



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

via WebEx

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Chair Al Pond called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present
Roberta Abdul-Salaam	Jeffrey Parker
Robert Ashe	Luz Borrero
Stacy Blakley	Elizabeth O’Neill
Jim Durrett	Melissa Mullinax
William Floyd	Raj Srinath
Roderick Frierson	Rhonda Allen
Freda Hardage	Ralph McKinney
Russell McMurry ¹	
Al Pond, Chair	
Rita Scott	
Reginald Snyder	
Christopher Tomlinson ¹	
Thomas Worthy	

Also in attendance: Board General Counsel Justice Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP and other staff members: Heather Alhadeff, Marsha Anderson Bomar, Robin Boyd, Phyllis Bryant, LaShanda Dawkins, Kenya Hammond, Jacqueline Holland, Tyrene Huff, Kevin Hurley, Michael Kreher, Keri Lee, Patricia Lucek, Gena Major, Dean Mallis, Paula Nash, Santiago Osorio, Larry Prescott, David Springstead, Kirk Talbott, Sean Thomas, and George Wright.

Approval of the March 25, 2021 Planning and Capital Programs Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Chair Pond called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Durrett and seconded by Board Member Blakley. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 11 to 0 with 13¹ members present.

¹Russell McMurry is the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation and Christopher Tomlinson is the Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA). Per the MARTA Act, they are non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance for Contract CP B37768, CNG Fueling Facility at Hamilton *[Presentation attached]*

Assistant General Manager of Capital Program Delivery Marsha Anderson Bomar presented the above resolution authorizing the final acceptance of contract CP B37768.

Committee Chair Pond called for a motion to approve the resolution. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Ashe and seconded by Board Member Worthy.

Committee Chair Pond opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

Board Member Blakley ask if they wanted to tour the facility, who would they need to contact in order to make the arrangements. Ms. Anderson Bomar stated that she would be the person to contact.

Board Chair Scott asked, is the absence of the 20% DBE goal due to not being able to find a company to meet the criteria. Ms. Anderson Bomar replied that there were DBE firms as part of the team for the project, but the nature of the work required elements that they were not qualified to perform. Board Chair Scott asked what were the elements. Ms. Anderson Bomar replied that she would have to research that and get back to the Board with an answer.

The resolution was approved unanimously by a vote of 11 to 0 with 13¹ members present.

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of MARTA Parcel C4181F containing 7.255 Acres Located at 0 Willingham Drive, College Park, & 0 Elm Street, East Point, Fulton County, Georgia to the City of College Park for the Finding the Flint Conservation Group *[Presentation attached]*

Director of Real Estate Robin Boyd presented the above resolution authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to sell 0 Willingham Drive, College Park, & 0 Elm Street, East Point, Fulton County, Georgia to the City of College Park for use by the Finding the Flint as a Park located at the River's headwaters.

Committee Chair Pond called for a motion to approve the resolution. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Ashe and seconded by Board Member Durrett.

Committee Chair Pond opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

Board member Frierson asked if this project will improve the head flow of the Flint River or is it just something that will be built around it to beautify the area. Ms. Boyd responded that the project will increase the flow as well as beautify the area. Board Member Frierson also asked if it will be maintained by the City of College Park and the other entities and Ms. Boyd replied, yes it will be maintained by the City of College Park's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Conservation group will fund the infrastructures. General Manager Jeffrey Parker added that this project is not a MARTA project. MARTA is transferring the property to the City of College Park and will retain the ability to allow

MARTA facilities to run off into the river. Ms. Boyd concurred.

Board Member Ashe expressed his excitement about this project and how MARTA is helping to make this a success.

Board Member Abdul-Salaam asked what Ms. Boyd meant when she stated that FTA had a concern. Ms. Boyd responded that because FTA had an interest in the property, MARTA must get approval from them to proceed.

The resolution was approved unanimously by a vote of 11 to 0 with 13¹ members present.

