

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

Update



By: Atlanta Police Foundation

OVERVIEW

The Atlanta City Council's Fall 2021 approval of the Public Safety Training Center at Key Road prompted a series of studies, planning meetings, and monthly Community Stakeholders Advisory Committee (CSAC) meetings. The Community Stakeholders Committee continues to meet monthly with representatives from APF, APD, and the City of Atlanta. Its recommendations, as stated in earlier reports, have been incorporated into the updated design of the 85-acre PSTC campus.

- The public is invited to attend the monthly CSAC meetings via Zoom.
- Reports are issued to the Atlanta City Council summarizing progress on the PSTC.
- A PSTC website has been established that regularly updates progress, other actions, and reports of the CSAC.

Per legislation by the Atlanta City Council, CSAC meetings are designed to enable representatives of the local neighborhoods adjacent to the PSTC site to receive updates and offer advisory recommendations re the PSTC. Its members are volunteers. Its deliberations are open to the public. Its authority is limited to offering counsel and advice. Its deliberations and its recommendations are reported on regularly.

The City Council and the mayor of Atlanta in a series of votes in 2021 authorized APF to plan, fund and manage the construction of the PSTC. APF continually reports on actions and progress on site prep, facility planning, and construction in a report to City Council.

APF representatives are available to brief City Council and its members, as needed, on PSTC construction.

ACTIVITIES – January 2022

- The CSAC met on January 11, 2022
- CM Dustin Hillis was added to the committee replacing Joyce Sheperd
- A chat/feedback feature was added to the ATLTrainingCenter.com website for community input
- The scope of work for a noise analysis study was reviewed with the committee for feedback and input
- An area within the site was identified for a potential future E911 and expanded Fire Safety Training components (Gas props/overtaken tanker, drafting house and recovery pond, glass break and technical rescue, rubble pile and confined space, wood cutting, and swift water rescue)

ACTIVITIES – FEBRUARY 2022

- Terracon Consultants issued a management summary of the Cultural Resources Report



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Re: Atlanta Public Safety Training Center Cultural Resource Survey Findings

Dear Mr. Williams:

Below is the management summary for the cultural resource assessment survey of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center Tract located in DeKalb County, Georgia.

Between October 2021 and January 2022, Terracon conducted a cultural resource assessment survey (CRAS) of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center tract in DeKalb County, Georgia, on behalf of the Atlanta Police Foundation, Inc. in anticipation of complying with state regulations. The goals of the survey were to locate, delineate, identify and evaluate all cultural resources within the proposed project area, and to assess their significance and potential eligibility for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP).

Prior to fieldwork, a search of the Georgia Archaeological Site File (GASF) identified no previously recorded archaeological sites in the area of potential effect (APE). One previous survey was conducted within the project boundary that included a fiber optic survey along an existing powerline corridor. Fieldwork for the current study consisted of a pedestrian inspection along with subsurface testing in the form of 30 cm diameter shovel tests dug to 80 cm below surface whenever possible.

A historic resource survey is being conducted under another contract and those results are not included in this study. However, standing historic resources that include structures built prior to 1972 were investigated outside the project area but within visual range.

As a result of the survey, no archaeological sites or artifacts older than 50 years were encountered from the walkover survey or subsurface testing. The project area is associated with the Atlanta Prison Farm. This historic resource is considered a historic cultural landscape that once included agricultural fields and various structures. The current project area only contains a portion of the prison farm. The eastern portion of the project area contains the western wing of the historic prison. The project area also contains several other buildings and building remains. This prison farm has been vacant for several years and has transformed from cleared agricultural fields to a mixed woodlands forest. The prison and associated structure are all in deteriorated conditions. The prison building has suffered several fires in recent years and the other buildings have been either demolished or are in dilapidated condition.

