveal the subtle magic of the Chattahoochee to all.

The Chattahoochee RiverLands Study is managed by a joint **Project Management Team** consisting of **the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Trust for Public Land, Cobb County, and the City of Atlanta**. The Design Team is led by **SCAPE Landscape Architecture** with collaborators in Transportation & Multi-Modal Trail Design (**Gresham Smith**), Anthropology & History (**New South Associates**), Ecological Design & Planning (**Biohabitats**), Environmental Justice (**Dr. Na'Taki Osborne Jelks**), Geography (**Dr. Richard Milligan**) and Environmental Engineering (**Edwards-Pitman**).

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The study's public engagement strategy is meant to both **invite new participants to the table and to build upon the strong and engaged communities** already working along the River. The **Public Forums** are designed to be informational and accessible meetings with science-fair style stations led by the Design Team and local stakeholders. Public Forums are a chance for the Design Team to **inform the public on project status** and goals, and to **create an accessible platform for two-way face-to-face communication** including hearing concerns from impacted community members.

Public Forums are meant to be **inclusive, accessible and open** to the general public, residents of the watershed and those impacted by the Greenway Study process and future plans. This event type is designed to engage a broad spectrum of people, including people who may not yet have a relationship with the river. Public Forums will be announced on the website at [www.chattahoocheeriverlands.com](http://www.chattahoocheeriverlands.com).

## FORMAT OF THE PUBLIC FORUMS

The two public forums held in June 2019, were the first of a series of events where the public had the opportunity to provide feedback and local insight on the project. Two forums were held the weekend of June 22 to reach the broadest audience possible. The first forum was held on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 11am to 2pm at the Northwest Library at Scott's Crossing in Atlanta. The second forum was held on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1 to 4pm at the Chattahoochee River Environmental Education Center in Johns Creek.

All project materials shared are available on the **project website: [www.chattahoocheeriverlands.com](http://www.chattahoocheeriverlands.com)**

The forums were set up with four main stations:

- Introduction to the **Project Area and Project Team**
- **Research:** Existing Conditions Analysis of historical resources, the demographics of the area, current connections & access to the River and the ecology of the RiverLands. The existing conditions analysis can be downloaded online at [www.chattahoocheeriverlands.com](http://www.chattahoocheeriverlands.com).
- Revealing the RiverLands: **Project Vision and Goals in DRAFT form**. Draft materials were presented to the community to solicit feedback. The team will integrate comments where appropriate. The Project Vision and Goals document will be finalized based on feedback received at the public forums and uploaded to the website.
- An introduction to the **Pilot Site** and Existing Conditions Inventory in Cobb County.
- An interactive mapping exercise. Visitors were invited to share their thoughts, criticisms and aspirations via comment pins and hand written notes onto a large format map representing the full 100-mile project area.

## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT TABLED AT THE PUBLIC FORUMS

- Groundwork Atlanta
- Riverwalk Atlanta
- Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy
- Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

## PRESS COVERAGE

- [CBS 46 "Making the Chattahoochee More Accessible"](#)
- [WABE "100 Miles of Trails and Access to the Chattahoochee - Groups Want Input from the Public"](#)
- [AJC Chattahoochee Riverlands, Project Topic of June Meetings](#)
- [Channel 2 "Chattahoochee Working Group Seeks Community Input for Vision of Rivers Future"](#)



Public Forum Public Engagement Activity "Lollipops"

# PUBLIC FORUM AT THE LIBRARY

## NORTHWEST LIBRARY AT SCOTT'S CROSSING, 06/22/19

### ATTENDANCE

- Alan Watkins
- Allen Bell (Citizen)
- Bradford Bickley (VOC)
- Charlie Monroe (Cobb Parks)
- Chris Wilkenson (Riverline)
- Craig Pendergrast (TPL/Groundwork)
- Elizabeth Sandlin (ARC)
- Eric Chaney (Riverside)
- Gadi Dreyfuss (Citizen)
- Hazel Beard (Riverline)
- Jennifer Ball (Central Atlanta Progress)
- Jess Schurman (Riverside Park)
- Jim Santo (ARC)
- Jodi Mansbach (Chattahoochee Now)
- Jody Graswell (Gresham Smith)
- Joette Marley (Citizen)
- John Dargle (City of Atlanta)
- John Orr (ARC)
- Jon West (Citizen)
- Karen Clarke (TPL)
- Kim Roemer (Citizen)
- Kofi Wakhisi (ARC)
- Lindsay Wallace (Citizen/Groundwork Atl)
- Mark Erhart (Citizen)
- Melissa Mendori (Riverside, Riverwalk AH)
- Michael Mapp (Citizen)
- Muqita Roberts (Citizen)
- Quyanh Pham (Atlanta City Studio)
- Rita Cole (Citizen)
- Robert Nix (Citizen)
- Roberta Cook (Riverline HA)
- Ross Gandy (Citizen)
- Sarah Ledford (Citizen)
- Sonja Hodges (Citizen)
- Susan Kendall (Riverline)
- Tiffany Baumstork (Citizen)
- Van Hardimon (Van Hardimon Homes)
- Wayne Waldrop (Riverline HA)
- William Hellier (Citizen)

### MAIN TAKEAWAYS

- **Community members hoped the project would address affordability and inclusivity in the Urban Core.** The stretch of the River that runs from the mouth of Peachtree Creek down river to the mouth of Annewakee Creek intersects with the most populated areas in Metro Atlanta, yet includes no public access to the River. Residents asked how the project could address displacement and gentrification as access to the river increases.
- Forum attendees noted the trails should tie into the many **mill ruins**, and **historic ferries** that dot the river. It was also noted that the **Chattahoochee Brick Company** site is an important historic and cultural resource that could be treated as an **education opportunity and memorial site.**
- Attendees of the forum stressed that they wanted to preserve and create **dirt paths** - that not everything should be paved like the BeltLine. Others asked how the project was going to give access to current residents.



Public Forum at the Library - Research Station



Public Forum at the Library



Public Forum at the Library - Groundwork Atlanta Station



Public Forum at the Library - Interactive Map Station



Public Forum at the Library - Interactive Map Station



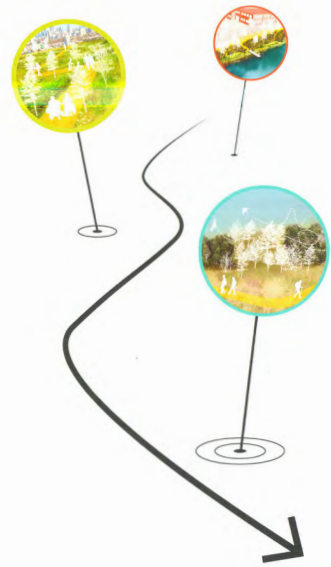
Public Forum at the Library - Riverwalk Atlanta Station



Public Forum at the Library

# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 1

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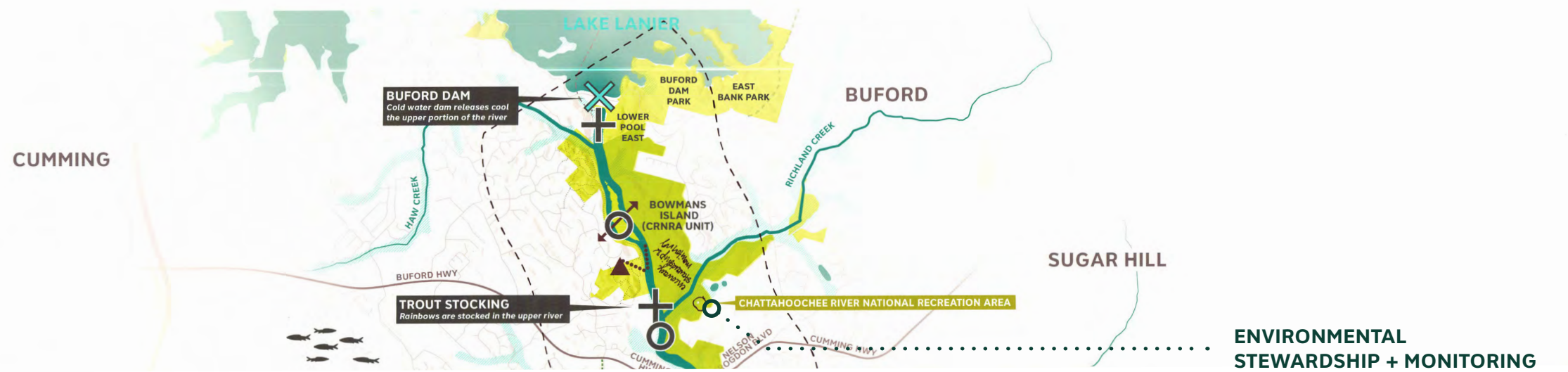
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- 100 YEAR FEMA FLOODPLAIN
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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP + MONITORING



# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 2



SCHOOL



HIKING TRAIL

RECREATIONAL AMENITY



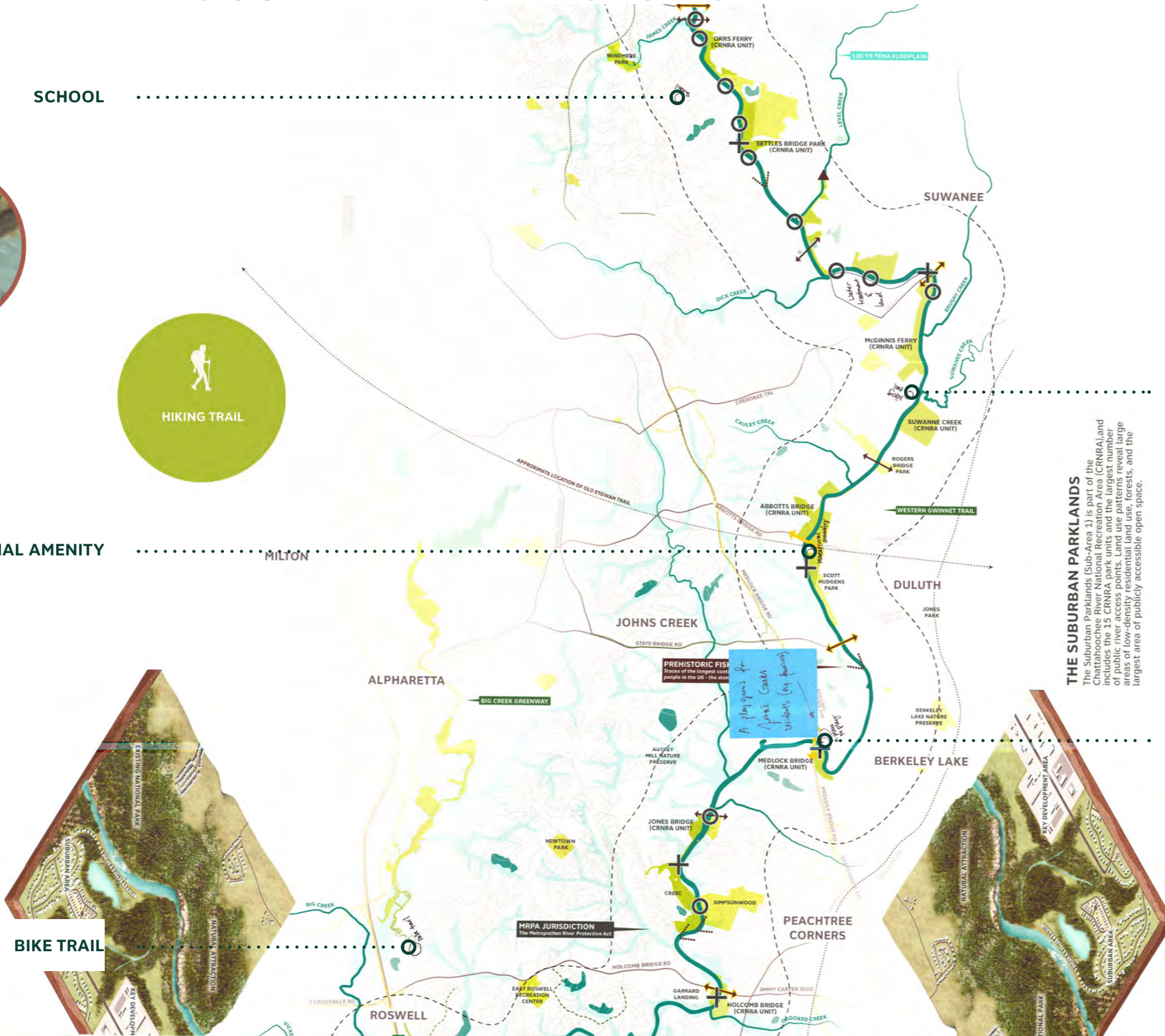
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BIKE TRAIL

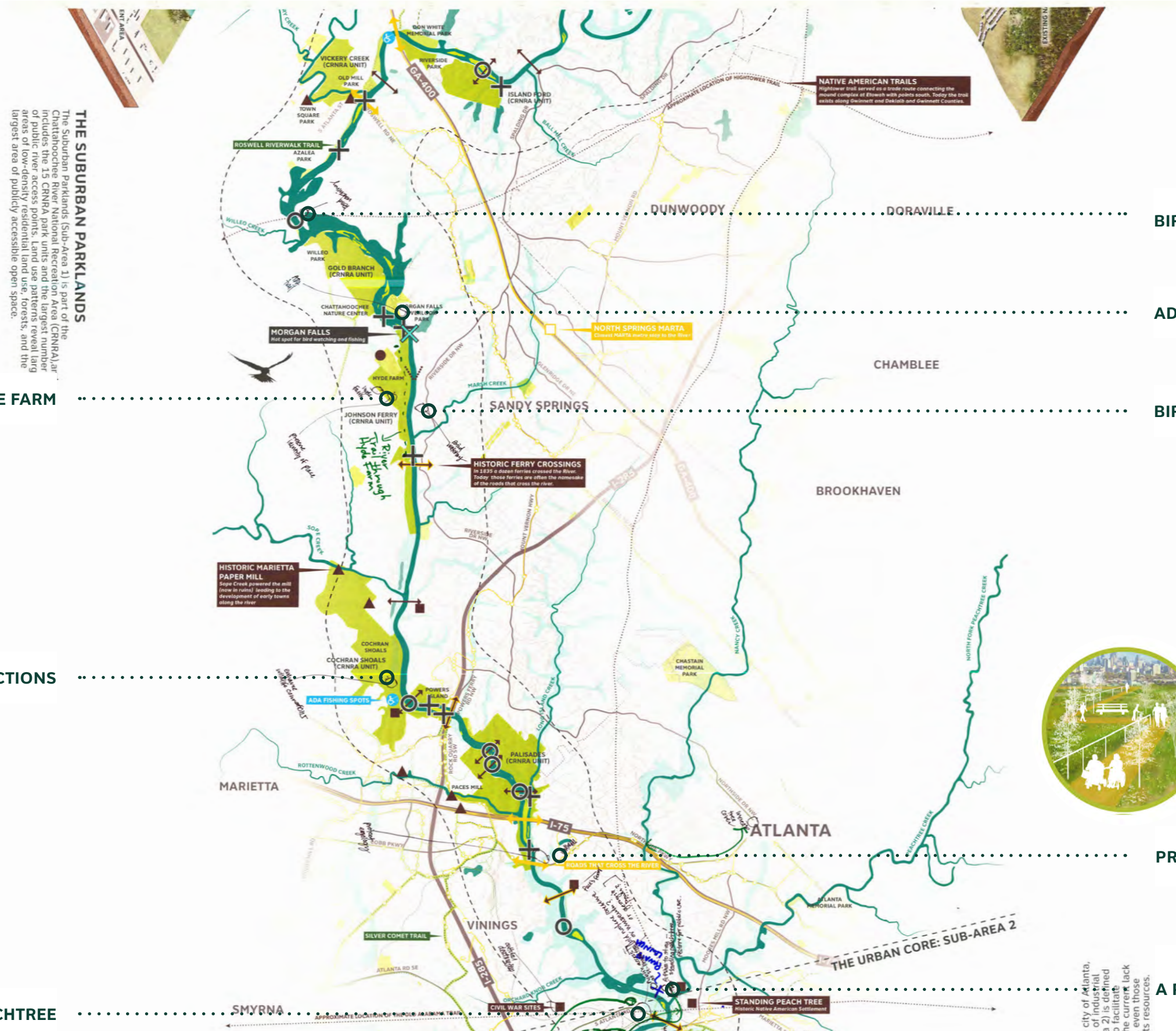


A PLACE TO PLAY



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# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 3