Other Matters

General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker presented the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding as purposed by Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) to the committee.

General Manager Parker expressed the following concerns:

- The ATL's process is a deviation from the previous process
- Through the Governor's budget, we understand that the State Government has asked the ATL to make sure the ARP funding is done for regional priorities and we are not in disagreement with that agreement. Still, this Board needs to maintain its fiduciary responsibility to deliver this projects that we have committed to our jurisdictional partners.
- We have a strong relationship and good track record with FTA and do not feel we need a middle organization between us and the FTA.

Committee Chair Pond stated that GM Parker has valid concerns and asked what is the best path forward. GM Parker responded that the Board's perception and that we provide details to the Board and get your understanding of this process and jet the Board's input and for the Board to act and publicly make a statement of their position. Board Member Durrett asked for MARTA staff to prepare a memo outlining the details of the ARP funding and the ATL's position to give the Board a better understanding. GM Parker confirmed that staff would prepare a memo. Board Member Tomlinson commented that the ATL staff will be happy to present this information and answer questions today. Board Member Ashe commented that this is not a good process proposed by the ATL. The ATL should not dictate how MARTA spends the funds. Board Member Abdul-Salaam agreed with Board Member Ashe and asked if there was a deadline for when the ATL will decide. GM Parker stated that the ATL's Board, per Mr. Tomlinson, will meet next Thursday to make a decision. Tomlinson clarified that the ATL is looking to take action on May 6th and the process will allow for public comment and that he wants to make it clear that this is a collaborative process. Board Chair Scott dittoed Board Member Ashe and was extremely concerned that the projects did not include any projects in the South DeKalb area. She also wanted to know of the designated recipient was already decided. General Manager Parker explained that the designated recipient is a status that is appointed by the Governor and their role is to make sure we are properly applying for the formula funds

and are working in the region to distribute properly. Historically, MARTA has properly distributed the funds. Board Chair Scott asked that it is still an option for the Board to decide for MARTA to take the fiduciary responsibility for our funds. General Manager Parker responded, yes, it is an option, and in the past, the MARTA Board has made those priorities related to funded projects. Board Member Hardage echoed what had been said and added that the 10% going to the ATL is a large amount that could fund other MARTA projects. General Manager Parker stated that the historical process is not in conflict with making sure regional priorities are made. MARTA is a significant transit entity, and the Board has a long track record of advancing regional priorities and our operating and capital budgets support that. Board Member Floyd stressed that MARTA must start the discussion of leading the regional efforts of transit funding. Board Member Frierson stated that we must work in a cooperative way to move this forward.

Committee Chair Pond asked for the legal process of how this money is received, managed and distributed. General Manager Parker stated that the process would be in the memo that staff will prepare for the Board.

Adjournment

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyrene L. Huff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tyrene L. Huff
Assistant Secretary to the Board

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/tPT7vddcm5A>

Hamilton CNG Fueling Facility

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Project Goals

- Construct and commission a new CNG Fueling Facility at Hamilton Bus Facility so that the new CNG bus fleet can fuel daily on site
- Construct an Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP) to treat the combined industrial waste from Browns Mill and Hamilton.
- Construct a stormwater bio-detention pond to support runoff from the new and existing facilities to meet State Stormwater requirements



