

# Community Involvement/ Engagement Plan

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# 1 Community Involvement/Engagement Plan Overview

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The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) will use the EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant funding to provide environmental-related development resources for target area of the grant. The CCG's primary goals of this grant will be (1) to provide economic incentives for the development and redevelopment of underutilized properties, (2) to promote opportunities for job creation, and (3) to facilitate the protection of human health and the environment through the completion of the EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant awarded to the CCG. To meet these goals, the CCG will provide, among other things, environmental cleanup and environmental technical assistance to encourage and stimulate redevelopment and reinvestment in the identified target area.

This Community Involvement/Engagement Plan (CEP) describes in this document the methods of outreach and communication the CCG will use to inform the community about proposed project activities. The CEP describes how the CCG will encourage community participation through various methods of communication as the project unfolds. This plan is a living document and will be amended as necessary to meet these expectations. The CCG, as a starting point, has identified the following actions to establish a groundwork dialog with the community:

- Identify community stakeholders, including but not limited to: local residents, businesses, churches, schools, and property owners; CCG personnel and officials; and other interested parties.
- Assist in the development of community flyers and other public information to inform and educate the local community as to the activities to be performed under the grant, while soliciting input concerning the best use of Brownfields sites.
- Update the current brownfield webpage for the CCG's website and social media outlets to apprise the public.
- Facilitate community meetings and community informational sessions.
- Establish a clear understanding throughout the community of the project outcome(s).
- Provide the community the opportunity to engage in this project and provide feedback to further develop and refine community engagement activities that create value for the community.

## 2 Brownfield Project and Area Description

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### 2.1 Project Description

The Columbus Consolidated Government was awarded a US EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant to provide funding for the environmental cleanup of the Former State Farmers Market site located at 318 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Columbus, Georgia under the Cooperative Agreement Number BF 00D94319-0. The project will support the CCG's efforts to perform a single site cleanup.

Tasks within the grant program include: Community Engagement, Reuse Planning, and Site Cleanup. These tasks are described below.

**Community Engagement** – The CCG team members and consultants will engage partners and stakeholders to invoke participation and input from the community. This includes engagement and outreach methods of seeking input, methods of communicating progress and education/information sharing with community members and potential partners.

**Reuse, Remediation and Area-Wide Planning** –The CCG will develop remediation and reuse planning to facilitate the development of the site. The CCG will complete necessary remediation planning under the EPA terms and conditions based on the applicable Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) requirements.

**Site Cleanup** – Site cleanup will take place under the guidance of EPA and GA EPD according to the approved Analysis for Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA).

## 2.2 Project Area

The targeted area for this grant consists of Liberty District. The Former Georgia State Farmers Market site is bordered by three historic cemeteries; the Porterdale, East Porterdale, and Riverdale Cemeteries.

See attached in Appendix F Exhibit 1 -Topographic Map of the project focus area.

## 2.3 Community Involvement/Engagement Plan Objectives

Through this CEP, the community will be provided opportunities for participation and engagement through effective and efficient two-way methods of communication. It is the goal of this plan that members of the community will gain knowledge of the Brownfields assessment and redevelopment process and will be provided opportunities to participate in the decision making process. The CCG will maintain an open line of communication with the community so that the community will remain informed throughout the project.

# 3 Community Involvement/Engagement Activities

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The Columbus Consolidated Government has worked diligently to identify key partners in the community to assist in this Brownfields grant project. The CCG will continue these partnerships at the local level in addition to working with state and federal agencies to keep relevant parties well informed of the project activities and opportunities for participation. The following list highlights some of the key stakeholders; their contact information can be found in Appendix A:

### Officiating Bodies / Elected Officials

Congressional Representatives

- Georgia Senate
- Georgia House of Representatives

- Office of the Mayor
- CCG Council
- Government Agencies

### Key Stakeholders

- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Georgia Department of Transportation
- GA EPD (Georgia Environmental Protection Division)
- Development Authority of Columbus
- River Valley Regional Commission
- Columbus Housing Authority
- Uptown Columbus
- Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber
- Columbus Technical College
- Muscogee County Board of Education
- Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley
- Piedmont Columbus Regional Health
- Troy University
- Community Organizations
- Faith-based Organizations
- Senior Centers
- Non-profits

The following activities will be proposed to encourage stakeholder participation and provide opportunities to sustain involvement throughout the grant period of this project:

- The CCG will conduct community meetings regarding the Brownfields grant project. The first meeting was held in October 2020, and it consisted of a community informational meeting to prepare for the implementation of the grant and provide general information about the grant process and the focus area. This meeting also evaluated potential conceptual plans for the proposed greenspace. The second community meeting will provide the community the opportunity to review the final ABCA and comment. The second community meeting invitees include the EPA's Region 4 Brownfields Grant Project Officer, GA EPD Brownfield Project Manager, CCG officials and employee, Community-based organizations (CBOs), and other identified key stakeholders. Project stakeholders will be asked to extend invitations to their target constituents to attend this meeting. The meeting will be held within the grant focus area and the proposed location and date of the meeting are listed in Section 3.3 of this document. In response to possible

COVID-19 social distancing mandates or advisories by state or local officials, scheduled public meetings may be held in a virtual format, and recorded and posted on the grantee website for public access.

- Progress update meetings will be scheduled with other community meetings during the grant period. The proposed location and date of the meetings are listed in Section 3.3 of this document. In response to possible COVID-19 social distancing mandates or advisories by state or local officials, scheduled public meetings may be held in a virtual format, and recorded and posted on the grantee website for public access.
- A brochure was previously developed to inform and educate the community of the activities performed under the grant (required printing will be conducted by the Columbus Consolidated Government). The brochure will be available to distribute and will include the CCG contact information to further engage the community in this project and the Columbus Brownfield Program.
- A technology based outreach program will involve updating the Columbus Brownfield Program website that will provide additional information about the EPA Brownfield Cleanup grant, ongoing community outreach activities, meeting dates and locations, and other related announcements. The Columbus Brownfield Program website will be linked to the Columbus Consolidated Government website. Refer to section 3.5 for details about the technology based outreach program.

### 3.1 Point of Contact

Robert Scott, Community Reinvestment Director, Columbus Consolidated Government, will serve as the CCG Grant Project Manager and will serve as the spokesperson for the CCG. Mr. Scott's role is to provide direct access between the CCG and the community of Columbus, Georgia and to provide any necessary updates to this CEP during the course of the project. He will also serve as the Emergency Contact should any issues arise during the course of the project.

Information will be distributed to the community on the CCG Brownfields website that is also linked to the CCG site [www.columbusga.org](http://www.columbusga.org). Additional information will be circulated through brochures and handouts presented at public meetings. Mr. Scott's contact information is as follows:

Robert Scott, Community Reinvestment Director  
Columbus Consolidated Government  
420 10th Street, Columbus, GA 31901-2736  
Phone (706) 225-3918  
Email: [scott.robert@columbusga.org](mailto:scott.robert@columbusga.org)

Additional points of contact for community stakeholders, media, and federal, state, and local representatives are presented in Appendix A.

### 3.2 Distribution of Information

Information will be provided on a dedicated Columbus Brownfields website that will have a link from the CCG site, [www.columbusga.org](http://www.columbusga.org). The site will include information regarding this

project; other CCG-wide Brownfields projects and links to other local redevelopment efforts. Important dates and information will also be provided on the website including any pre-scheduled meetings. Announcement of additional or un-scheduled meetings will be distributed to the community at least 2 weeks (10 business days) prior to the meeting.

Presentations and agendas from public meetings will be archived on the Brownfields Program website and will be made available upon written request to the CCG's Project Manager for the Brownfields Program.

Project information will be released in appropriate newspapers and press releases. The CCG regularly communicates with residents via its website and email distribution lists to establish and maintain interest in ongoing projects. In addition to web based information, written correspondence and community meetings, the local media outlets are alternative sources of information for the community regarding the project. The CCG also uses government access television to provide information on public meetings and to provide project updates. Contact information for the media is provided in Appendix A.

Inclusiveness is a goal, while English is the dominant language spoken in the target area, the CCG will take measures to accommodate persons with Limited English Proficiency either through oral or written translation services and/or providing translated project updates upon request of these services.

### **3.3 Public Meetings and Town Hall Forums**

The CCG has actively sought and encouraged citizen input throughout the establishment of a Brownfields outreach program. It will continue these efforts throughout the grant implementation process, including preparing outreach/promotional materials to be distributed via email, neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, professional association meeting(s), newspapers, through social media blasts, and postings on the Columbus website. Government Access Channels provides a portal for residents to view programming that is vital to keeping the community informed such as the Brownfields initiative. Local officials and Community-based Organizations (CBOs) involved in the initial grant process will be included and kept informed of community meetings and project status. Meetings are always open and accessible to the public. In response to possible COVID-19 social distancing mandates or advisories by state or local officials, scheduled public meetings may be held in a virtual format, and recorded and posted on the grantee website for public access.