BIRD WATCHING

ADA TRAIL

BIRD WATCHING



PROTECT ECOLOGY

A PLACE TO STAY

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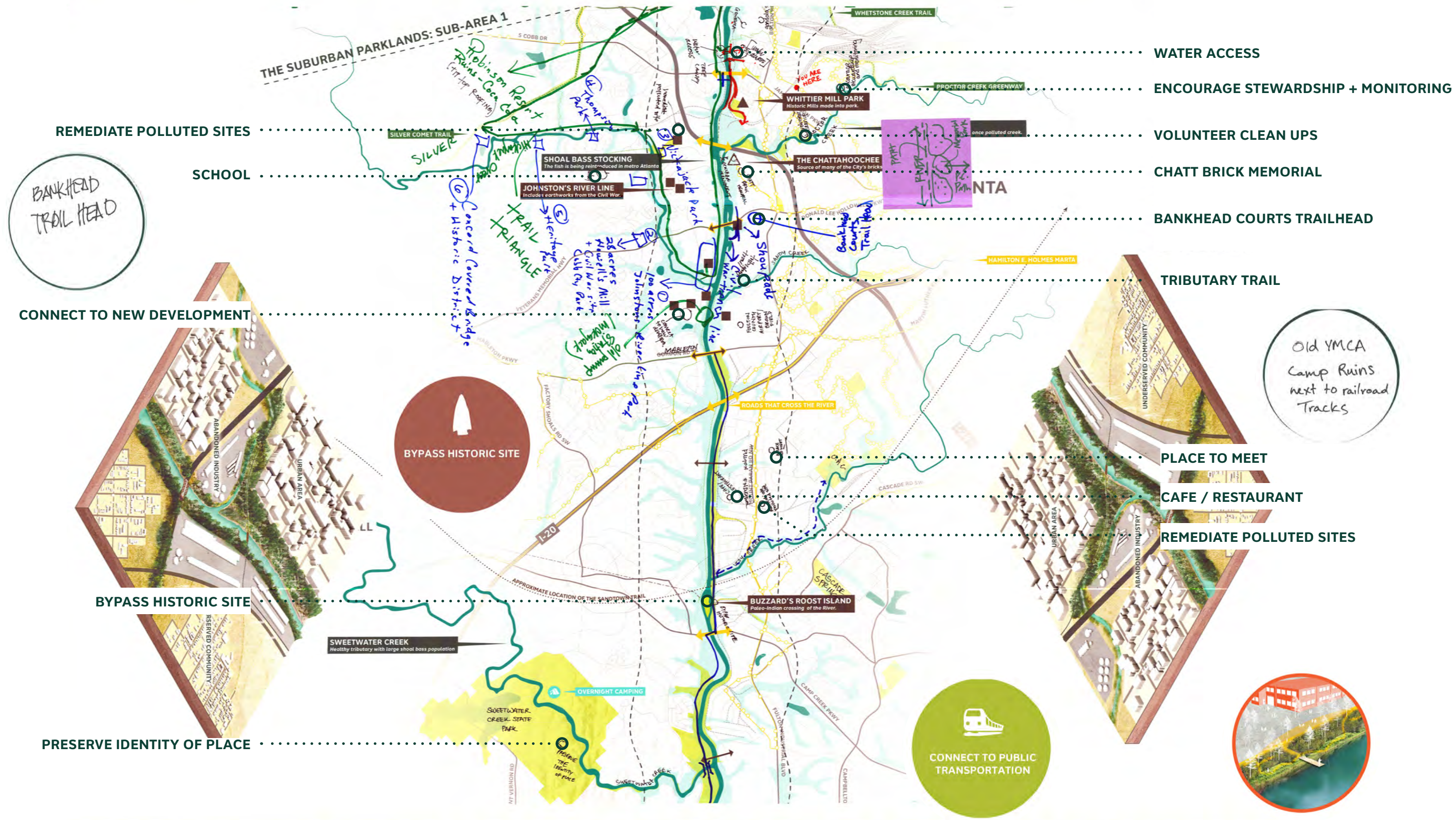


EMBRACE WILDLIFE CONNECTIONS



PUBLIC ACCESS TO STANDING PEACHTREE

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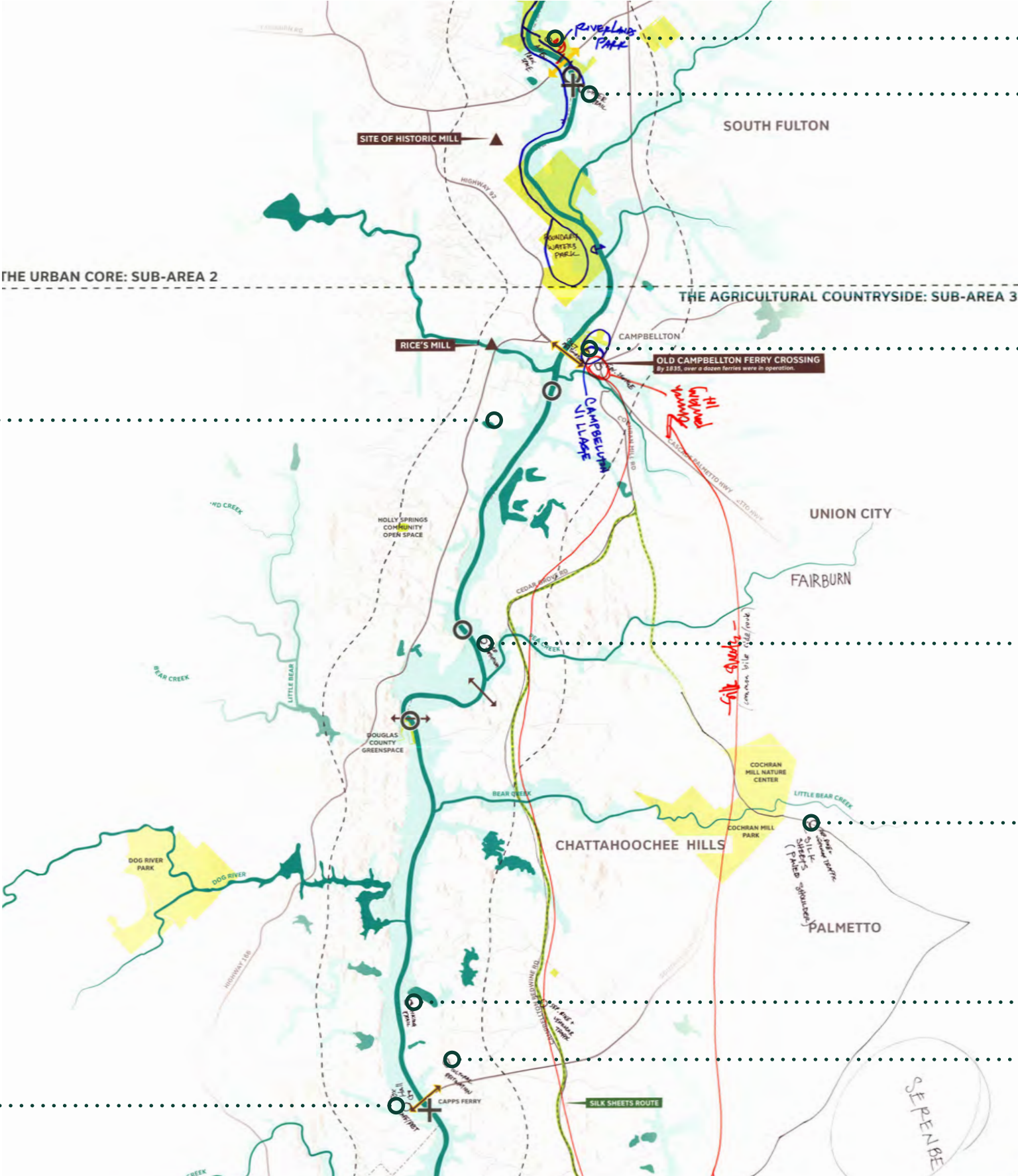
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- ..... VOLUNTEER CLEAN UPS
- ..... CHATT BRICK MEMORIAL
- ..... BANKHEAD COURTS TRAILHEAD

