



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

New Water Monitoring Gauges Courtesy of USGS and USEPA



Thanks to funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Proctor Creek is about to get two new US Geological Survey (USGS) water monitoring stations. The new stations will gather ongoing hydrology data from the creek including precipitation, gage height (aka water level) and discharge (aka flow rate). USGS currently operates one monitoring station in Proctor Creek at James Jackson Parkway, and they are working with USEPA to identify locations for the two new stations. Data from USGS's water monitoring sites are collected every 15 minutes and posted in real time on the agency's website. The data is used for a wide array of things ranging from assessing long-term water flow trends to issuing weather warnings during storm events. Information gathered by water monitoring stations in Proctor Creek could even help measure the effectiveness of future interventions implemented to manage stormwater. The two new stations are expected to be installed by October. In the meantime, for current data from the station on Jackson Parkway, [click here](#)

Prescribing Fresh Produce at Good Samaritan



On an acre in Bankhead once covered in kudzu and tires, the Good Samaritan Urban Farm has been a rapidly growing success and a model for holistic healthcare. Established in 2013, the farm sits behind the [Good Samaritan Health Center](#) on Hollowell Parkway and is operated through a partnership between the health center and the [Southeastern Horticultural Society](#). Good Samaritan Health Center serves people who have the least access to healthcare and are at the highest risk of having serious undiagnosed and untreated health issues, and the urban farm is part of Good Samaritan's unique FoodRX program. Through FoodRX, healthcare providers "prescribe" vouchers for farm produce to patients at a significantly reduced cost, giving patients access to the healthy food they need. So far this year, they have provided over 1000 lbs of fresh produce directly to patients and local families in need, and farm works with Georgia Food Oasis and Meals on Wheels to distribute food as well. Produce from the farm is also available for purchase at Good Samaritan's farmers markets on Thursdays (3-6pm) and Saturdays (8:30-11:30am). The farm's project manager, Chris Theal is a member of the [Proctor Creek Stewardship Council](#). For more information about the farm [click here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Sustainable Communities and Urban Initiatives Grants - North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action (NAPECA)

NAPECA seeks to empower and build the capacity of local people and organizations to improve their health and environmental quality with a focus on sustainable communities and urban initiatives. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, environmental groups, community-based associations, academic institutions, Tribal nations and indigenous peoples and communities. While there is no specific cap on the amount of funding that can be requested, the average award amount to date is \$70,000. Grant proposals due **August 26**. For more info and to apply [click here](#).

Emory HERCULES – Clarence “Shaheed” DuBois Community Grants

Grants are available for up to \$2500 for projects between Jan 15, 2016 – Jan 14, 2017 that address environmental health concerns in your community. Projects should aim to conduct outreach, promote community awareness of local environmental health concerns, or collect

information needed to address health concerns related to the environment. Eligibility: not-for-profit 501c(3) community organizations that serve or are located within Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, or Rockdale counties. Applications due: **October 1, 2015**. A project and grant planning workshop will also be held to assist applicants on September 10 (6:30-8pm) - [click here](#) for the event flyer. For more information about the grant program [click here](#)

Love Your Block and Community Building Grants

Two upcoming grant opportunities from the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta: (1) Community Building grants range from \$500-\$10,000 for established groups and organizations with at least a two year working history to implement projects addressing a neighborhood issue or concern. (2) Love Your Block mini-grants range from \$250-\$1,000 to support citizens and neighborhood groups who want to plan and organize community-based beautification or improvement efforts. Love Your Block grants are for established or new and emerging groups and organizations. The deadline for both grants is 12pm **October 15**. Application materials are available on the Community Foundation website - [click here](#).