The use of public meetings and town hall forums are vital to the exchange of information between the CCG and community stakeholders. To provide ample opportunity for full participation of stakeholders, meetings will mostly be held during evening hours. Meeting locations are selected based on proximity to the affected Brownfield target area, the following is a list of potential facilities that are heavily utilized by the community and are handicap accessible:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Mildred L. Terry Public Library<br>640 Veterans Parkway<br>Columbus, GA 31901<br>(706) 748-3248 | 2. United Way<br>1100 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>Columbus, GA 31901<br>(706) 327-3255 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

3. Columbus Consolidated Government  
Government Annex Building  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Columbus, GA 31902

The Columbus Consolidated Government will continue its partnership with the community stakeholders; as well as state and federal agencies. The grant project values the support of local partnerships that are detailed within Appendix A under Contacts. Community Contacts are outlined as well as federal, state, local, environmental, municipal, state agencies and media. The CCG is open to and encouraging new partners to join the initiative.

### **3.4 Digital Engagement**

Keeping the public and community informed about the CCG's Brownfields Program and benefits to local stakeholders is an essential economic development strategy. The CCG will establish and maintain a dedicated Brownfields website that links to the CCG website to provide general information and meeting notices to support of the program. The CCG will make project related information available to residents within the Brownfields website. Information that needs to be advertised per CCG regulations will be advertised, as required, and will be made readily available for the public, municipal, officials, agencies, partners and media for easy access and review.

In addition to the Brownfields website, the Brownfields Program will work with the consultant team to use digital engagement as a key method to reach out to community members and stakeholders in the project area. Hester Group will use digital engagement, as a discipline to reach community members and stakeholders within the Columbus, Georgia community. Digital engagement is a technique that utilizes principles of digital marketing with disciplines of community outreach. Hester Group will use various forms of software and social media platforms to enable the community and stakeholders to engage with the brownfield project. Platforms that will be used as part of the digital engagement strategy includes email, a website, and Facebook. Digital Engagement occurs throughout the duration of the project.

The purpose of email is to establish communication, and to begin engagement with the community stakeholders and leaders. Email communication will be sent several times throughout the project, including announcing the public meetings and provide various links to social media platforms that are available for community members to ask questions or voice their concerns. Email communication will also act as a follow-up to the attendees of the meetings with information about the project. Hester Group will obtain email lists from the Terracon, CCG, meeting attendees, and other community leaders.

A website will be created to provide overview information about the Columbus Brownfield Program. The website will provide viewers with contact information for the project leaders, and links to the other digital engagement platforms (Facebook page and the CCG Reinvestment website). The website will be completed prior to the start of the first public meeting and updated as needed, to ensure current and accurate information is displayed.

The CCG Community Reinvestment Facebook page will be used for the project and will provide current and updated information on the project. The updated information will include meeting

and project announcements, project pictures (to show the ongoing project and updates), and links to websites. This page currently has an established following, which allows for the posting to reach various members throughout the community. It is anticipated that the project team will post on the Facebook page routinely to provide up to date information with the community.

See Appendix B for the Digital Engagement Plan. An Information Repository will be established where the public can access project documents. See Appendix C for locations.

### 3.5 Proposed Schedule

The Columbus Consolidated Government has proposed the following schedule for community involvement/engagement activities. As the schedule is developed, the CCG will coordinate the calendar of planned activities through the identified methods of communication to include the Brownfield Advisory Board, identified stakeholders, city staff and council members, and community based organizations.

**Table 1 - Community Involvement Activities**

| Date                   | Event                   | Representatives/Attendees                                                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Completed October 2019 | Brownfields Kick-Off    | CCG Personnel, and Brownfields Project Team                                                   |
| Completed January 2020 | Updated Website         | BF Staff participation and consultant                                                         |
| Summer/Fall 2020       | Public Outreach Meeting | Community Members, Stakeholders, CBO's, CCG staff and officials, and Brownfields Project Team |
| Summer/Fall 2021       | Public Outreach Meeting | Community Members, Stakeholders, CBO's, CCG staff and officials, and Brownfields Project Team |

## 4 Project Location

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### 4.1 Brownfield Project Area Description

The Columbus Consolidated Government EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant focus area encompasses the Liberty District. The Project Area Map is included in Appendix F.