- ..... REMEDIATE POLLUTED SITES
- ..... SCHOOL
- ..... CONNECT TO NEW DEVELOPMENT

- ..... TRIBUTARY TRAIL
- ..... PLACE TO MEET
- ..... CAFE / RESTAURANT
- ..... REMEDIATE POLLUTED SITES

- ..... BYPASS HISTORIC SITE
- ..... PRESERVE IDENTITY OF PLACE

# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 5



NEW PARK SPACE

WATER TRAIL

CULTURAL DESTINATION + EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

BIRD WATCHING

PAVED SHOULDER FOR SILK SHEETS BIKE ROUTE

HIKING TRAIL

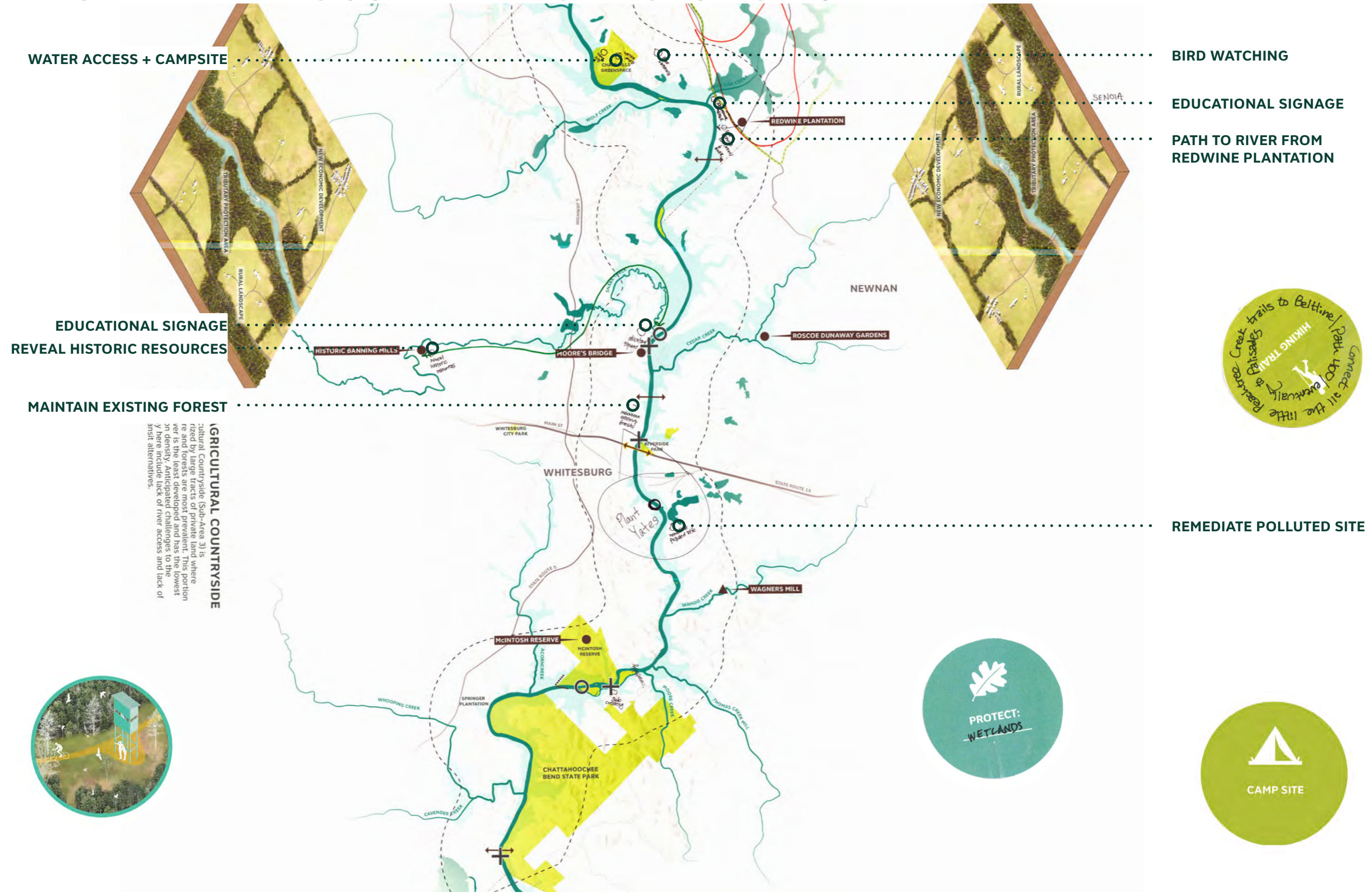
CULTURAL DESTINATION

CONNECT TO NEW DEVELOPMENT



CAFE / RESTAURANT

# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 6



WATER ACCESS + CAMPSITE

BIRD WATCHING

EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

PATH TO RIVER FROM REDWINE PLANTATION

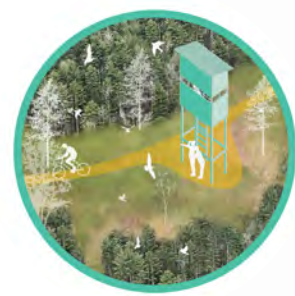
EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE  
REVEAL HISTORIC RESOURCES



MAINTAIN EXISTING FOREST

**AGRICULTURAL COUNTRYSIDE**  
Agricultural Countryside (Sub-Area 3) is characterized by large tracts of private land where rice and forests are most prevalent. This portion is the least developed and has the lowest population density. Anticipated challenges to the study here include lack of river access and lack of visit alternatives.

REMEDIATE POLLUTED SITE



# COMMENT CARDS COLLECTED AT THE LIBRARY

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

it is the most important natural resource of our region - it sustains our settlement and improved our quality of life

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

public access - even passive like parks, picnic areas  
connect trail networks to the new spaces  
kudos for taking on this effort - critical work for the future of the region.

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

I live in Riverside. It's my source of water. I help remove invasive plant species and open up trails along the river. It's iconic.

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

include <sup>Georellolas</sup>  
Art / Education / Clean & Quiet Transport / Trash clean up / Invasive plant removal

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

We have been removing massive amounts of privet along the river. Native plants have been coming back. Access and views of the river have been opened up. Our methodology should be adopted by others, as we do not use any chemicals or poisons of any sort. We lop the plant then uproot it completely. We find an ideal spot in the landscape to place the removed plant material.

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

I want to create a Bitcoin Monument along the river. It would be a statue of Satoshi Nakamoto, an anonymous person sitting at a desktop. The statue would be encased in a block, which represents the Genesis Block. The entire blockchain can be represented in a linear art piece that would extend hundreds of miles. More details on [bitcoinmonument.org](http://bitcoinmonument.org) (coming soon)

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

It can't become another Beltline - communities cannot be displaced

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

GREAT PLACE TO ESCAPE THAT IS RIGHT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

PLEASE KEEP SOME DIRT PATHS!  
ESP. JOHNSON FERRY NORTH - MARSHLANDS  
THE FOREST EXPERIENCE IS THEN MORE NATURAL AND SATISFYING.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

A NPS RANGER WALK YEARS AGO IS WHEN I 1ST FOUND OUT THAT WILD FLOWERS GROW ALL ON THEIR OWN IN THE WOODS. THIS WAS AT AKERS MILL.

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

I LIKE THAT THE "STRING OF PEARLS" NPS UNITS EXIST. EACH UNIT HAS IT'S OWN PERSONALITY.

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

I am hoping that we can open access to the ramp locked behind gates at Standing Peachtree water intake

# COMMENT CARDS COLLECTED AT THE LIBRARY CONTINUED...

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

How is the project going to address the problems around lack of equity that we see playing out with gentrification?

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

I've been here for 45+ minutes and I've seen one person of color in the room and not one representative on the design/consult teams. Who is working on that? →

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

Walk around the library and see the meetings happening here & how diverse they are. The problem is your organization. Who is working on fixing it?

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

It's a great natural resource, important to metro Atlanta and could be a draw for more activities

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Destinations of a variety of types - nature trails, camping spots as well as access to and proximity to public spaces so the bike paths can be more than exercise trails.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

Years of "shooting the hoods" until water quality stopped that (80s-90s)

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

Need to promote connections to the downtown/intown core.

