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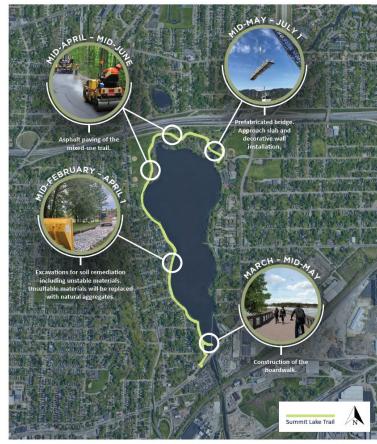




Ohio & Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE



Ohio & Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES MAP





For more information, or questions, please contact Dan Rice at Ohio & Frie Canalway Coalition at drice@ohioeriecanal.org or (330) 374-5657.



Detroit

A multi year, layered investment into public infrastructure guides community participation, advocacy and activation of the **Fitzgerald neighborhood and** W. McNichols commercial corridor







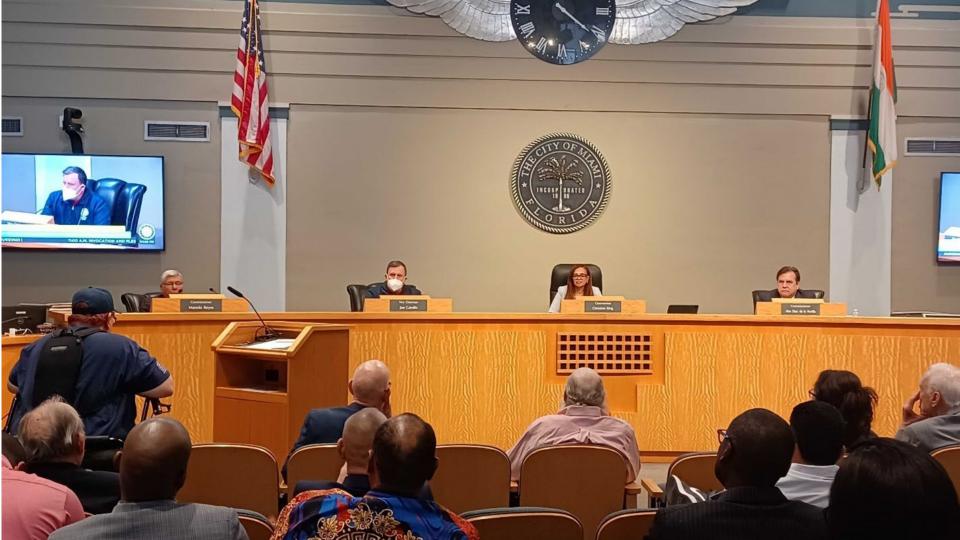


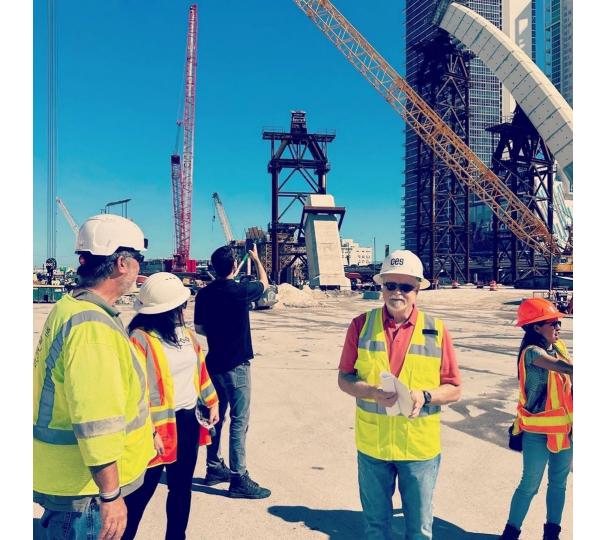


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Memphis

Creating beautiful, alluring, vibrant, natural spaces that attract diverse people to spend time joyfully together















