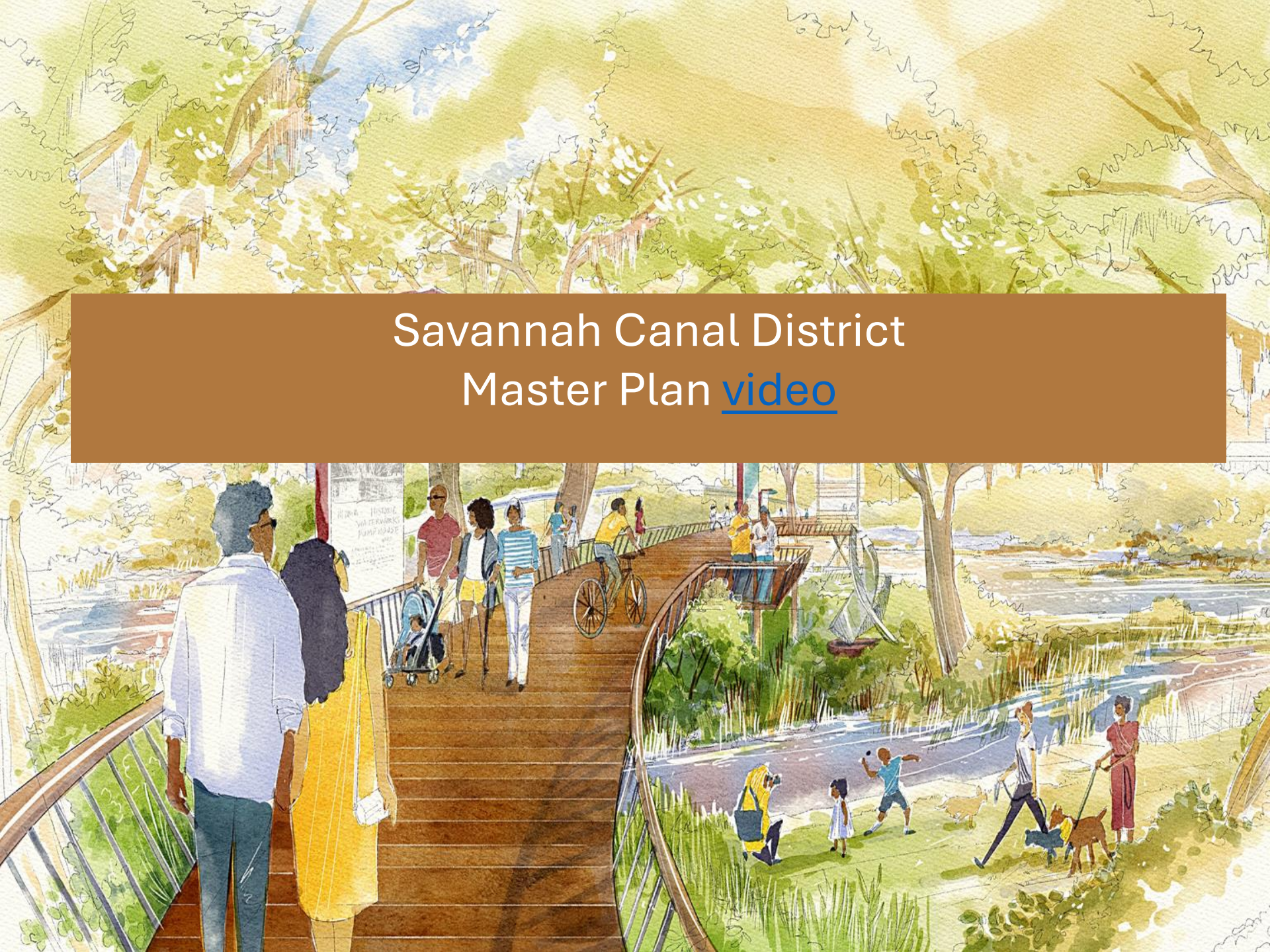


Common Ground: The Master Plan for Savannah's Canal District & Action Playbook: Collective Implementation of the Canal District Master Plan

