



Stories and upcoming events from the
Proctor Creek watershed in northwest Atlanta

Citizen Scientists Gain Watershed Training



In early June, the [Center for Watershed Protection](#) and [West Atlanta Watershed](#)

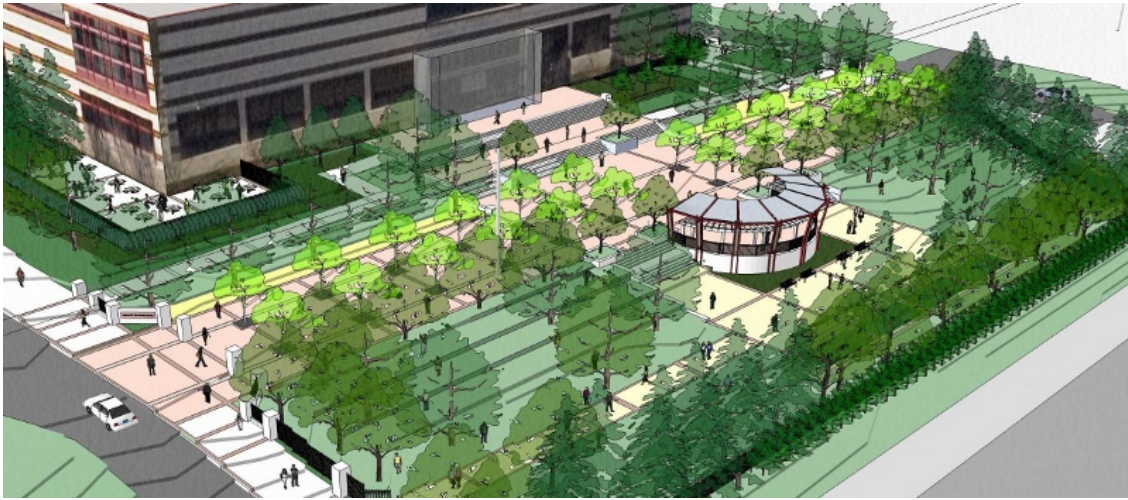
potential pollution sources in the watershed. The group learned to look for potential pollution sources on land using “Hot Spot” field forms and in the water by looking for signs of contamination at locations where stormwater enters the creek. City of Atlanta staff also joined the group and shared information about the City’s process for inspecting properties for potential pollution sources and how citizens can report any problems they may find in the watershed. These groups will continue to work together to improve reporting forms and empower watershed residents to more easily identify and report pollution sources in Proctor Creek. The initiative is one of three Proctor Creek projects selected last year for funding through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Urban Waters grant program. For more information about identifying sources of urban watershed pollution and other resources, visit the Center for Watershed Protection’s resource library by [clicking here](#). (photos by Deb Caraco)

Brownfield Assessment Opportunities in Proctor Creek



The City of Atlanta is helping facilitate redevelopment of brownfield sites in Proctor Creek and 12 other priority areas through a recently launched Brownfields Assessment Program. Brownfields are properties whose redevelopment is hindered by the presence - or potential presence - of environmental contamination due to past industrial or commercial use. Common examples include closed gas stations, dry cleaners, or industrial facilities. Under the Brownfield Assessment Program, the city will provide no-cost Environmental Site Assessments for select brownfield properties, with a focus on sites that will be redeveloped in the near-term and will serve as catalysts for further redevelopment within the city's priority areas. Nominations for sites to be assessed are being accepted on a rolling basis, with the first round due on July 31, 2015. To complete a nomination form, which includes details on site eligibility, [click here](#). For more information and to visit the program's website, [click here](#). The program is funded with a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfields Program and will end on September 30, 2016.

