A VISION FOR CONNECTING ATLANTA’S FLINT RIVER HEADWATERS AND THE AEROTROPOLIS

Finding the Flint
THE CHALLENGE

The most important river Atlanta’s never heard of.
There’s a river down here...
The Flint River is Georgia’s 2nd longest river.

It starts in Atlanta and runs 344 miles to the Florida state line.
It joins the Chattahoochee to create Florida’s Apalachicola River and the contested ACF river basin.
The Flint River is a critical water source for farms and families across Georgia.
It is home to several unique and threatened species.
It is one of the longest free-flowing rivers in the nation.
And, amazingly, it starts underneath the world’s busiest airport.
The river is in trouble. During drought it is running dry.
Upstream, most people don’t even know that the river exists—until it floods.
As the Atlanta airport grew, the Flint River disappeared from the map... and from our lives.
How can we reconnect people to the headwaters?
THE OPPORTUNITY

Putting the Flint River back on the map.
New Experiences

- HEADWATERS WALK
- STORMWATER PARK
- THE PROMENADE
- FLINT RIVER TRAIL
- ECO-INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
- CONFLUENCE PARK
HEADWATERS WALK

Urban Discovery
HEADWATERS WALK  Urban Discovery
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STORMWATER PARK: Green Gathering Space
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THE PROMENADE

Grand Observation Deck
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FLINT RIVER TRAIL  Restored Connectivity
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ECO-INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

State Farmers Market
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ECO-INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT  Corporate Backyard
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CONFLUENCE PARK Immersive Experience
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The Working Group
Community Liaisons
Headwaters Development Principles
Improve the health of the river
Provide solutions to the airport
Benefit the community equitably
Add beauty and soul to any development
Connect people to the river
Inspire the next generation of river advocates
Potential Projects
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