Before - HAMILTON BUS FACILITY CIRCA 2014

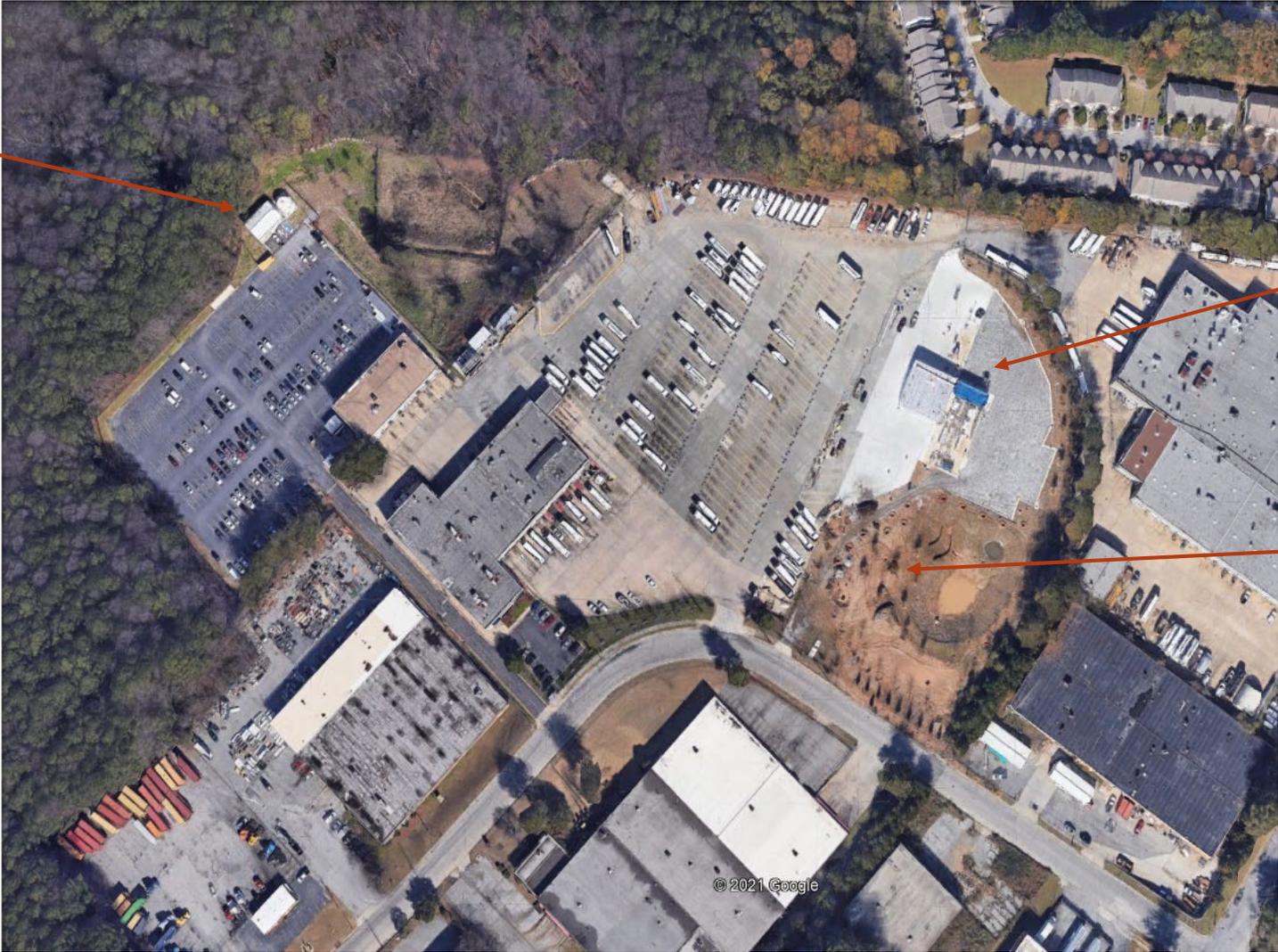
Old IWTP Plant



Old Shipping facility

After - HAMILTON BUS FACILITY CIRCA 2021

New IWTP Plant



New CNG Fueling Facility

New Bio-Detention Pond

Fuel Facilities

CNG FUELING BAY & CANOPY



TRANSPORTATION | Constructed value less than \$20 M
CNG Fueling Facility at Hamilton Bus Facility | Atlanta, GA
MARTA



