



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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P.O. BOX 2288

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

CESAM-PD-EI  
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. FP17-AF01-16

AUGUST 31, 2017

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,  
MOBILE DISTRICT**

**FOR THE**

**DRAFT INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY REPORT  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**PROCTOR CREEK  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District proposes to construct an aquatic ecosystem restoration project in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia in the Proctor Creek Watershed.

This Public Notice is issued in accordance with rules and regulations published in the Federal Register on 26 April 1988. These laws are considered whenever dredged or fill material may enter waters of the United States. We request the recipient of this notice to review the proposed action as it may impact water quality, relative to the requirements of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. We also request comments on the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment for Proctor Creek, Atlanta, Georgia-Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration and any potential impacts associated with the aquatic ecosystem restoration project.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** The proposed action is located in Proctor Creek Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia

**PROJECT AUTHORIZATION:** "1994 House Resolution 2445 - Review the reports of the Chief of Engineers on the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers, Georgia and Florida...to determine whether modifications of the recommendations...in the interest of **environmental quality, water quality, water supply, flood damage reduction and other purposes**, including a **comprehensive, coordinated watershed master plan** for metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:** Restoration features of the Proposed Action include restoration of the channel to a less degraded condition through bank

stabilization, bank protection and in-channel bar shaping. Connectivity improvements include daylighting in the Grove Park Tributary and rock ramps at two sewer crossings in the watershed, one on Proctor main stem and one on the Terrell Creek tributary. Riparian restoration features include invasive species removal and riparian plantings of native species. A detention feature is also included to aid in reducing flashiness in downstream reaches. This feature is located adjacent to I-20.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** Pursuant to the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA), state water quality certification is required and will be requested from Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GEPD) .

**USE BY OTHERS:** The proposed action for the Proctor Creek Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project is not expected to cause any significant land use changes in the adjacent areas.

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) CONSIDERATIONS:** In accordance with the requirements of the NEPA, impacts associated with the proposed project can be found in the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment for Proctor Creek. Appropriate revisions will be incorporated into the Draft Proctor Creek Feasibility and Integrated Environmental Assessment if information is received during coordination of this public notice that would dictate the need to amend the Report. These documents are on file and available for review in the USACE, Mobile District Office at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning-Environmental/Environment-Resources/Inland-Environment/Proctor-Creek-Feasibility-Study/>.

**SECTION 404 (B)(1) EVALUATION REPORT:** A minor fill of wetlands or other Waters of the U.S. are proposed. Upon further detailed design, water quality impacts associated with this discharge will be addressed in an evaluation report prepared in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. A Section 404(b)(1) evaluation report will be prepared to address any potential impacts of discharges of fill material to Waters of the United States associated with the proposed action.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The endangered plant, Michaux's Sumac (*Rhus michauxii*), is described as potentially occurring in sandy or rocky open woods. Although no formal survey has been conducted for this species, it is extremely unlikely that suitable habitat occurs in the urban environment. The USACE, Mobile District determined that the project and all alternatives would have "no effect" on any federally listed Threatened or Endangered species.

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:** Only one potentially significant cultural resource has been identified in the proposed action alternative including the No Action alternative. Archaeological site 9FU114, a late 19th century/early 20th century landfill has been identified as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The current strategy to fulfill Section 106 requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act is to draft a Memorandum of Agreement between the USACE, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office, and the City of

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Atlanta in order to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts as determined by the final design of the project.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and other authorities, the proposed undertaking will be coordinated with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and interested Federally Recognized Tribes (Tribes). The USACE, Mobile District is seeking any additional information from the public pertaining to cultural resources that could be impacted by this proposed action.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to proceed with the proposed action will be based on evaluating the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits that may be reasonably expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All environmental resources/factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. The proposed action will proceed unless it is found to be contrary to the overall public interest.