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Natural beauty, habitat, trails, historical assets (Native American, African American, Civil War, early industry (mills))

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Include easy access points, a mixture of recreational and mixed use (but carefully managed development). Boating, hiking, camping, fishing - bird watching, clean-up opportunities

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

No, but I wish I did! Clearly, I need to interact more with my River!

Thanks Walt + Team!

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

We are incredibly lucky/blessed to have a resource like the Chattahoochee and we need to cherish it, care for it and be with it.

# PUBLIC FORUM AT CREEC

## CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, 06/23/19

### ATTENDANCE

- Alan Dahl (Citizen)
- Alan Gross
- Alan Mothner (Townsquare Collab)
- Alana Moss (Resident)
- Alex Edquist (CPC/TPL)
- Alex Hinerfeld (Chattahoochee Conservancy)
- Bob Springfield
- Brad Pitts
- Britt Storock (CPC)
- Carole Jezek (Master Naturalist)
- Carson Cook (Appen Media Group)
- Catherine Ghogen (Resident)
- Christine McKay (USEPA/ Resident)
- Connie Kimsey (Resident)
- Conrad Bryan (Resident)
- Cynthia Patterson
- Cynthia Cusimano (Resident)
- David Barnard (Home Owner)
- Dennis Carmon (Bike Alpharetta)
- Diana Harris (Home Owner)
- Don Hodges (CPC)
- Dwight Keiser (Resident)
- Dyna Kohler (NPS Volunteer)
- Ed Malowney (Johns Creek Historical Society)
- Franklin Ford (Forsyth County)
- Garry Post (Home Owner)
- Hal Simpson (Georgia Blind Sports Association)
- Hannah Bunting (Mercy Core)
- Heather Hay (Citizen)
- Henry Voss (Resident)
- James Klippel (Citizen)
- Janet Francescou (Citizen)
- Jant Franesin
- Jason Ulseth (Chattahoochee Riverkeeper)
- Jeff Trinkwon (Home Owner)
- Jeffrey Johnson (human)
- Jennifer Jezyk (HL Strategy- TPL/ARC)
- Jim Farmer (River Glen HOA)
- Jimmy Danner (Resident)
- Joanna Varini (Resident)
- John Bridges (Property Owner)
- John Kohler (NPS Volunteer)
- John Pucker (Home Owner)
- Jose Ortiz-Villajos (Grand Cascades)
- Julie Martin (Home Owner)
- Katie Boulek (Kimley-Horn)
- kimberly Greer (City of Johns Creek)
- KW Leis (Olde Atlanta Golf Club)
- Kwanza Hall (Resident)
- Laurie Schlosser (Home Owner)
- Lenoic Pucker (Home Owner)
- Lisa Uihlein (human)
- Lori Gates (Citizen)
- Luke Gregory (B+C Studio)
- Lynn McIntyre (GA River Network)
- Maria Baetti
- Marilyn Pitts
- Mark Gernazian (Atlanta Cycling)
- Matt Chittes
- Michael Hopkin (Resident)
- Michael Martin (Home Owner)
- Mike Kahle (Resident)
- Minda Hodges (CPC)
- Nanci and Cliff Moseley (Home Owners)
- Nancy Wylie (League of Women Voters)
- Nathan Degyansky (Home Owner)
- Neil Frawley
- Neil Trust (City of Johns Creek)
- Nicole Oay (South Design Offices)
- Nikki Belmonte (Atlanta Audubon)
- Norm Fagge (Home Owner)
- Norman Misliett (River Glen HOA)
- Otto Mutiberg (Home Owner)
- Patricia Enjeti
- Patti Kush
- Paul Cygielman (Home Owner)
- Penny Hightower (NPS Volunteer)
- Phillip Hodges (CPC)
- Richard Prussing (Cyclist)
- Rob Saye (Home Owner)
- Ronda Smith (Sandy Springs Neighborhood)
- Sally Betheen (CPC)
- Sally Sears (South Fork Conservancy)
- Santiago Ramirez
- Sarah Boyer (CPC)
- Scott Gates (Citizen)
- Simon Locka (CRNRA Volunteer)
- Steve Francescou (Citizen)
- Suresh Enjeti
- Susan Ferguson (CRNRA Volunteer)
- Susan Ortiz-Villajos (Grand Cascades)
- Tim Dineon (Forsyth County Planning)
- Tom Bills (Cobb Parks)

### MAIN TAKEAWAYS

- Attendees felt it was important to make the river available to all and saw value in **knitting together the CRNRA units** and other parks.
- **Safety** seemed to be a big concern. Attendees communicated that there is a need for better wayfinding signage and safety **signage regarding dam releases** and other dynamic qualities of the River - especially for new users. Currently, the warning siren is hard to hear when on the river.
- Attendees pointed out that there are **incompatible uses** currently along the River and on new greenways in the region that should be addressed in the design process. Examples include: fly fishing and motor boats on the river, or safety issues from shared paths for high speed and low speed cyclists.
- Homeowners along the River stressed that **private property rights** should be respected with the trail alignment. They stressed that the trail may be more suitable on the Gwinnett side of the river.
- Residents were wary that a greenway could undermine the natural beauty of the River by bringing **more traffic** to the area.
- A few people mentioned the **utility easements**, especially those owned by Georgia Power. Easements could be useful for aligning the trails.





Public Forum at CREEC



Public Forum at CREEC - Visioning Station



Public Forum at CREEC - Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy



Public Forum at CREEC - Interactive Map Station



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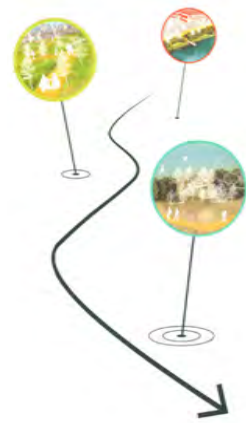
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- ..... REVISE WATER RELEASE WARNING SYSTEM
- ..... ADA TRAIL
- ..... SCHOOL
- ..... MAINTAIN EXISTING FOREST
- ..... TRAILS ON GWINNETT SIDE
- ..... LIMIT MOTOR BOAT ACCESS
- ..... PATH THROUGH GOLF COURSE
- ..... CHATTAHOOCHEE POINT PARK

# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 2

FLOAT ONLY (LIMIT HIGH SPEED BOATS)