October 9, 2025



A watercolor illustration of a park scene. In the foreground, a wooden boardwalk with a metal railing curves through the scene. Several people are walking on the boardwalk: a man in a light blue shirt and dark pants, a woman in a yellow dress, a man in a red shirt pushing a stroller, and a woman in a blue and white striped shirt. In the background, more people are walking, and a person is riding a bicycle. The boardwalk is surrounded by lush green trees and foliage. To the right of the boardwalk, there is a grassy area where a group of people, including children and a dog, are playing. A small sailboat is visible in the water in the background. The overall style is a soft, painterly watercolor.

Savannah Canal District Master Plan [video](#)

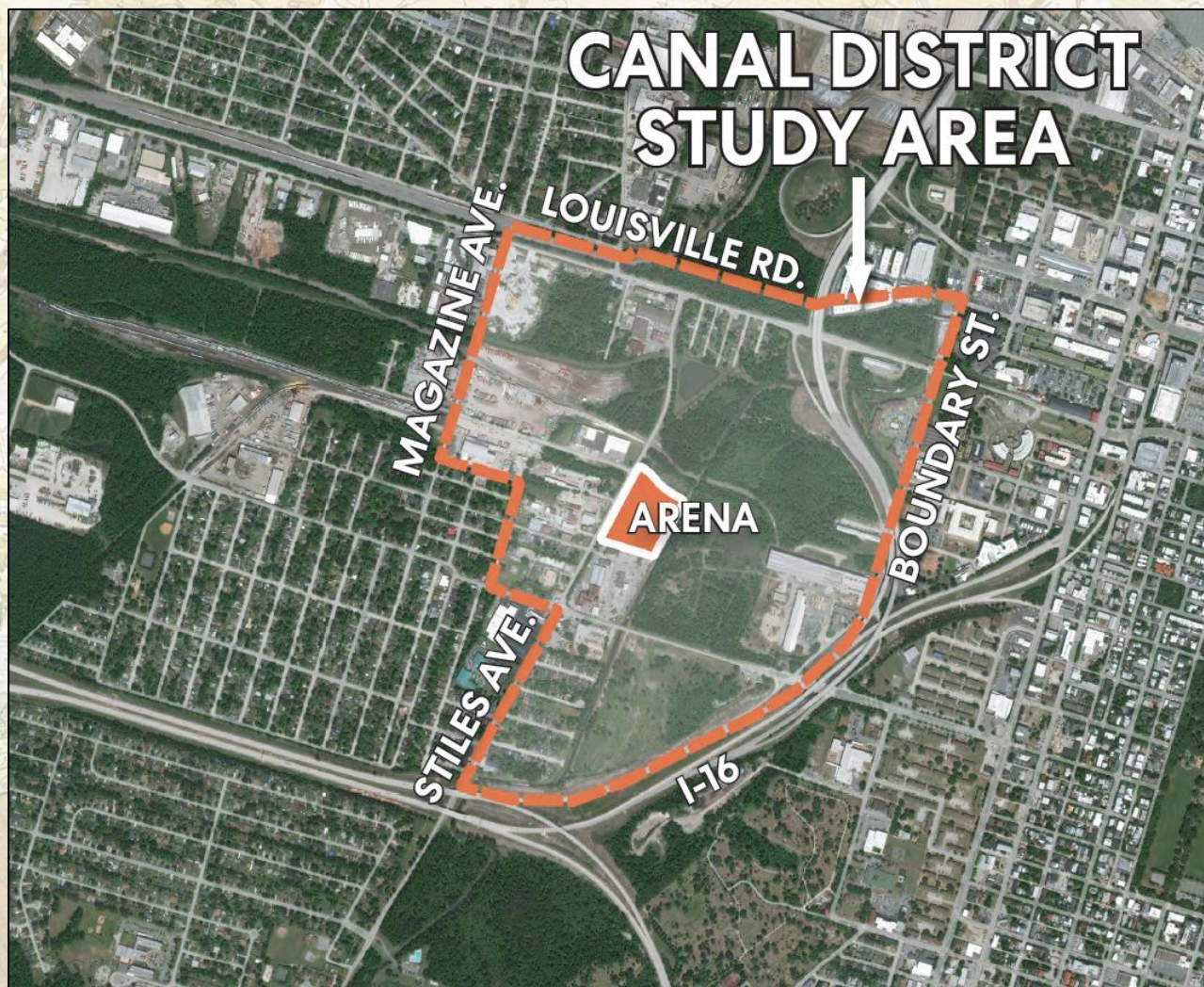
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Vision