**COORDINATION:** Among the agencies receiving copies of this public notice are:

Region 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service  
National Park Service  
Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer  
Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Other Federal, state, and local organizations are being sent copies of the notice and are asked to participate in coordinating this proposed work. It is requested that the information contained in this notice be communicated to any other parties who may have an interest in the proposed action.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Any person who has an interest that may be affected by the proposed activity may request a public hearing prior to the USACE, Mobile District's water quality certification request. The USACE, Mobile District will host a public workshop this September and will notify interested participants on the Proctor Creek website (<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning-Environmental/Environment-Resources/Inland-Environment/Proctor-Creek-Feasibility-Study/>) and also through other public announcement mechanisms. Any comments or requests for a public hearing must clearly set forth the interests which may be affected and the manner in which the interest may be affected. Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should be sent within 30 days from date of this notice, refer to Public Notice No. FP17-AF01-16, and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, P.O. Box

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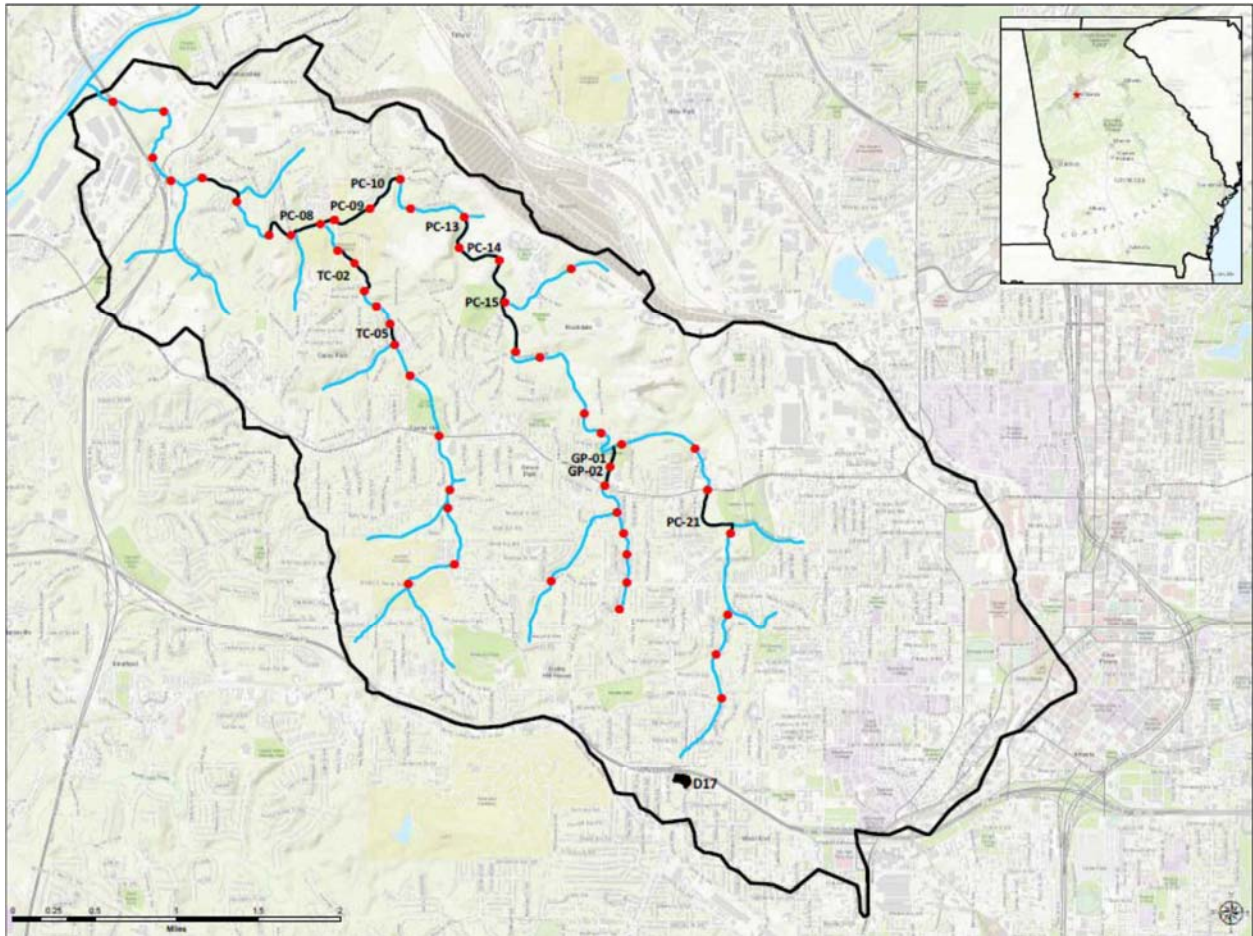


Figure 1: Proctor Creek, Atlanta Georgia Project Map