Emerald Corridor Foundation Community Giving Grants

The Emerald Corridor Foundation is an independent foundation that strives to improve the quality of life for residents in northwest Atlanta by supporting the civic institutions that form the foundation of a vibrant and healthy community. Specific areas of investment include: education, workforce training and development, environmental restoration and enhancement, recreation, arts and culture, and community development. Grants will be awarded in the \$500-\$15,000 range to institutions, programs and projects that: 1) demonstrate a specific and defined need in the community; 2) show measurable outcomes; and 3) have strong leadership. Strong candidates will be 501(c)(3) entities registered in Georgia, that have a Board of Directors and a proven track record of success. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis with the next round due **November 15th**. For more info or to apply [click here](#)

**For additional funding and resource opportunities,
visit: <http://aboutproctorcreek.com/opportunities>**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar: Engaging Communities in Urban Conservation

Date: Thursday, August 20 (12-1pm)

Description: Webinar is free, but space is limited. To register, email Debra Bogar at deb-bogar@nacdn.org with your name, title, state and email address. Information to access the webinar will be sent by email. **Organized by:** [National Association of Conservation Districts](#)

Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) G Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 20 (7pm) and each 3rd Thursday of the month

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

Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) J Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 25 (7pm) and each 4th Tuesday of the month
Location: Frederick Douglas High School, [225 Hamilton E Holmes Dr. NW](#)

Webinar: Big Money for Small Groups (Fundraising)

Date: Wednesday, August 26 (3pm)
Description: "Learn to build a fundraising program that honors your mission, engages potential donors, and raises more money." For more info and to register [click here](#)

Climate Justice and the Fight for Environmental Equality Roundtable

Date: Thursday, August 27 (4-8pm)
Location: Morehouse College, Sale Hall Chapel ([830 Westview Dr](#))
Description: "Campaign for Change roundtable on climate change and climate equity in Atlanta." For more information, [click here](#)

USEPA Region 4 Sponsored Grant Writing Workshop

Date: Friday, August 28 (9am-4pm)
Location: Westside Works, [80 Joseph E Lowery Blvd NW](#)
Description: "Get the skills and tools needed to compete for Federal or Foundation funding for your community organization!" Registration is now closed; to be added to the waitlist, RSVP to Alisa@brsinc.com or 609-332-3033 or by [clicking here](#)

Food Well Alliance Healthy Soil, Healthy Community Festival

Date: Saturday, August 29 (4-8pm)
Location: Wheat Street Garden ([75 Hilliard Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30312](#))
Description: "An Atlanta event celebrating soil as a primary source for building gardens and communities. If you're a gardening expert or beginning a pot garden on your patio; there's much to discover at the festival." For more information and to rsvp for the free event, [click here](#)

Deadline to Submit an Idea for [Georgia Food Oasis Potluck & Pitch](#)

Date: Tuesday, September 1 (11:59pm)
Description: "Submit an idea to provide fresh and healthy food to those most in need in your community for a chance to win \$1000 on September 24th. Read more about it, submit your idea, and reserve your tickets at georgiafoodoasis.org/pitch"

Atlanta Regional Housing Forum

Date: Wednesday, September 2 (9-11:45am)
Location: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, [435 Peachtree Street NE](#)
Description: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing – How will recent changes impact Metro Atlanta's Communities? Moderator: Bill Bolling; Panel: Mike Carnathan (Atlanta Regional Commission); Tera Doak (Habitat for Humanity International); Ethan Handelman, (National Housing Conference); Laurel Hart (Georgia Department of Community Affairs). Registration is required." For more info and to register, [click here](#)

Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) L Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 8, (7pm) and each 2nd Tuesday of the month
Location: [595 North Avenue](#)

Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) T Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 9, (7pm) and each 2nd Wednesday of the month
Location: KIPP Primary School, 1444 Lucile Ave SW

Emory HERCULES Grant Workshop – Clarence "Shaheed" DuBois Community Grants

Date: Thursday, September 10 (6:30-8pm)

Location: Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Claudia Nance Rollins Building, [1518 Clifton Rd](#), Room 1051 (one floor above Plaza level)

Description: “Learn to submit a strong grant application for the Clarence “Shaheed” DuBois Community Grant Program. The program provides grants of up to \$2500 to address environmental health concerns in your community.” For more information about program, [click here](#)

Proctor Creek Stewardship Council Meeting

Date: Friday, September 11 (1-3pm)

Location: Northwest Library at Scotts Crossing, Main meeting room, [2489 Perry Boulevard](#)

Description: “Inviting residents of NPUs 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.”