**The Canal District is new common ground in Savannah.
It protects historic communities, rebuilds nature,
elevates civic life, and allows the City to grow.**

**The Master Plan seeks to coordinate actions and
communication into a shared perspective, empowering
Savannah residents and leadership to work together
to develop resilient places and a stronger City.**

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The Master Plan

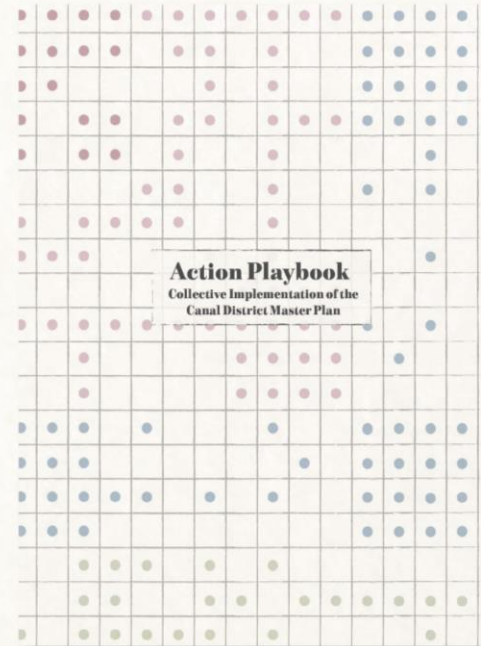
A document that focuses on the process, vision, and design recommendations for the Canal District



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The Action Playbook

A document that focuses on the actions needed to implement the Master Plan in an equitable and inclusive way



**Goals and
Supporting
Objectives of the
Canal District
Master Plan and
Vision**



Action Playbook

Guide

- 01 Establish a Three-Year Arena Area Plan
- 02 Establish a Canal District Leader
- 03 Build Nonprofit and Philanthropic Support for the Canal District's Open Spaces
- 04 Designate a Tax Allocation District
- 05 Establish a Community Improvement District

People

- 06 Support Local Employment and Businesses
- 07 Repurpose the Water Works as a Community Market and Business Center
- 08 Curate and Build a West Savannah Heritage Trail
- 09 Strengthen Partnerships with the Land Bank Authority for Community Development
- 10 Organize a Community Benefits Framework
- 11 Expand Homeownership and Home-Buying Initiatives
- 12 Develop Renter and Rental-Housing Affordability Initiatives