CNG EQUIPMENT YARD



Water Treatment Facilities

IWTP PRE-ENGINEERED METAL BUILDING & EQUALIZATION TANK



Contract Closeout

Contract Award	\$15,439,720.00
Total Authorization	\$16,211,706.00
Change Orders	\$524,811.99
Quantity Variance	(\$22,456.91)
Remaining Funds	\$269,630.92
Final Cost	\$15,942,075.08



Clean Audit Report received 03/11/2021

DBE Participation

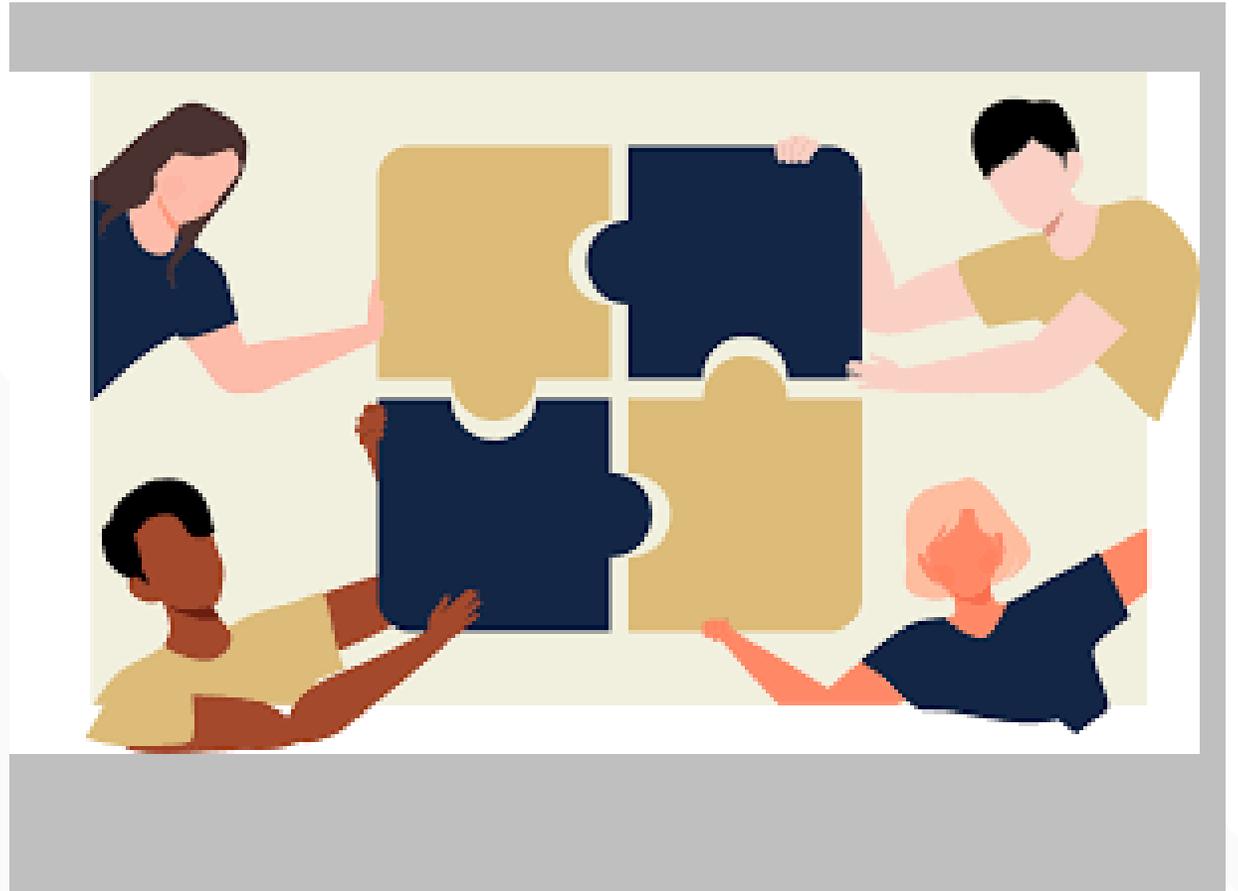
DBE Goal – 20%

DBE Participation achieved – 19.04%

Original Contract Amount \$15,614,720

DBE Target Amount - \$3,435,238

DBE Reported Paid to Date - \$2,974,166





Thank You

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RIVER MILE 346.3

Headwaters Nature Preserve

COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA

PROJECT STATS

- **7.07 acres** located in College Park and East Point
- **Owned by MARTA**
- **Former site** of Gate City Cotton Mills (1900-1965)
- **Stakeholders:** MARTA, College Park Business & Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), Woodward Academy, City of East Point
- **Community Stakeholders:** Egan Park, Historic College Park, East Washington Community

Transforming a fenced-off meadow where the headwaters first emerge into College Park's first nature preserve and outdoor classroom.

THE CHALLENGE