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- The CSAC met on February 15, 2022, where the Cultural Resources summary was reviewed
 - The CSAC worked with legal to create bylaws to be adopted at a future meeting
 - The Atlanta Preservation Center engaged in the project to identify any items on the site that can and should be preserved
 - A design review was completed with APD, AFRD, and the Department of Enterprise and Asset Management

ACTIVITIES – MARCH 2022

- On March 10, The APF development team met with the planning department of Dekalb County for a site visit and tour
- The CSAC met on March 29, 2022, and adopted bylaws for the committee
- A revision was made to the site plan that eliminated a south stream crossing, relocated the north stream crossing further south, and possibly saves an existing bridge for a pedestrian crossing. Crossing the stream once will further reduce environmental impact.

- A small adjustment was made to the site plan allowing for the use of existing buildings at the entrance to the Mounted Patrol stables
- The full Cultural Resources Study was completed. This was shared with the CSAC for questions and comments, and posted online for the public
- The development team began combing through designs to obtain LEED certification upon completion

ACTIVITIES – APRIL 2022

- APF engaged the Georgia Tech School of Architecture to complete 3D scans of the Old Atlanta Prison Farm building still existing on the site
- The CSAC met on April 26, 2022
- Following comments from the CSAC, the Cultural Resources Study was amended and posted [online](#) for the public
- The first phase of the noise analysis study was completed with the help of CSAC members and local residents
- An application for a Land Disturbance Permit was submitted to Dekalb County on April 18, 2022
- Dekalb County issued APF a temporary construction permit on April 27, 2022 to install fencing, gates and non-structural work
- Schematic drawings completed for Stables and Kennels
- Design Development drawings completed for the Leadership Bld., Academic Bld., Fire Training Station, Landscape and Hardscape

ACTIVITIES – MAY 2022

- APF began pre-site development work including the removal of personal property, trash, and illegal squatters from the site.
- The design and development team completed the lift station and civil crossing design
- The planning team collected data on the ambient noise study
- The design team began work on a solar design for the Academic and Leadership buildings
- Started perimeter fence operation at the site
- The CSAC met on May 31, 2022

UPDATED MASTERPLAN

- LEGEND**
- A** LEADERSHIP BUILDING / AUDITORIUM
+/- 18,000 SF
 - B** ADMINISTRATION / CLASSROOM BUILDINGS
+/- 50,000 SF
 - C** NATURE TRAIL
 - D** QUAD / PT FIELD
 - E** HORSE BARN
+/-40 STALLS
 - F** PASTURE
+/- 25 ACRES
 - G** KENNEL
 - H** CONTROLLED ACCESS
 - I** SHOOTING RANGE
 - J** TRAINING FIRE STATION
 - K** CLASS A BURN BUILDING
 - L** FUTURE FIRE SAFETY FACILITIES
- GAS PROPS / OVERTURNED TANKER
- DRAFTING RESCUE / RECOVERY POND
- GLASS BREAK & TECHNICAL RESCUE
- RUBBLE PILE & CONFINED SPACE
- WOOD CUTTING
- SWIFT WATER RESCUE
 - M** MOCK VILLAGE
- CONVENIENCE STORE
- HOTEL / NIGHTCLUB
- HOUSE
- FUTURE RESIDENTIAL HOMES
- FUTURE APARTMENTS (LOW & HIGH)
- FUTURE PARK / SPLASH PAD
- FUTURE TRAINING WAREHOUSE
 - N** VEHICLE SKILLS PAD
 - O** SKID PAD
 - P** EVOC
 - Q** VEHICLE STORAGE
 - R** OBSERVATION TOWER
 - S** STORMWATER DETENTION
 - T** FUTURE PUBLIC PARK LAND
 - U** PUBLIC PARKING AT TRAILHEAD
 - V** EXISTING BUILDINGS
 - W** TO MICHELLE OBAMA PARK
 - X** 100'+ LANDSCAPE BUFFER
 - Y** KEY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
- 5' SIDEWALK TO CAMPUS ENTRANCE
- MEDIAN AT INTERSECTION
 - Z** FUTURE E911 BUILDING



ATLANTA PUBLIC SAFETY
TRAINING CAMPUS
UPDATED MASTERPLAN - PHASE I

Atlanta, GA
April 25, 2022

UP NEXT

The next meeting date for the Community Stakeholder Advisory Committee is June 21, 2022.

Design and development documents for each of the on-site facilities are currently being reviewed by APD, AFRD, and the DEAM.