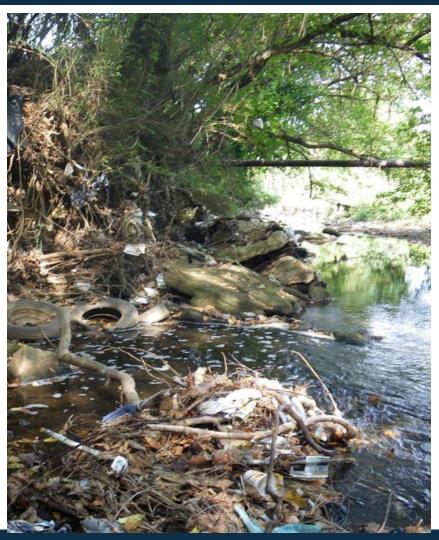
# Searching for Community-Based Solutions in Green Infrastructure



## Conservation Fund

## Atlanta's Proctor Creek Communities: Vine City and English Avenue



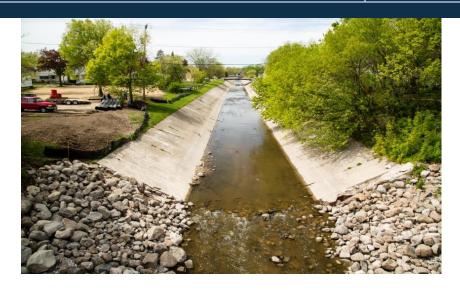
- •40% population decline in a decade
- Highest poverty, vacancy and crime rates
- •40% foreclosure rate
- Average household income \$22,474
- Fewest acres of planned greenspace
- Natural creek obliterated by development
- Severe flooding from stormwater overflows
- •29 EPA identified hotspots along the creek
- •Feeds directly into the Chattahoochee River





Multiple Significant Problems....

#### Starting the journey









The Community's Triple Bottom Line

#### Community-driven





- Access to decision making & resources
- Local residents receiving educational training
- Capacity building for grassroots organizations
- Access to recreation, nature and exercise
- Citizen Science opportunities













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#### Social and Economic Benefits



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- Workforce training for local residents
- General construction skills
- Demolition & deconstruction
- Financial literacy training
- Employment opportunities













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#### Environmental Benefits



- First park for community
- Daylight Procter Creek.
- Stormwater capture and improved water quality
- Habitat restoration & pollinator gardens
- Removal of invasive plants



















The Community's Triple Bottom Line: Realized!



### Questions?