### 4.2 Site Documentation

Documents related to this project are available for public review at the sites listed below and at the designated website: [www.columbusgabrownfields.com](http://www.columbusgabrownfields.com)

1. Community Reinvestment  
CCG Annex Building  
420 Tenth Street  
Columbus, GA 31901  
(706) 653-4613
  
2. Columbus Public Library  
3000 Macon Road  
Columbus, GA 31906  
(706) 243-2669
  
3. Mildred L. Terry Public Library  
640 Veterans Parkway  
Columbus, GA 31901  
(706) 748-3248

The following items will be made available upon completion:

- Community Involvement Plan (CEP).
- Site Specific Quality Assurance Project Plan (SSQAPP).
- Informational handout available during public meeting.
- Any additional required documentation if applicable.

## Appendix A – Contact Information

### A.1 Community Contacts

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Washington, D.C. 20510  
(202) 224-3643  
www.isakson.senate.gov

US Senator David Perdue  
416 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(202) 224-3521  
www.perdue.senate.gov

## A.4 State Elected Officials

Office of Governor Nathan Deal  
State of Georgia  
214 State Capitol Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
(404) 656-2881  
Gov.georgia.gov

GA House Representative, District 134  
Richard Smith (Republican)  
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GA House Representative, District 133  
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District 6  
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District 7  
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Columbus, GA 31902  
(706) 689-7009

District 8  
Walker Garrett  
P.O. Box 1340  
Columbus, GA 31902  
(706) 761-8028

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Judy Thomas  
P.O. Box 1340  
Columbus, GA 31902  
(706) 327-4926

Post 10 At-Large  
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7618 Eagle Drive  
Midland, GA 31820  
(706) 573-2389

## **A.6 EPA**

### **Region 4 Officials**

EPA Project Officer  
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## **A.7 State Environmental Agency Officials**

EPD Brownfields Program Manager  
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Shannon.Ridley@dnr.ga.gov

## **A.8 Media**

### **Local Newspaper**

Ledger-Enquirer  
945 Broadway, Suite 102  
Columbus, GA 31901  
(800) 282-7859

Columbus and the Valley Magazine  
P.O. Box 229  
Columbus, GA 31902  
(706) 324-6214

The Columbus Times  
Petra Ophelia Gertjegerdes, Publisher  
(706) 324-2404  
petra@columbus-times.com

### **Local Radio**

WAGH 101.3, WDAK 540, WHTY 100.1, WGSY 94.7, WSTH-FM 106.1, WVRK 102.9  
iHeart Media  
(706) 576-3000

Davis Broadcasting, Inc.  
WFXE-FM 105, Praise 100.7, ESPN 95.7, WOKS 1340 AM  
Greg Davis, Jr.  
(706) 576-3565  
gdavisjr@dbicolumbus.com

WJSP-FM Public Broadcasting  
Alfonso Pynenburg  
(706) 655-2145  
ask@gpb.org

**Columbus TV**

CCG TV Online  
[www.columbusga.org/ccg-tv](http://www.columbusga.org/ccg-tv)

Ft. Benning TV  
[www.benningtv.com](http://www.benningtv.com)

**Local News**

WTVM ABC Channel 9  
1909 Wynnton Road  
Columbus, GA 31906  
(706) 494-5400

WLTZ NBC Channel 38  
6140 Buena Vista Road  
Columbus, GA 31907  
(706) 507-6397

WRBL CBS Channel 3  
1350 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, GA 31901  
(706) 323-3333

WXTX Fox Channel 54  
1909 Wynnton Road  
Columbus, GA 31906  
(706) 494-5400

## **Appendix B – Columbus Brownfield Program – Digital Engagement Plan**

Hester Group will use digital engagement, as a discipline to reach community members and stakeholders within the Columbus, Georgia community. Digital engagement is a technique that utilizes principles of digital marketing with disciplines of community outreach. Hester Group will use various forms of software and social media platforms to enable the community and stakeholders to engage with the brownfield project. Platforms that will be used as part of the digital engagement strategy includes email, a website, and Facebook. Digital Engagement occurs throughout the duration of the project.

The purpose of email is to establish communication, and to begin engagement with the community stakeholders and leaders. Email communication will be sent several times throughout the project, including announcing the public meetings and provide various links to social media platforms that are available for community members to ask questions or voice their concerns. Email communication will also act as a follow-up to the attendees of the meetings with information about the project. Hester Group will obtain email lists from the Terracon, CCG, meeting attendees, and other community leaders.

A website will be created to provide overview information about the Columbus Brownfield Program. The website will provide viewers with contact information for the project leaders, and links to the other digital engagement platforms (Facebook page and the CCG Reinvestment website). The website will be completed prior to the start of the first public meeting and updated as needed, to ensure current and accurate information is displayed.