The source of the Flint River in East Point was called "Magnesia Springs" at the turn of the century, but it was piped underground as industries grew along the railroad. This site, right on the boundary of College Park and East Point, is where the stream first daylight. MARTA purchased the property in 1985 to manage stormwater from the new East Point rail station upstream. The property has sat undeveloped and ignored since then.

THE OPPORTUNITY

The City of College Park's Business and Industrial Authority (BIDA) is interested in acquiring or leasing this property from MARTA. With stream restoration and a flood easement, this could be a lush public greenspace in a city that lacks access to nature. Residents and neighboring institutions like Woodward Academy are enthusiastic about the possibility of trails, gardens, and outdoor learning opportunities at the source of the Flint River.

Finding the Flint

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Priority Projects

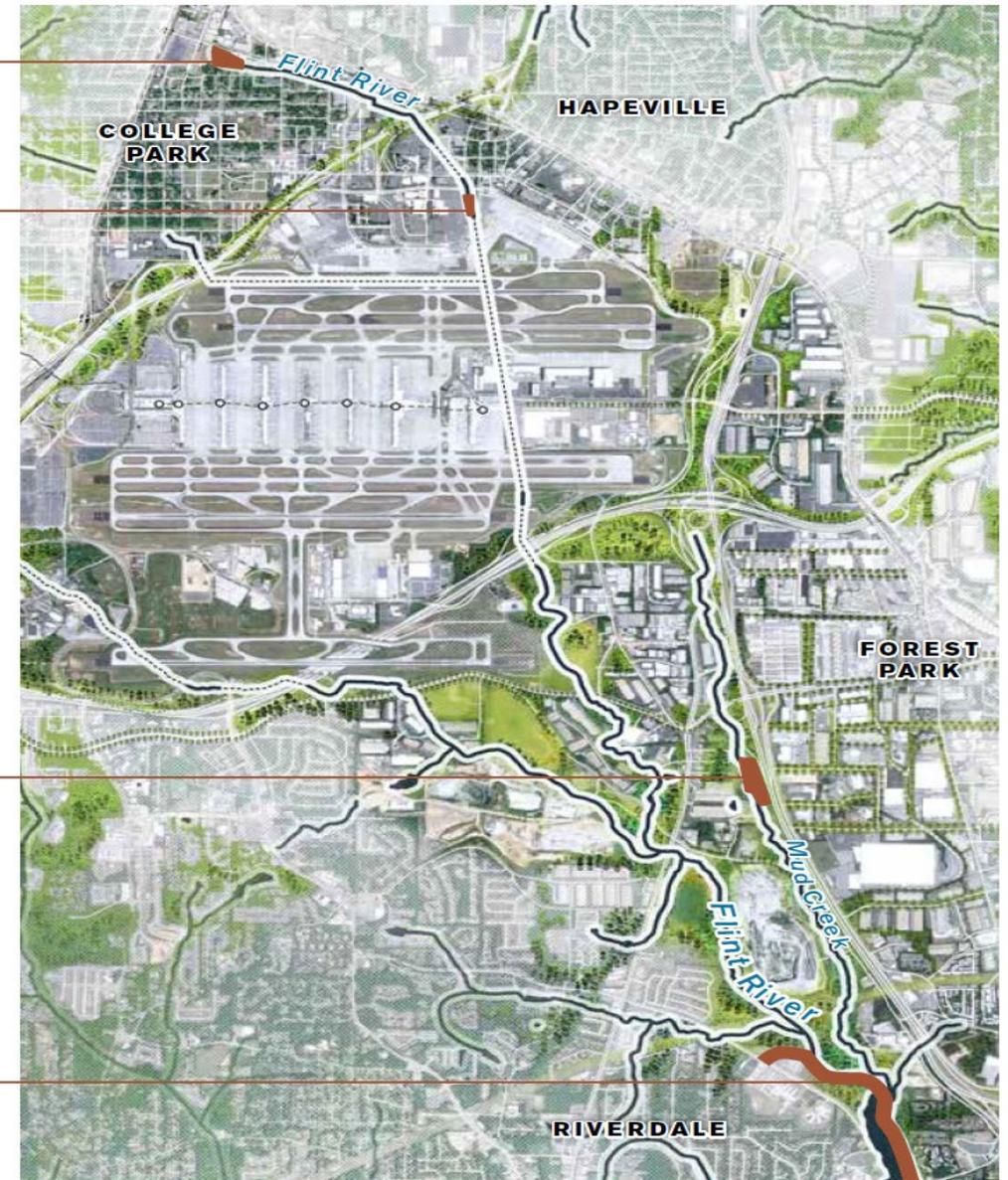
In order to advance a series of restoration projects to improve the health of the headwaters and quality of life on the southside, Finding the Flint has identified several sites where the Flint River and Aerotropolis redevelopment projects come together. These priority projects represent immediate opportunities to improve the Flint River and catalyze sustainable development in the airport area.