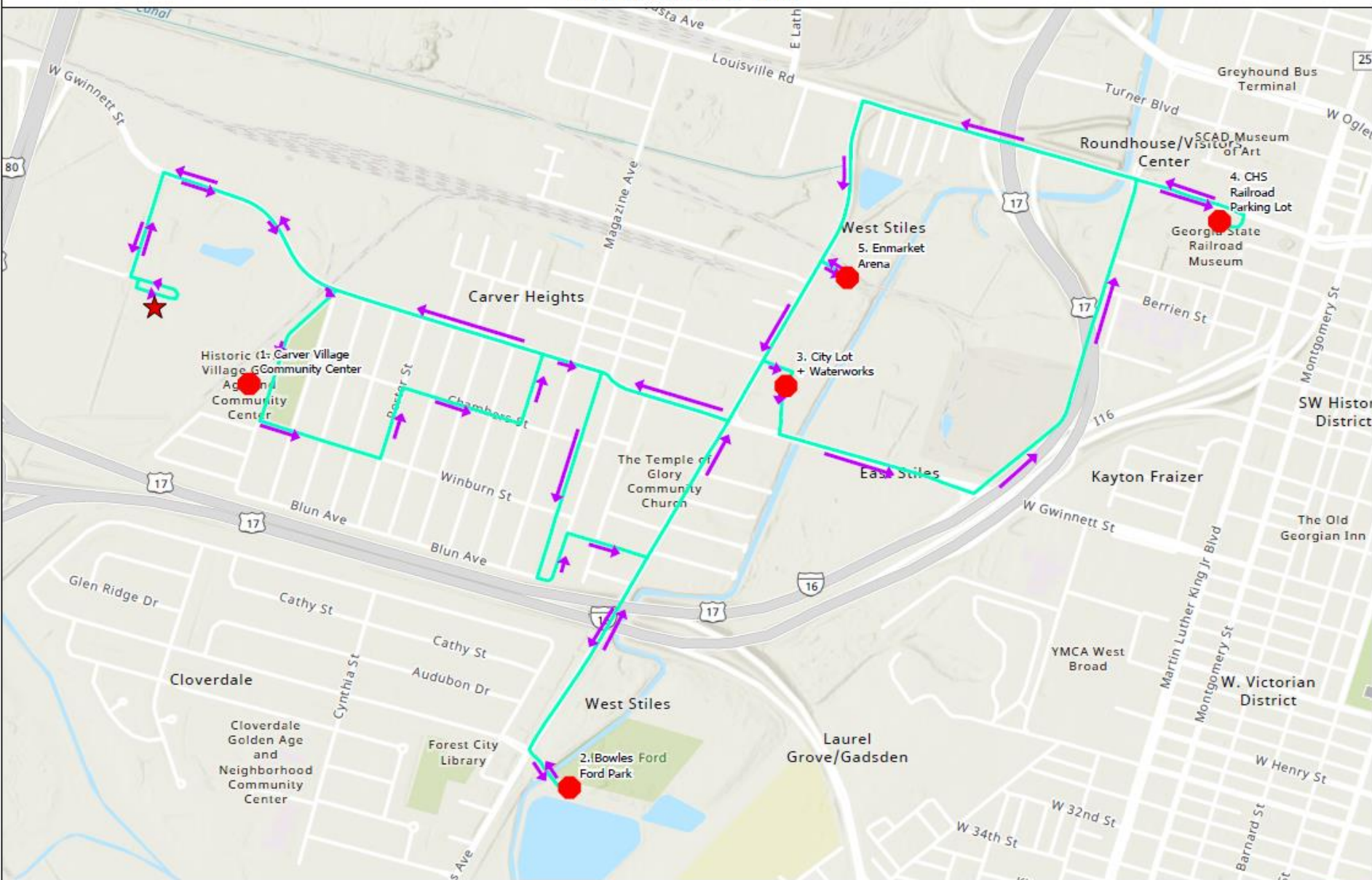
Nature

- 13 Institute a Neighborhood Stormwater Program
- 14 Expand Green Infrastructure Programs to Include the Canal District
- 15 Develop a Comprehensive Stormwater Strategy for the Springfield Basin
- 16 Complete the Canal District Brownfield Assessment

Place

- 17 Institute a Community Street Improvements Program
- 18 Revise Canal District Zoning and Establish an Overlay District
- 19 Install a Neighborhood Wi-Fi Umbrella and Smart Lighting

Canal District Tour



- Stops
- Route Direction
- Tour Route
- ★ Adams Complex

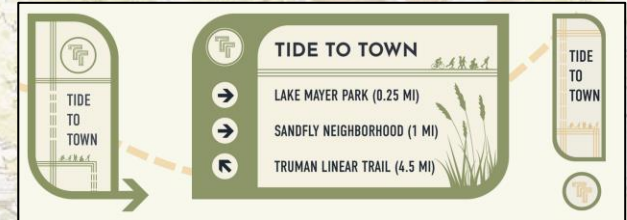


PRESERVATION: Historic Carver Village



RECREATION:

Bowles Ford Park

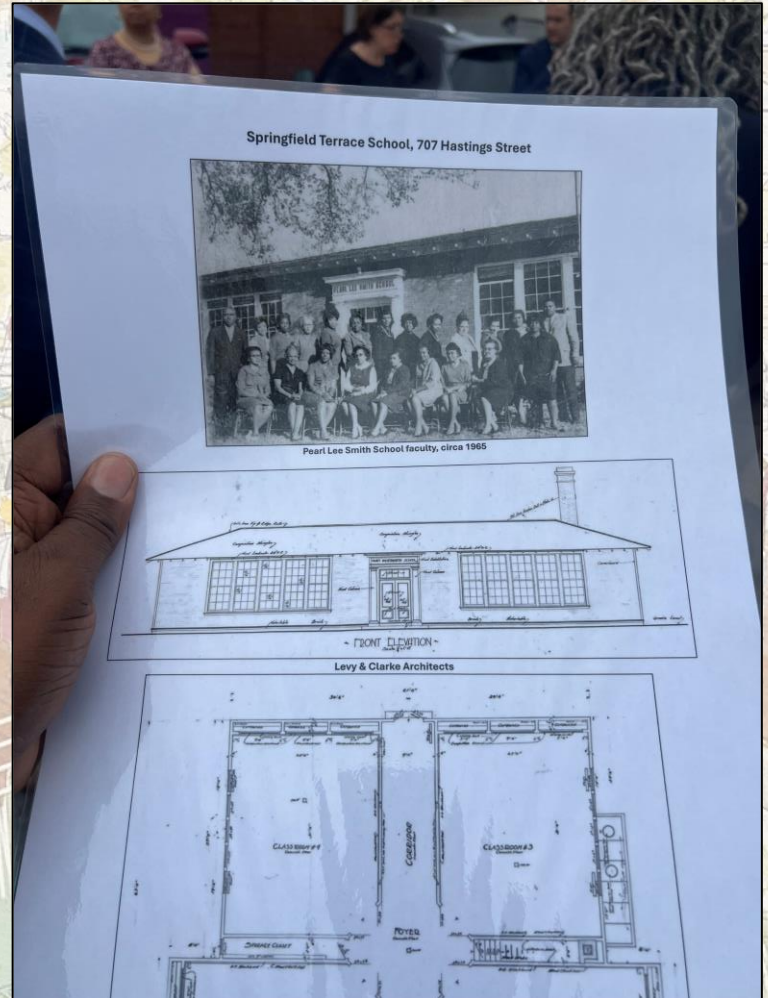


Bowles Ford Park Playground



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Water Works Building/City Lot