The CCG Community Reinvestment Facebook page will be used for the project and will provide current and updated information on the project. The updated information will include meeting and project announcements, project pictures (to show the ongoing project and updates), and links to websites. This page currently has an established following, which allows for the posting to reach various members throughout the community. It is anticipated that the project team will post on the Facebook page routinely to provide up to date information with the community.

In response to possible COVID-19 social distancing mandates or advisories by state or local officials, scheduled public meetings may be held in a virtual format, and recorded and posted on the grantee website for public access.

### Data and Reports

Analytical data is an important part of digital engagement. Hester Group will use various tools to track the metrics of the engagement level for the various social platforms that will be used during this project. Main engagement metrics includes website visits, follower growth, likes, comments and topic idea submissions, shares, and reach.

### Digital Engagement Platforms

Email  
Facebook  
Website

#### Email

Used to engage stakeholders and key community members. Emails will be sent several times throughout the project.

#### Website:

Used for general information about the Columbus Brownfield Program.

- 3-4 Pages
  - Home Page
  - About Brownfield Grant
  - Contact Information

#### Facebook:

Develop a Facebook Page to provide update information on the project. Post pictures, and Links to the Website to the page.

- Use the CCG Reinvestment Page
- Provide Project Pictures
- Post updates and announcements in reference to the Columbus Brownfield Program
- FB Live Community Meeting (optional)

## Appendix C – Information Repository and Meeting Location

### C.1 Information Repository

Documents related to this project will be available for public review at the sites listed below:

Community Reinvestment

CCG Annex Building

420 Tenth Street

Columbus, GA 31901

(706) 653-4613

Columbus Public Library

3000 Macon Road

Columbus, GA 31906

(706) 243-2669

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

640 Veterans Parkway

Columbus, GA 31901

(706) 748-3248

### C.2 Meeting Locations

Public meetings may be held at the following locations within the grant target area:

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

640 Veterans Parkway

Columbus, GA 31901

(706) 748-3248

United Way

1100 5th Avenue

Columbus, GA 31901

(706) 327-3255

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## Appendix D – Glossary of Terms

**Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternative (ABCA):** Remedial plan document that includes analysis of cleanup alternatives: identifies the objectives of the cleanup and provides an analysis of cleanup alternatives based on effectiveness, ability to be implemented and cost; documents if the situation meets the need for a cleanup; provides information pertaining to the site background and health and safety; and identifies the proposed action, and explains the rationale for its selection.

**Brownfields:** Abandoned, idled, or under used industrial, commercial, or residential facilities/sites where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.

**Community:** An interacting population of various types of individuals in a common location; a neighborhood or specific area where people live.

**Community Involvement:** The term used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify its process for engaging in dialogue and collaboration with communities. EPA community involvement is founded in the belief that people have a right to know what the Agency is doing in their community and to have a voice in it. The purpose is to give stakeholders the opportunity to become involved in Brownfields activities and help shape the decisions that are made.

**Community Involvement Plan:** A management and planning tool outlining the specific community involvement activities to be undertaken during the course of a site investigation and cleanup. It is designed to (1) share communication between the affected community and the EPA, and (2) provide community for public input in the decision-making process related to the affected communities.

**Grant:** An award of financial assistance, including cooperative agreements, in the form of money, or property in lieu of money, by the Federal Government to an eligible grantee.

**Information Repository:** A dedicated Brownfields Website that is convenient for local residents, community members, stakeholders and developers.

**Objective:** Something that one's efforts or actions are intended to attain or accomplish; purpose; goal; target.

**Public:** The community or people in general or a part or section of the community grouped because of a common interest or activity.

**Public Meeting:** Formal public sessions that are characterized by a presentation to the public followed by a question and answer session.

**Site:** Location selected for Brownfields or environmental activity; place for potential redevelopment.

**Spokesperson:** An advocate who represents the policy or purpose of a particular organization/entity.

**Stakeholder:** Any organization, government entity or individual affected by the project or with a particular interest in the project.