RIVER MILE 346.3
Headwaters
Nature Preserve

RIVER MILE 344.5
Delta
Restoration
Park

RIVER MILE 341
Mud Creek
Trailhead

RIVER MILE 338.5
Flint River Trail
Model Mile



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RIVER MILE 346.3

Headwaters Nature Preserve

COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA



Location Map

Disposal of MARTA Parcel C4181F Near College Park Station and East Point Station



Legend

- Parcel for Disposal
- Station Boundary
- MARTA Gold Line
- MARTA Red Line
- City Boundary

Exhibit not to scale, for illustrative purposes only.







Overview

- It is proposed that the fee simple property rights be sold to the City of College Park for the appraised fair market value of \$218,000.00.
- The River is Georgia's second largest and flows for 344 miles (including 1.5 miles under HJAIA), providing water to farms, a home to wildlife, drinking water and eventually merging into the Chattahoochee River near the Florida Panhandle.
- Years of urban development and drought have threatened the River. Finding the Flint is a Conservation group dedicated to restoring the River's health and reconnecting the Flint through a system of trails and parks from the headwaters down to the southside of the Airport while creating a destination for the community.
- Keeping the River healthy begins at the headwaters which are located on MARTA Parcel C4181F and will therefore become the initiation point for the trail system.

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- By partnering with Finding the Flint, MARTA will join a long list of public and private stakeholders dedicated to saving this critical natural resource.
- MARTA Parcel C4181F consists of two contiguous tax parcels, 0 Willingham Drive – Tax Parcel ID 14 015800120775 and 0 Elm Street – Tax Parcel ID 14 015800120866. The property is currently used by MARTA for runoff and will retain that right thru deed restriction after the sale. Otherwise, the Parcel is no longer required for the operation or maintenance of the Authority
- Parcel C4181F was originally acquired by MARTA as Acquisition Parcel S865 under the FTA Grant No. GA-03-0023 66% federal participation, as part of the purchase related to the construction of the South line. FTA concurrence to dispose will be obtained prior to settlement



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Thank you