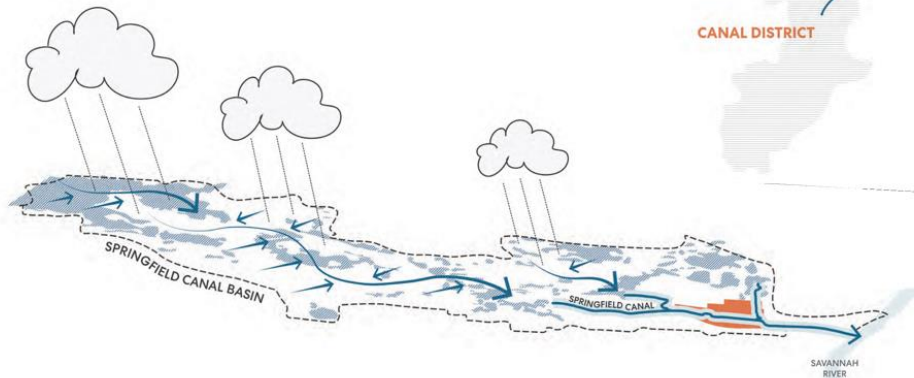




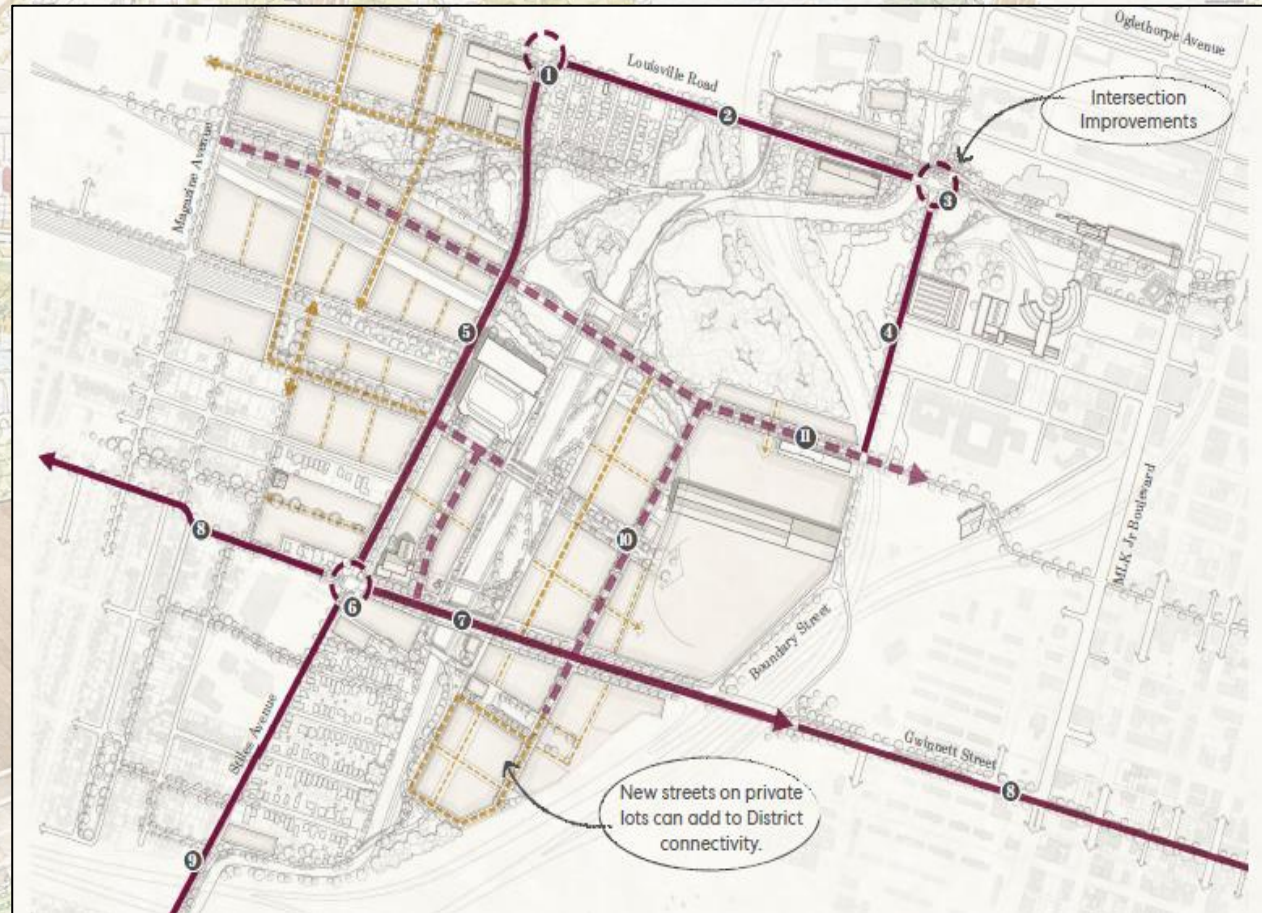
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Tricentennial Park

The Springfield Canal: A Large Flood Basin

The Springfield Canal drains approximately
6,000 acres of the City of Savannah.