PROTECT UNIQUE HABITAT

NO TRAIL

RECREATIONAL AMENITY

ADA WATER ACCESS

CONNECT TO BIG CREEK GREENWAY

HISTORIC MILL RUINS

CONNECT TO PUBLIC ACCESS

REMEDiate POLLUTED SITE

HIKING TRAILS

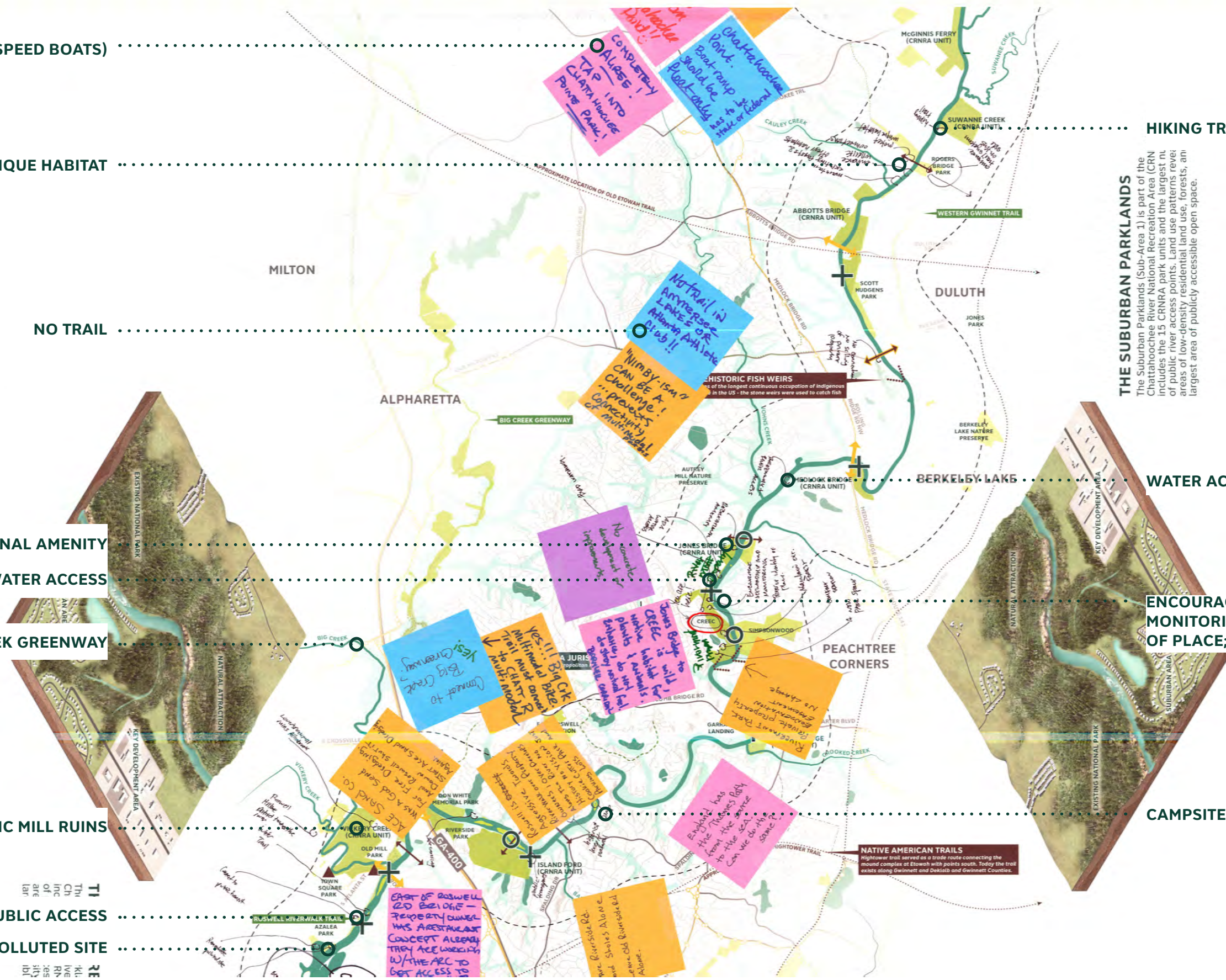
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WATER ACCESS

ENCOURAGE STEWARDSHIP + MONITORING; PRESERVE IDENTITY OF PLACE; BIRD WATCHING

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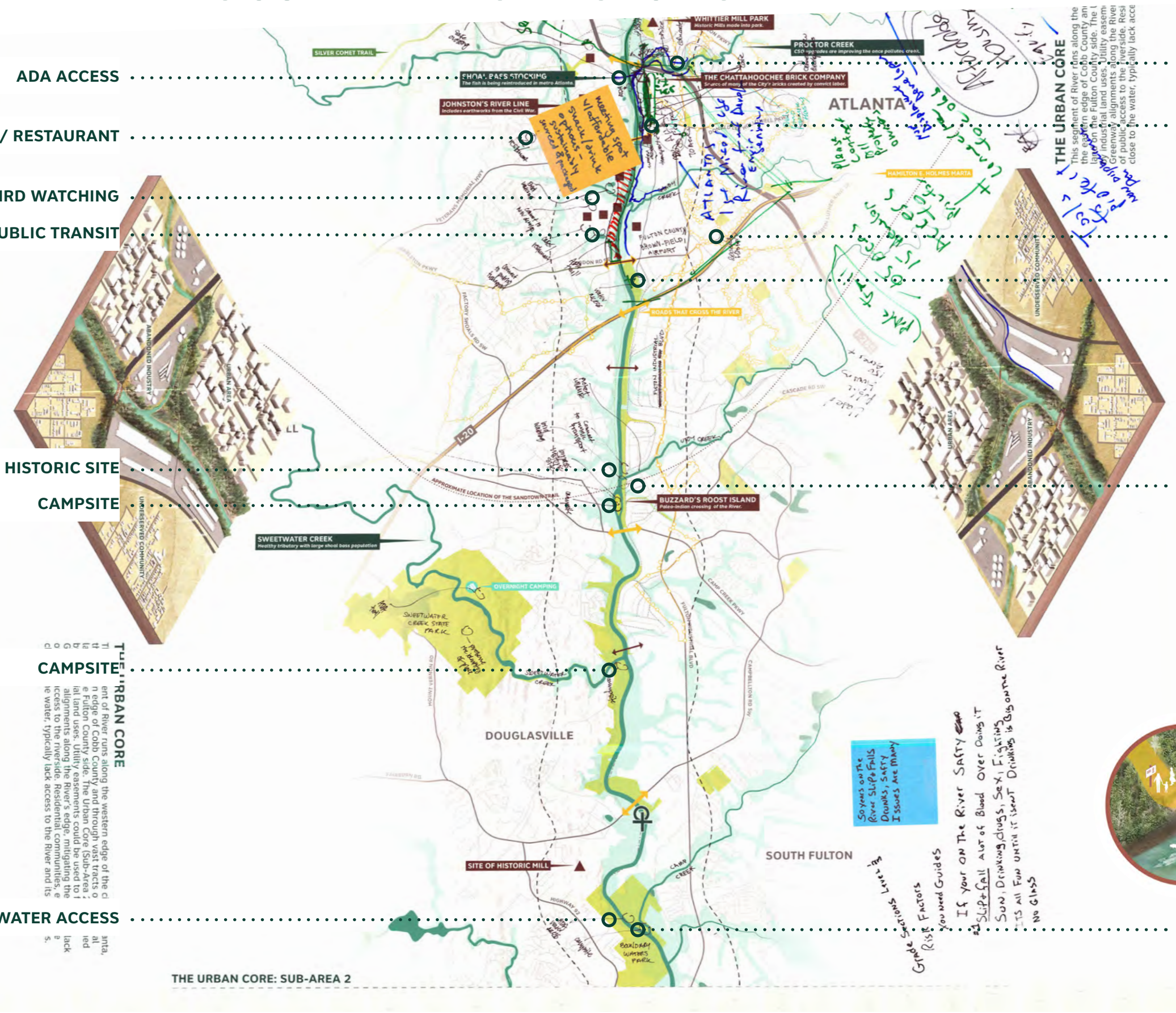
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**PROTECT CAMPSITE** .....  
**ENHANCE WILDLIFE CONNECTIONS** .....  
**PEDESTRIAN + BIKE BRIDGE CROSSING** .....  
**MAINTAIN EXISTING FOREST** .....  
**PROTECT + IMPROVE** .....  
**CONNECT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT** .....  
**MAINTAIN EXISTING FOREST** .....  
**ENHANCE WILDLIFE CONNECTIONS** .....

The map shows the Chattahoochee River flowing through Marietta, Atlanta, and Vinings. Key locations include Morgan Falls, Johnson Ferry, Powers Island, Palisades, and Standing Peach Tree. Major roads like I-75, I-285, and GA-400 are marked. The map is annotated with numerous handwritten notes and colored boxes:

- PROTECT CAMPSITE:** A pink box notes 'Remove Morgan Falls Dam(s)'. A blue box notes 'Consider allowing us to manage the dam. Annual inspections along the trail!'.
- ENHANCE WILDLIFE CONNECTIONS:** A green circle contains the text 'Birdwatching ENHANCE WILDLIFE CONNECTIONS'. A blue circle contains a drawing of a bird and a fish with a '+1'.
- PEDESTRIAN + BIKE BRIDGE CROSSING:** An orange box notes 'BUILD A BRIDGE FROM MORGAN FALLS AREA TO HYDE FARM.' Another orange box notes 'BIKE PED CONNECT TRANS'.
- MAINTAIN EXISTING FOREST:** A brown box notes 'HISTORIC FERRY CROSSINGS In 1833 a dozen ferries crossed the River. Today, those ferries are often the namesake of the roads that cross the river.' Another brown box notes 'HISTORIC MARIETTA PAPER MILL Sape Creek powered the mill (now in ruins) leading to the development of early towns along the river.' A blue circle notes 'DAY TRIPS TRIPS ON THE RIVER'.
- CONNECT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT:** A brown box notes 'NORTH SPRINGS MARTA Closest MARTA metro stop to the river.' A blue circle notes 'Trail to Emory Univ. + CDC'.
- Other annotations:** 'wider trails', 'SILVER COMET TRAIL', 'CHASTAIN MEMORIAL PARK', 'STANDING PEACH TREE Historic Native American Settlements', 'WHETSTONE CREEK TRAIL', 'CIVIL WAR SITES', 'APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE OLD ALABAMA TRAIL', 'THE SUBURBAN PARKLANDS: SUB-AREA 1', 'THE URBAN CORE: SUB-AREA 2', 'ADA ACCESS', 'Confidence Park Interpretive Signs', 'Trail to Emory Univ. + CDC', 'GA Power', 'MARIETTA MEMORIAL PARK', 'NORTH FORK PEACOCK CREEK', 'WILSONS CREEK', 'ROTTENWOOD CREEK', 'COCHRAN SHOALS (CRNRA UNIT)', 'MORGAN FALLS OVERLOOK PARK', 'JOHNSON FERRY (CRNRA UNIT)', 'HYDE FARM', 'PACER MILL', 'VININGS', 'ATLANTA', 'SMYRNA', 'CHAMBLEE', 'BROOKHAVEN'.

# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 4



ADA ACCESS

CAFE / RESTAURANT

BIRD WATCHING

CONNECT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT



BYPASS HISTORIC SITE

CAMP SITE

CAMP SITE

ADA WATER ACCESS

HIKING TRAIL + EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT WITH AFFORDABLE + SENIOR HOUSING

REVEAL HISTORY

WATER ACCESS

CONNECT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT



CAMP SITE

**THE URBAN CORE**  
 This segment of River runs along the western edge of the city of Atlanta, through the eastern edge of Cobb County and through vast tracts of land in Fulton County side. The Urban Core (Sub-Area 1) is a mix of industrial land uses, utility easements could be used to create a greenway along the river's edge, mitigating the effects of the river's edge. Residential communities, especially in the urban core, typically lack access to the river and its

**THE URBAN CORE**  
 This segment of River runs along the eastern edge of Cobb County and through the western edge of Fulton County side. The Urban Core (Sub-Area 2) is a mix of industrial land uses, utility easements could be used to create a greenway along the river's edge, mitigating the effects of the river's edge. Residential communities, especially in the urban core, typically lack access to the river and its

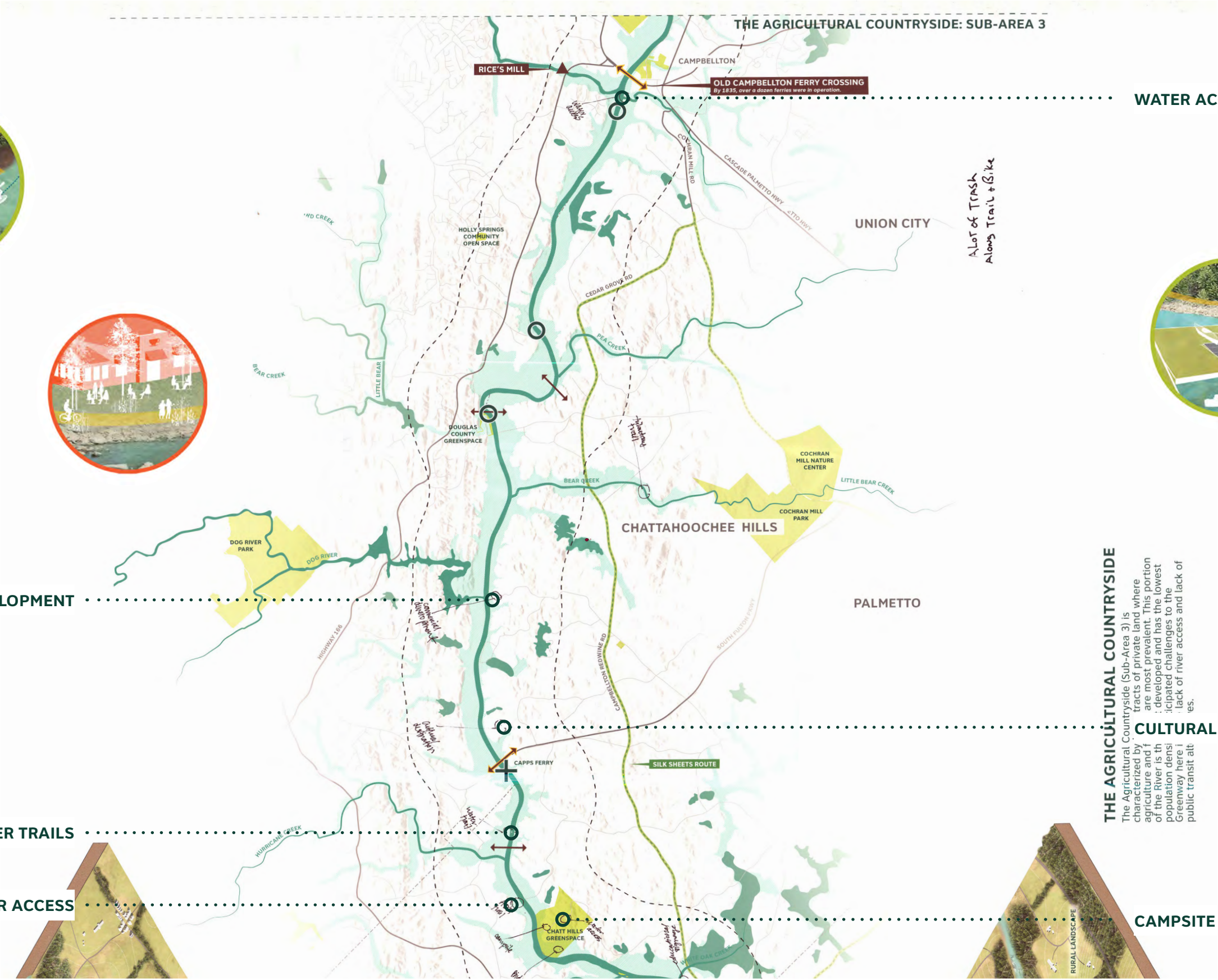
50 years on the River SLIP & FALLS Drunks, Safety Issues are many

If you're on the River SAFETY you need Guides  
 SLIP & FALL ALOT of Blood Over Doing IT  
 Sun, Drinking, Drugs, Sex, Fighting  
 -- IT'S ALL FUN UNTIL IT'S NOT Drinking is Big on the River  
 NO GLASS

Grade Screens have been  
 Risk Factors  
 you need Guides

THE URBAN CORE: SUB-AREA 2

# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 5



**WATER ACCESS**

*Alot of Trash  
Along Trail + Bike*

**COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**THE AGRICULTURAL COUNTRYSIDE**  
 The Agricultural Countryside (Sub-Area 3) is characterized by tracts of private land where agriculture and population density are most prevalent. This portion of the River is the least developed and has the lowest population density. It faces significant challenges to the Greenway here including lack of river access and lack of public transit alternatives.