Terra Nova Compost Workshop at Good Shepherd Agro Ecology Center

Date: Saturday, September 12 (10-12pm)

Location: Good Shepherd Agro Ecology Center, [445 Lawton St SW](#)

Description: “Join Terra Nova Compost for a fun and practical hands-on backyard/community scale composting workshop. In partnership with the Healthy Soil, Healthy Community Initiative.” For more information and to register, [click here](#)

Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) K Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 15 (6:30-8pm) and each 3rd Tuesday of the month

Location: C. A. Scott Recreation Center, [1565 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive](#)

Webinar: Building Green Infrastructure for Water Quality

Date: Thursday, September 17 (12-1pm)

Description: Webinar is free, but space is limited. To register, email Debra Bogar at deb-bogar@nacdnet.org with your name, title, state and email address. Information to access the webinar will be sent by email. **Organized by:** [National Association of Conservation Districts](#)

Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) G Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 17 (7pm) and each 3rd Thursday of the month

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

Atlanta Play Day in Washington Park

Date: Saturday, September 20 (1-5pm)

Location: Washington Park, [102 Ollie St NW](#)

Description: “PLAY DAY is a free, fun-filled day of sports, fitness, nutrition, education, arts, and sustainable initiatives where local coaches and organizations come together to facilitate activities, drills and games for various sports. Everyone is invited to join the fun.” For more information [click here](#) **Organized by:** [Atlanta Contact Point](#)

Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) J Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 22 (7pm) and each 4th Tuesday of the month

Location: Frederick Douglas High School, [225 Hamilton E Holmes Dr. NW](#)

Georgia Food Oasis Potluck & Pitch

Date: Thursday, September 24 (6-9pm)

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

Description: “Potluck & Pitch provides a platform and seed funding for the Atlanta community to share home grown ideas to improve local food access and food systems. For \$10, attendees hear 5 pitches and vote on which one takes home ticket sales at the end of the night to make

their pitch a reality. Ideas are shared over a potluck-style meal. Bring a dish to share and an appetite for connecting with other attendees. Pitch submissions due September 1st at 11:59 PM. For more info and to submit pitches, visit georgiafoodoasis.org/pitch”

2015 Neighborhood Summit

Date: Saturday, September 26 (8:30am-3pm)

Location: Georgia International Convention Center, [2000 Convention Center Concourse, College Park, GA 30337](#)

Description: “This one-day is an opportunity for our region’s community and neighborhood leaders to connect and learn from each other and advance their vision for metro Atlanta. We will engage more than 800 attendees within the 23-county region through workshops, plenary sessions and small group consulting. This year’s theme, “Embracing the Power of Education,” is focused on the educational pipeline from birth to career.” For more info to register [click here](#)”

Save The Date – Proctor Creek Showcase Event

Date: Saturday, September 26

Details: A group of Environmental Protection Agency staff and community members are organizing a Proctor Creek Showcase event to be held at a park in the watershed. Additional details to be announced. For more information contact Connie Alexander (alexander.constance@epa.gov)

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>

WATERSHED TIP - Protect the Buffer!

Riparian buffers, the strips of trees and vegetation along the edge of a stream or waterway are very important for creeks and streams. Buffers filter oil and other pollutants from stormwater runoff, reduce flooding and erosion by stabilizing stream banks, provide nesting and foraging habitat for animals, and moderate stream temperature keeping fish and aquatic life healthy. Protect buffers by maintaining a strip of native trees and bushes along streams and ditches, especially if the bank is bare or eroding. For more info on buffers and how to protect them [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.com



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