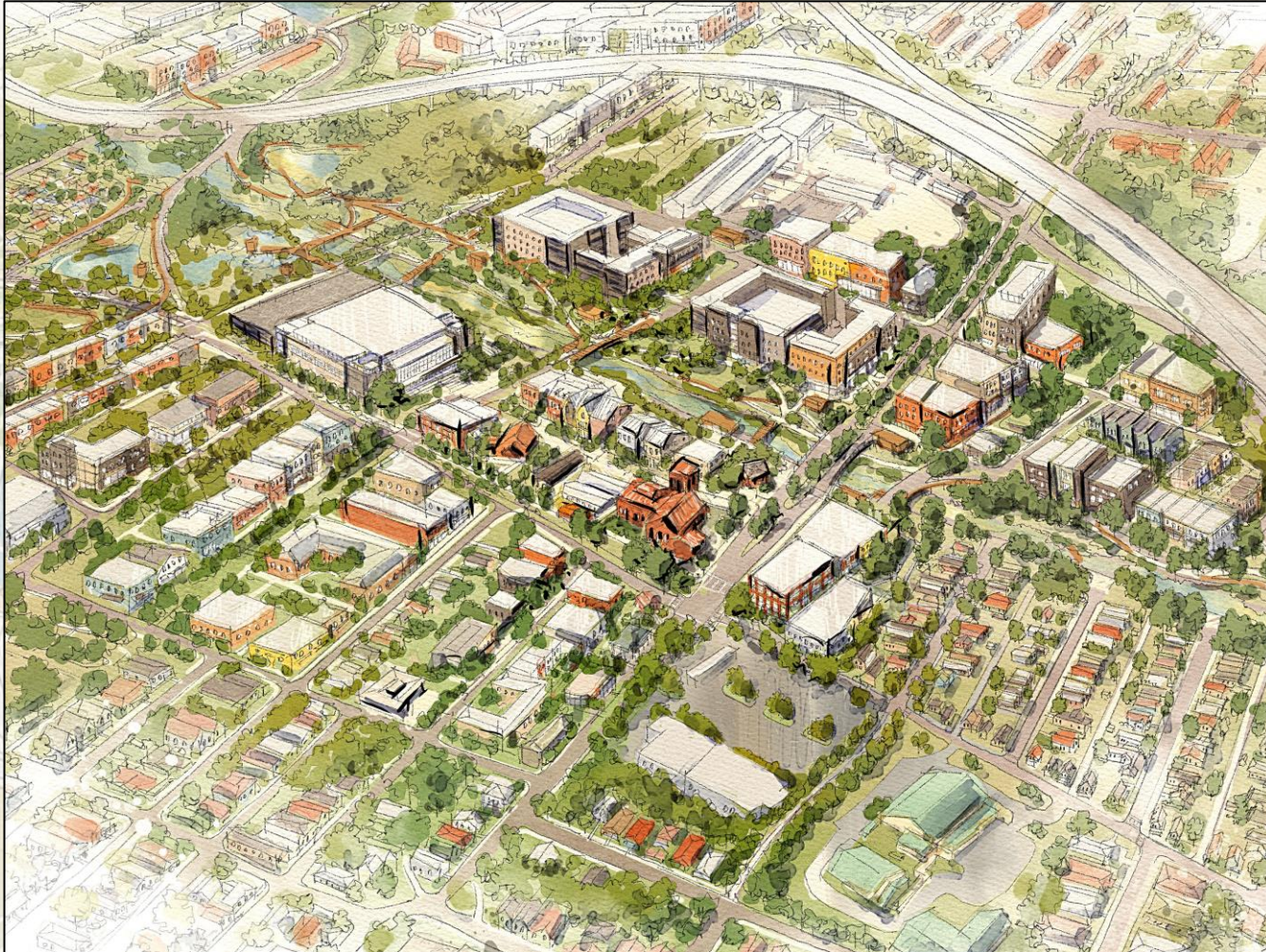


MOBILITY INFRASTRUCTURE: Connections



LAND USE & ZONING:

Residential, Commercial, Industrial



WORK SESSION



Next Step:

Adopt Common Ground: The Master Plan for Savannah's Canal District and Action Playbook: Collective Implementation of the Canal District Master Plan

Plan...Participate...Plot