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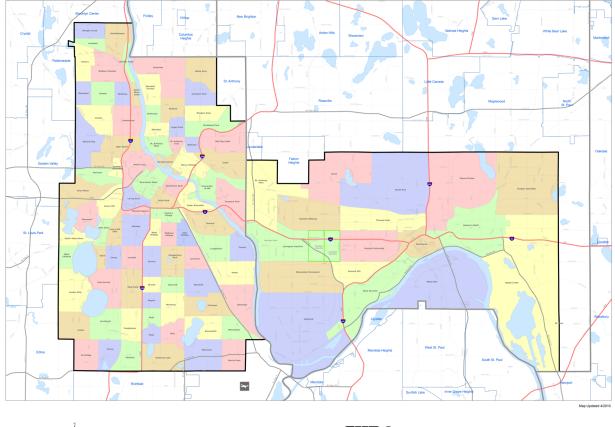


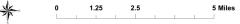
"We have to invest in our community members to improve outcomes. I am glad that this part of the work is being prioritized. We see a lot of investment into parks, but if the community isn't comfortable using them or doesn't know how to use them, it is a waste of money and time" -N'Namdee Nelson, **Not in Our Parks**



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Minneapolis Neighborhoods and St. Paul Planning Districts



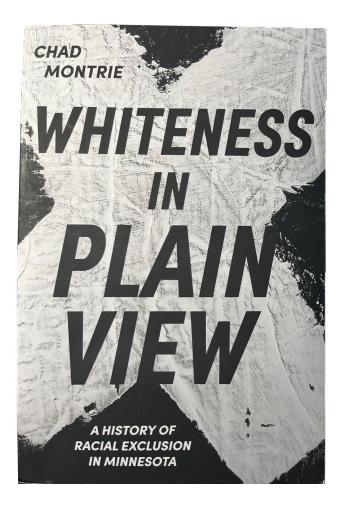


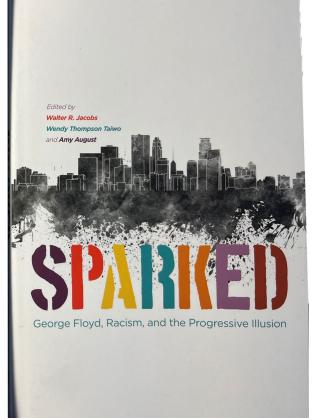


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Lexington





























Lexington Park Equity Accelerator

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Acknowledgement, healing and prosperity through the physical and emotional reconnection of neighborhoods and correcting for the ills of economic and transportation segregation

Team Members

AARP

Bike Walk Macon Causey Construction Consulting Community Enhancement Authority Community Foundation of Central Georgia **DSTO Moore Photography Fall Line Brewing** Friends of Rosa Parks Square John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Jones Café Macon-Bibb County

Macon Black Tech Macon Christmas Lights Extravaganza Macon Mental Health Matters Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority **NewTown Macon Ocmulgee Heritage Trail, Inc Peyton Anderson Foundation Piedmont Construction** Pleasant Hill Neighborhood Organization **Rythym and Jazz Foundation** WT Designs

Macon Context

Population: 157,000

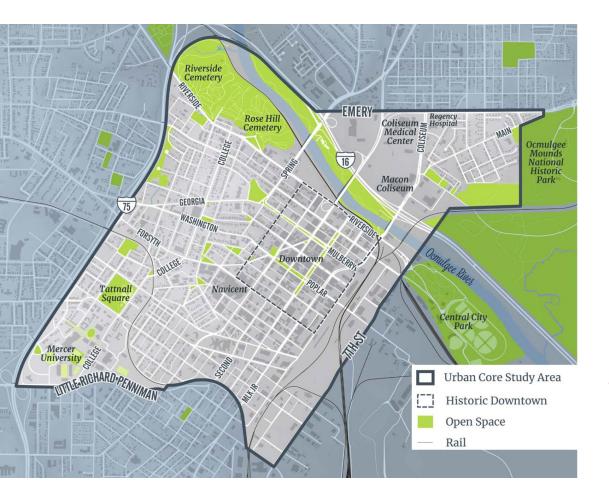
54% Black 38% White 3.6% Hispanic/Latino 2.2% Asian