**CULTURAL DESTINATION**

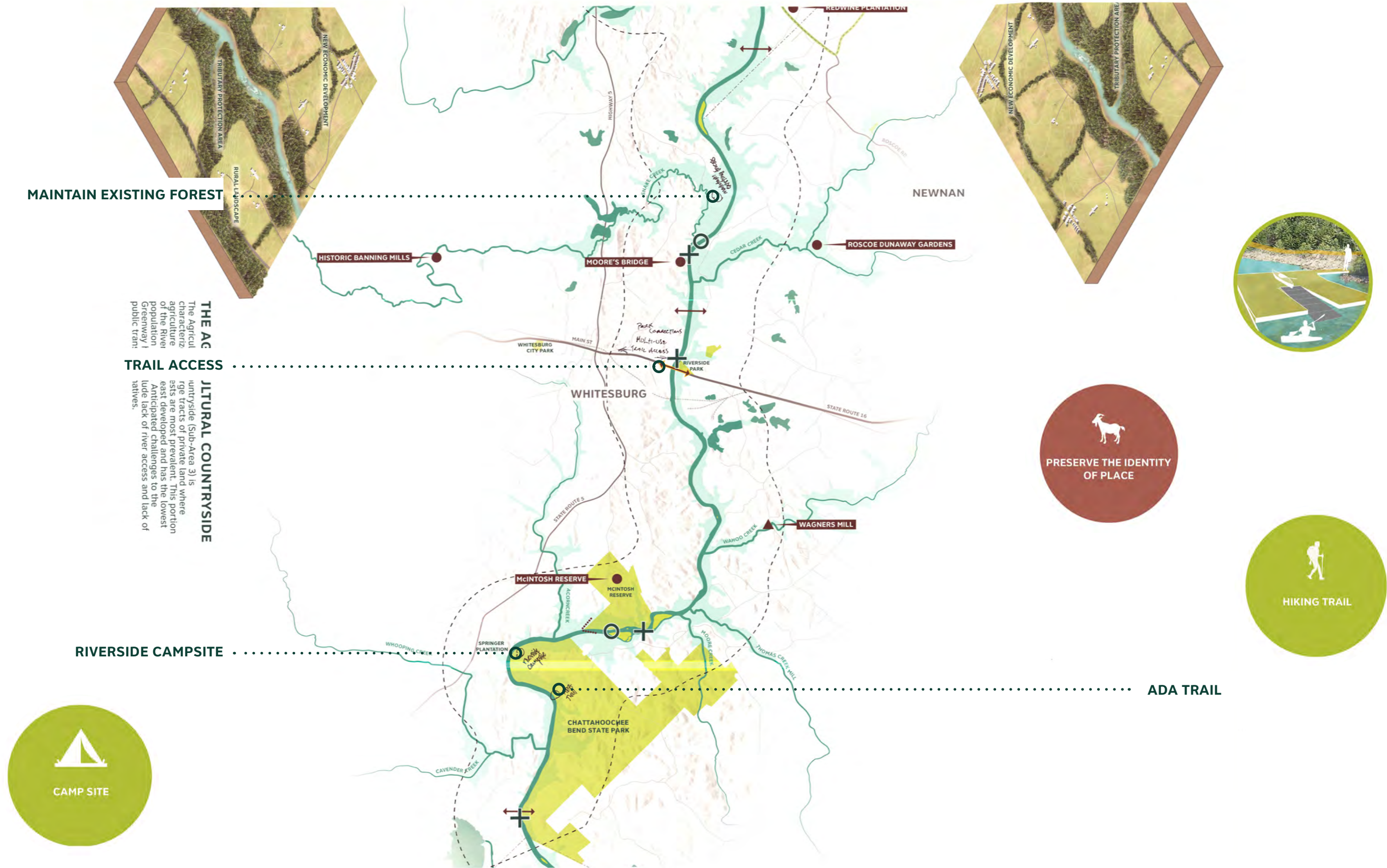
**WATER TRAILS**

**ADA WATER ACCESS**

**CAMPSITE**



# INTERACTIVE MAP DOCUMENTATION - SECTION 6



# COMMENT CARDS COLLECTED AT CREEC

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

To provide relief from the busy, urban Atlanta, and to provide a place for nature/wildlife to endure.

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Include: pedestrian access rather than parking access to the parks (ped/bike network)

Avoid: significant amount of

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

I love living near the river but most of mine are hikes and paddles w/ my family.

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

WILDLIFE HABITAT, DRINKING WATER, RECREATION, SCENERY

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Avoid Motorized Watercraft; Restrict Motor Vehicles in the Greenway. Limit structures to restroom facilities at trailheads. Have a few family picnic areas with playgrounds, but leave it mostly natural. Avoid impervious surfaces. Try to connect the riparian areas as much as possible.

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Having a school bus system to connect between places on park rather than having walking trails continuously & destruction wildlife etc. & having to buy land & maintain the garbage trails etc.

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

I Grew up on the River 1968 I hope to protect it from Roswell where I live there

Aggressive Development Along the River for

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Self Promotion as The City on the River

Keep it NATURAL undeveloped!

DONT TAKE our Neighborhoods For Public Parks! Green Belts River Parks Road Right of way Parks

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If you want covet something Buy it

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

Hanging out at the Shoules (Ford) Along River Side Rd.

Lots of Great and Harable Stories Dog Fights Fights

But one day a friend jumps on a 10 lb Brown

Trout WOW

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

Merpa Rules my Property Rights Now IT is

Planning To Flood our AREA with People

I Am Getting [REDACTED] From Both Ends

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The Chatt represents nature, history and connectivity for all communities within its Watershed. The river supports all aspects of our communities by providing recreation and basic needs.

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Include: natural areas kept intact - the health of the natural systems should be first and foremost ahead of human needs. Education is a must.

Avoid commercial and private gain/economic within corridor for example - no chain stores or other.

# COMMENT CARDS COLLECTED AT CREEC CONTINUED...

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

wildlife, historic resources, recreation, and  
quality drinking water

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

It should be continuous - despite NIMBYism -  
include historical + recreational resources  
we NEED connectivity!  
Avoid damaging historic resources and wildlife  
habitats

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The trees, the wildlife, the beauty  
of the river and its surroundings.

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Avoid homeowners backyards!  
Avoid cutting down trees and  
disturbing the peacefulness.

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Drinking water supply  
Canoeing

Hiking - Natural Environment

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Hiking Trails Controlled Biking Trails  
Boat launch for Rafts/canoes

Avoid Bare soil, buildings, potential  
water contaminating possibilities

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Personally it is a source of recreation  
for me - almost daily - To be on  
the river first thing in the morning  
has become almost addicting.  
The peacefulness is beyond explanation.

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Should include lots and lots of trees.

Should avoid too much for  
profit businesses

Overall a source of beauty for all

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

Sightings: Deer, Hum, Beavers,  
Others, Eagles, Geese, Ducks,  
Fish, Rainbows, Snakes

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The River is NATURAL + Beautiful

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Over Crowding over USE ABUSE

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES FROM ALONG THE RIVER?

Roswell stole the Roswell River Park  
from the Threet Family Annexed the  
Property AREA of Threet 100-200ac River Frontage  
Threatened to Condom Property + Forced A SALE

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

Roswell Sucks over Developing River front  
MerPA Sucks Has a Bad History with River front  
Owners

The ACT is A Theft of Property owners Rights  
(A Legal Taking)

# COMMENT CARDS COLLECTED AT CREEC CONTINUED...

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Preserving the cleanliness, the animals + birds + fish who make their home on the river

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Upper river, just south of the Buford Dam is very dangerous. The river rises quickly, catching kayakers, canoers and tube floaters off guard and can create life threatening situations. Please research river rescues and take that data into consideration

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

- Peace, nature, habitat for our wildlife
- I live almost on the river. Happy for the public to enjoy its benefits, but please don't destroy the nature on the Forsyth side!

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Avoid disruption of residential areas.

include boat ramps for canoes - but beware! Some stretches of the river are dangerous!

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

Grand Cascades subdivision area -

Please put ~~the~~ greenway on other side (Gwinnett) where there is already a trail.

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Everyone Deserves Affordable Housing w/ Access to the River

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Mixed USE inside of City of Atlanta

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Because it's a beautiful natural feature within the huge population in the Atlanta area. It's space for wildlife, clean air, a clean river that seems like the N.G.A. mountains. Be sure we preserve the "wildness" that cannot be found for 50 miles in any direction

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

Avoid overbuilding of parking spaces. Include preserving "wild" areas for wildlife to thrive. It's the last real green space of any size in Atlanta

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

My wife + I moved to the area to be close to the River - we live across the street from the Environmental Education Center + have been park volunteers for many years. I support the concept of connectivity but would hate to see a concrete path in the JBmit

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

OAK Rivermont Community has a 27 acre private park adjacent to the south end of Jones Bridge unit. Any public path should avoid the park boundaries. The Georgia/Alabama Land Trust holds a conservation easement of this property.

WHY IS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Fishing, floating, kayaking

WHAT SHOULD PUBLIC SPACE ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDE OR AVOID?

multi-use trails, nature trails (soft surface) restrooms trash cans

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

Reach out to HOAs along the river to get "grants" buy-in; and leverage with individual homeowners within these subdivisions.

SMYRNA

ET TRAIL

NICKAJACK CREEK

### SHOAL BASS STOCKING

*The fish is being reintroduced in metro Atlanta.*



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