West Savannah Revitalization Plan (2005) & Augusta Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan (2012)

Implementation Update

January 22, 2019
Moses Jackson Community Center
WEST SAVANNAH REVITALIZATION PLAN

Plan Components Completed and Underway

- Housing
- Open Space
- Civic Institutions
- Infrastructure
- Streets and Circulation
- Workforce and Economic Development
**WEST SAVANNAH REVITALIZATION PLAN**

$72 Million Investment to Date*

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*Does not include workforce/economic development programming.

**Public funding sources include SPLOST, General Fund, Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund, and Community Development Fund (CDGB, HOME, NSP).

***Private investments include revenue from sale of tax credits, mortgages, non-profit donations, homeowner cash, volunteer labor, and waived fees.
Housing Development & Repair (2005-2018):

- 320 Sustainable Fellwood apartments built
- 244 Owner-occupied home repair projects
- 5 Single family rental repair loans
- 82 Homes purchased
- 78 Single family houses built
- 729 Total
Sustainable Fellwood:

- Demolition completed, 2008
- Infrastructure improvements (streets, sidewalk, parks) completed
- 220 multifamily units completed, 2011 and 2012; LEED Gold certified
- 100-unit senior apartment building with solar panels completed, 2013
Cumming Street

Blighted Property Redevelopment

- Location suggested by neighborhood association.
- 57% of Cumming Street properties are blighted, abandoned, and contribute to:
  - Crime and criminal behavior
  - Fire
  - Loss of property values, owner equity and wealth building
  - Inability to attract investment, buyers and renters
  - Lower quality of life for neighborhood residents
- Pursuing acquisition and redevelopment of 10 blighted, abandoned, properties.
  - Eminent domain may be used to acquire 7 properties.
  - 7 new houses planned for home buyers.
OPEN SPACE

- “The Weeping Time” historical marker completed, 2008
- Baker Street Park dedicated, 2013
- Former Wingmen’s Motorcycle Club site acquired and cleared, 2010
- Newell Street greenspace acquired, 2010
- New parks along Augusta Avenue
  - Stratford Street passive park design completed; construction planned for 3rd quarter 2019
CIVIC INSTITUTIONS

Moses Jackson Center:
- Parking lot expansion, 2007
- Eastern wing (Advancement Center), 2010
- Western wing roof replacement and new entryway, 2014
INFRASTRUCTURE

Utility Pole Relocation
- Poles removed/relocated where needed for sidewalk installation.
- Utility companies co-locating lines on new, taller poles, resulting in overall reduction of poles.

West Bay Street Improvements
- GDOT median and streetscape improvements, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, traffic signal upgrades, new transit stops.
- Expected completion date: July 2019
STREETS & CIRCULATION

Street paving, repair and resurfacing:

- 26 street segments completed, 2010-2016
Moses Jackson Advancement Center

- **Workforce development**
  - Chatham Apprentice Program: 151 participants, 2016-present
  - Savannah Technical College workforce programs: manufacturing, warehousing/distribution; commercial driver’s license, 2010-2015
  - Goodwill Hospitality Certification Program: 140 students certified 2017-present
Moses Jackson Advancement Center

- Business development
  - UGA/Savannah Entrepreneurial Center *How to Start a Business* classes:
    30 classes/164 participants, 2016-present
  - UGA *How to Write a Business Plan* series, 2014
  - Savannah State University business development classes: 75 adults and youth, 2010-2012
Moses Jackson Advancement Center

- Employment assistance services
  - 7 Job Fairs/93 employers/506 participants, 2016-present; 5 Job Fairs, 2014-2015
  - 6 Hiring Events/86 participants, 2016-present
  - 106 participants found employment, 2015-present
  - 14 Job Readiness Trainings/Classes, 2014-present
  - 987 services provided (resume writing, job searches, interview skills, referrals, clothing, bus passes), 2016-present
Enterprise Zone
- Sustainable Fellwood Enterprise Zone concluded December 31, 2017.
- Helped attract over $37,259,542 and create 332 housing units since created in 2007.

Federal Opportunity Zone
- Census Tract 6.01 (West Savannah) selected as Opportunity Zone under new federal incentive program.
- Program aims to increase investment in businesses and developments in underserved communities.
MPC Zoning Study (2006)

- Land use and zoning changes to address:
  - Concerns expressed by residents;
  - Recommendations of West Savannah Revitalization Plan and Implementation Plan for Augusta Avenue Corridor;
  - Zoning changes required for redevelopment of Fellwood Homes site.
AUGUSTA AVENUE REVITALIZATION PLAN

Plan Components Completed and Underway

Streetscape & Public Space Improvements

- Phase 1: E. Lathrop Avenue to New Castle Street
- Phase 2: Graham Street to Fell Street
- Phase 3: Fell Street to New Castle Street
Phase 1 and Phase 2 (completed)

- Augusta Avenue resurfaced from E. Lathrop Ave. to Newell St.
- Overgrowth cleared; erosion control installed
- 1,690 LF of sidewalk installed/repaiired; 21 ADA ramps installed
- 1,360 LF of curb installed/repaiired
Phase 1 and Phase 2, continued

- Eastern gateway retaining wall and sign repaired
- Off-street parking lot installed at New Castle Lane
- CAT bus stop amenities installed—retaining wall, bus shelter pads, new shelters

Augusta Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan

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Phase 1 and Phase 2, *continued*

- Former Wingmen’s Motorcycle Club site cleared and graded
- Adjacent parcels between Newell and Scarborough cleared and fenced
- Tree lawn installed and 40+ street trees planted
Phase 3

- Design, grading plan, planting plan, and engineering documents completed

- Plans include:
  - Sidewalks, ADA ramps, driveway aprons, tree lawn and street trees from Fell Street to New Castle Street
  - Stamped concrete crosswalks at Tulip, McIntyre, Densler, Chester, New Castle, Cumming and Newell streets
  - Stratford Street Passive Park installation
STREETSCAPE & PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

Augusta Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan:
Phase Three Improvements

LEGEND
- New Sidewalk
- New Tree Lawn
- Driveway Location
- Stamped Concrete Crosswalk
- New or Improved Green Space
- CAT Bus Stop

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**STREETSCAPE & PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS**

Stratford Street Passive Park
- Design and landscape plan completed
- Passive green space with benches, paver walkway and gathering space, planting bed, ornamental fencing
- CAT bus pullover and shelter
STREETSCAPE & PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS
Phase 3 – Upcoming Activities

- Bidding for Phase 3 planned for 1st Quarter 2019.
- Contract award and construction planned for 2nd Quarter 2019.
- Construction completion planned for 3rd Quarter 2019.