Median Home Value: \$131,400

Median Household Income: \$43,862

Persons in Poverty: 25.2%



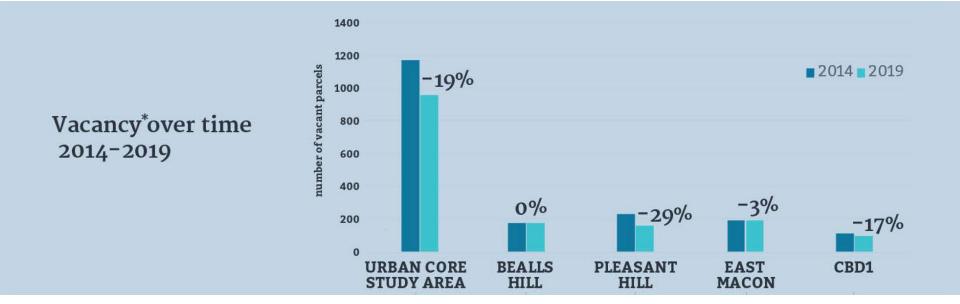


MAP Area Demographics

Population: 10,500

Jobs: 23,000 *26% of Macon-Bibb County total

Average Property Value: \$889,900



Your priorities for M

> 1. Support the Engines of Economic Development

> 2. Create an Unparalleled Urban Core Experience

3. Focus on Downtown Living

4. Cultivate Connectivity

> 5. Take Action for Implementation

≻ A Kid-Friendly Urban Core

A focus on children and family-friendly planning, including the imaging incorporation of a Downtown playground "things for kids to do and see"

≻ An Inclusive Urban Core

Ensuring that Downtown is welcoming to all, affordable for a mix of incomes, a model for economic equity, and that decision-makers are reflective of a diverse population "finding the commonality of things

"finding the commonality of things that engage people like food, music, sports, enlightenment, exercise"

"Destination Playground"

"safe kid play that does not include technology and encourages imagination"

"anyone from 8 days to 108 years can walk, visit, play, experience downtown and find something that speaks to them"

"ways to 'break-in' – fellowships, etc for people without experiences"

Screative Urban Core

Ensuring that the Urban Core grows as a hub of arts and culture

"Hip hop, jazz, and R+B outlets"

🗲 🛆 Greener, Urban Core

Now that the Urban Core is clean and safe, let's make it shadier, spongier, and more sustainable over time

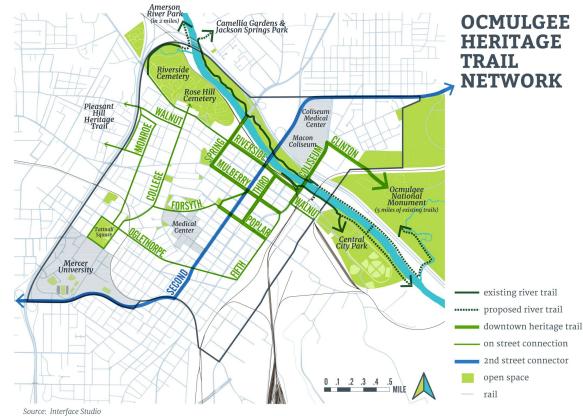
"arts as civic practice-- how can we use cultural outreach to start a dialogue about civic priorities and community issues?"

> "public art that all community members can participate in building"

more green space" "community garden

"accessible recycling"





Civic Engagement







PortSocioeconomicS * *Mixing

















Value Creation



Inspiration



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