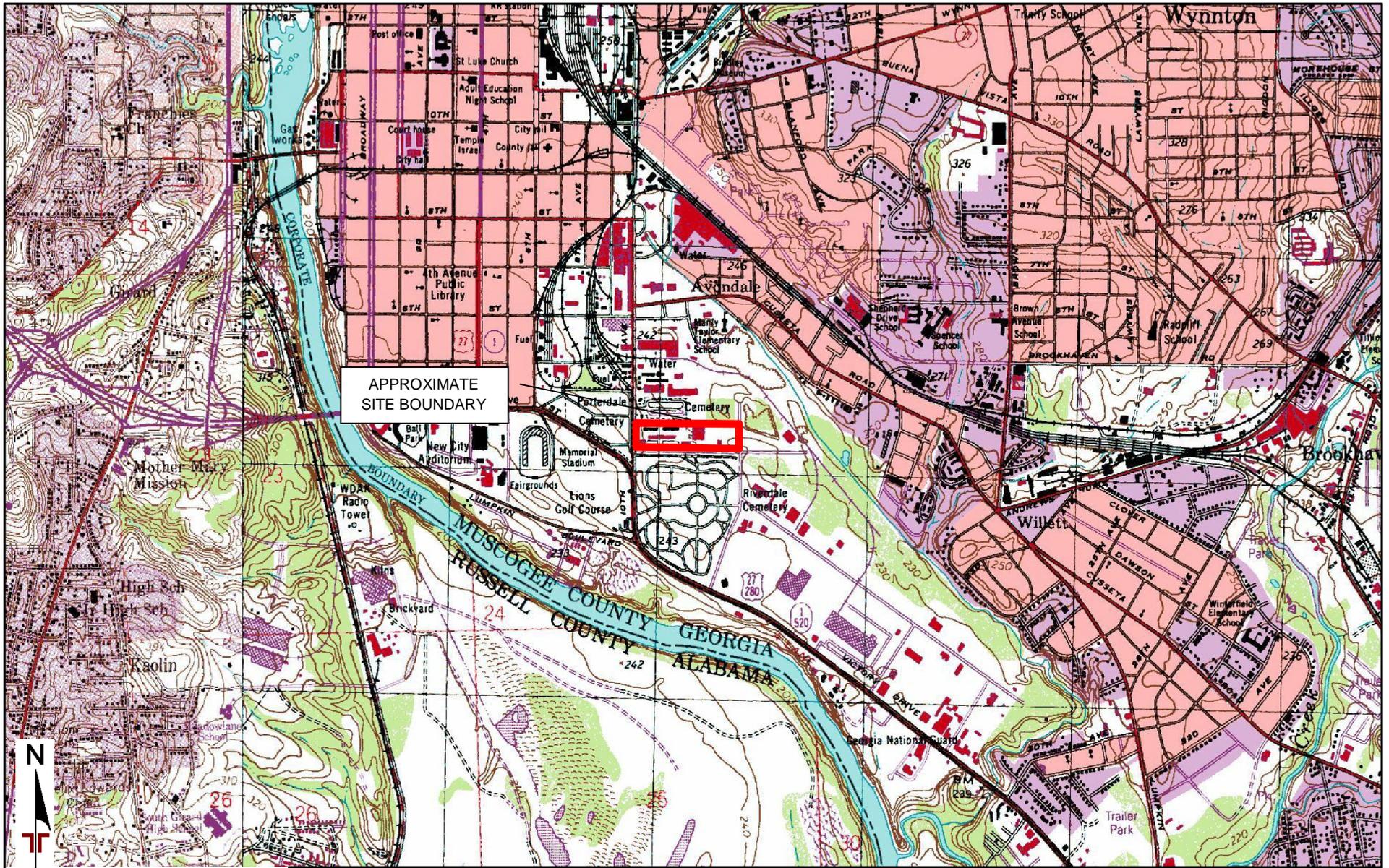
**Preservation:** To maintain in safety from injury, peril or harm; protect.

**Enhancements:** To make greater, as in value, beauty, or effectiveness; augment.

## Appendix E – Acronyms

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|------|----------------------------------------------|
| ABCA | Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives |
| CEP  | Community Involvement Plan                   |
| CRA  | Community Redevelopment Agency               |
| EPA  | Environmental Protection Agency              |
| EPC  | Environmental Protection Commission          |
| ESA  | Environmental Site Assessment                |
| QAPP | Quality Assurance Project Plan               |

## **Appendix F – Project Map**



APPROXIMATE  
SITE BOUNDARY



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QUADRANGLES INCLUDE: PHENIX CITY, AL  
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TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

Former Georgia State Farmers Market  
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APPROXIMATE  
SITE BOUNDARY

Warehouses

Columbus Towing &  
Recovery Building



WH #1

WH #2

WH #3

WH #4

LA #1

LA #2

LA #3

LA #4

Restaurant

Covered Loading Areas

Dispenser Island



500 feet



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