New Park Underway at the Atlanta University Center



A new greenspace is under construction at the Atlanta University Center (AUC) and will incorporate green infrastructure. The Brawley Greenscape and Pedestrian Parkway project will create a multi-use space outside the Robert Woodruff Library and include a rain garden to help capture and manage stormwater. Designed with substantial feedback from students and AUC staff, the new space incorporates several elements of sustainability while creating new opportunities for outdoor learning and events. The project also demonstrates a growing focus on sustainability at the AUC. In addition to the new greenspace, other initiatives currently underway on campus include a [program to incorporate green infrastructure into student curricula](#) and an [effort to transform the AUC and surrounding communities into an EcoDistrict](#). When the library's new Brawley Greenscape project is completed this fall, it could be the first of many projects to come to the AUC. For more information on the new greenspace [click here](#). (image rendering produced by JB+A, Inc.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southface Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable - Atlanta's Proctor Creek: Challenges and Possibilities

Date: Friday, July 10 (7:30-9am)

Location: All Saints Church, [634 West Peachtree St](#) (Across from the North Avenue MARTA station at the corner of W. Peachtree and North Ave)

Description: "The Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable convenes once a month to discuss the region's current environmental issues – from water to energy, urban planning to government policy, and much more. Members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions, make comments, network, and learn about Atlanta's current and future opportunities for sustainable development. Join us at the next SART to learn a little about Proctor Creek and to hear about some of the initiatives underway to serve the watershed." Find more info and register in advance by [clicking here](#)

Proctor Creek Stewardship Council meeting

Date: Friday, July 10 (1-3pm)

Location: Fire Station #28, [1925 Hollywood Rd](#)

Description: "Inviting residents of NPU's G, J, K, L, T, M & Surrounding Neighborhoods to the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council meeting. Please come to share and learn about efforts to clean-up, protect, and restore the Proctor Creek Watershed and its surrounding communities."

At this month's meeting see a "Sneak Preview" of initial results from the Proctor Creek Citizen Science & Photo-Mapping Project!"

Contact: Na'Taki Osborne Jelks @ 404-825-3872 or Tony Torrence @ 678-663-1858

Garden Cookout at [Super Giant Community Garden](#)

Date: Saturday, July 11 (11:30am)

Location: Super Giant Community Garden, [2176 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW](#)

Description: "Join us for a family friendly BBQ! Bring your favorite recipe and an appetite!"

The Community Forum on Next Steps - Healthy Homes (Mold – what do we do next?)

Date: Saturday, July 11 (1-4pm)

Location: Neighborhood Union Health Center, [186 Sunset Avenue](#) (Community Room No. 1)

Description: "The Proctor Creek Community Collaborative Health Survey was done to obtain basic information about indoor environmental conditions and related health conditions in Vine City and English Avenue. The survey found that musty odors, mold, and cockroaches are present in many residences in this area. It also found that a high percentage of survey respondents had asthma. Come to the community forum to discuss and agree on community-driven solutions! For additional information or to RSVP contact Makeda Johnson @ 404-936-8700 or makeda.johnson@gmail.com"

Forum Sponsors: Vine City Civic Association, Sisters Action Team, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance, Community Improvement Association, and ECO-Action

Sustainable Design Collaborative Atlanta Project Presentation: Hagar Civilization Training Missionary

Date: Saturday, July 18 (10am-Noon)

Location: Hagar's Palace, [19 Joseph E Lowery Boulevard NW](#)

Description: Sustainable Design Collaborative Atlanta partnered with Hagar Civilization Training Missionary to create an integrated design encompassing multi-family housing for aging Veteran population, green spaces and community facilities. Their final product will be presented at the event. For more info: [click here](#)

"Party in the Park" - Come Celebrate the First Park for English Avenue

Date: Saturday, July 18 (12-3pm)

Location: [Oliver Street between North Ave. & Beutell Street](#)

Description: "Now under construction - come see the progress. Food—Live Music—Bouncy House for the Kids! Learn about the community-driven process behind this park. Catch a sneak peak of initial results from the Proctor Creek Citizen Science & Photo-Mapping Project. Provide feedback on results, and learn about the next steps of this exciting community-based research effort. Meet the Proctor Creek Watershed Researchers and our many community partners. Music by Ja'Naan and the Jazz Collaborative. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy music in the park." View event flyer by [clicking here](#)

[Westside Atlanta Land Trust](#) Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 18 (3-5pm)

Location: Neighborhood Union Health Center, 186 Sunset Avenue(Community Room No. 1)

[Georgia Food Oasis](#) Bi-Monthly Community Partner Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 21st (6-8pm)

Location: Atlanta Community Food Bank, [732 Joseph E Lowery Blvd NW](#)

Description: "Further discussion of this fall's Westside Harvest Festival. If you are interested in getting involved, please attend! Light snacks provided."

Deadline to Register for EPA's 2015 Community Involvement Training Conference

Date: Wednesday, July 22

Description: The 2015 conference will be held on Aug 4-6 at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel at 165 Courtland Street Northeast. For more information and to register for the conference [click here](#)

Georgia STAND-UP Alliance Meeting

Date: Friday, July 24 (12-2pm)

Location: IBEW Building (Auditorium), [501 Pulliam St SW](#)

Super Giant Community Garden Movie Night Series - Finding Nemo

Date: Friday, July 24 (Activities at 8pm, Movie starts 8:45pm)

Location: Super Giant Community Garden, [2176 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW](#)

Description: Super Giant Community Garden is hosting a series of movie nights for the whole family. There will also be educational activities. The garden is also looking for volunteers to help with activities each night. The theme for July 24 is Water and the movie is *Finding Nemo*.

Westside Atlanta Land Trust Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, August 1 (3-5pm)

Location: Neighborhood Union Health Center, [186 Sunset Avenue](#)(Community Room No. 1)

Family & Friends Back 2 School Block Party

Date: August 8 (12-3pm)

Location: [2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive](#)

Description: "For Southwest communities: Adamsville – Peyton Forest – Cascade Heights – Collier Heights – Campbellton Road – Dixie Hills – Bankhead – Mosley Park – Hunter Hill. Register today at <https://eventbrite.com/event/17050082255/> For additional information email lilliesfoundationforchange@gmail.com or call (404) 755-0965."

Sponsored by: Lillie's Foundation For Change, Darryl Allen's PLUS, TrueTalent, Unity Network and Elite Media

Note that event organizers occasionally change event details after printing

For the most recent list of events relevant to the Proctor Creek watershed,

visit: <http://aboutproctorcreek.com/upcoming-events>

OPPORTUNITIES

Free Websites for Local Nonprofits Through 48in48

48in48 is an event to build 48 websites for 48 nonprofits that serve metro Atlanta for free. The event will be held October 2-4. Applications are due **July 15th**. Nonprofits may view eligibility and apply by [clicking here](#)

Food Well Alliance Launches Healthy Soil, Healthy Community Initiative

The [Healthy Soil, Healthy Community Initiative](#) is a collaborative effort to support community gardening through educational tools, technical assistance, online resources, and community events. workshops are open to the public. Community and educational garden members should attend workshops to learn more about soil building and to qualify your garden for compost and composting tools. Visit the compost calendar to sign-up for a class near you by [clicking here](#). In addition to the workshops, your garden may be qualified to receive a Healthy Soil Tool Kit

consisting of: quality compost, a compost bin, a composting thermometer, a soil test, a weatherproof instructional sign, and a healthy soil resource guide. To qualify, register your garden by **July 28th** by [clicking here](#)

National Park Service Now Accepting Applications for 2016 Projects

The NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is accepting applications through **August 1, 2015** for help with a wide range of community-led projects. National Park Service staff can help local leaders: Develop close-to-home parks and greenways; Manage community-led visioning, planning, and design; Facilitate public involvement; and build sustainable partnerships. Find out by first reviewing the [application process](#) and exploring [current projects in your state](#). Then [call or email a National Park Service staff member near you](#) to discuss your idea, and let them know by **July 15** if you intend to submit an application by the **August 1** due date. For more info [click here](#)

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Place-making Grants

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is accepting applications for the "Our Town" grant program, which supports creative, arts-centered place-making projects. The NEA says creative place-making is when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture into community revitalization work--incorporating arts with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies. The deadline for applications is **September 21**. [Click here for more info](#)

Watershed Funding Resources from EPA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has created a website to provide tools, databases, and information about sources of funding for practitioners to protect watersheds. To view the resource, [click here](#)

WATERSHED TOOL HIGHLIGHT - Interactive Proctor Creek Map

A new tool is available online to help understand the geography of Proctor Creek. The interactive map allows users to turn on and off data layers displaying how City Council Districts, Neighborhood Planning Units, and other features overlap with the watershed. To view and interact with the draft map, [click here](#)

You received this newsletter because of your involvement, leadership, and interest in activities related to Proctor Creek and Northwest Atlanta. Numerous individuals, organizations, government agencies, and educational institutions are actively working within the Proctor Creek watershed to improve the environment and the quality of life of residents. To share information for the next newsletter, email contact@aboutproctorcreek.info



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