Community-Driven Solutions for Rebuilding the Westside:

*Human Capacity and Infrastructure*

*Heirs’ Property in the South* Convening

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- Green Infrastructure
  - Flood Mitigation
  - Workforce Development
  - Other Benefits
THE WESTSIDE

Dividing Line
formerly
Simpson Road
now
Boone Boulevard
NOTICE:
Rolling Hills
Streams
Creeks
VINE CITY & ENGLISH AVENUE

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME

VINE CITY: $24,610
ATLANTA: $52,082
ENGLISH AVENUE: $15,914

Vacant lots per block
Darkest red have more than 5 vacant properties per block

Sources: WALT, GVU Center
Community Land Trusts: 
*How do they work?*

Land is owned by the Community Land Trust, which is governed by a non-profit board.

Individuals own the home. The home is made affordable to households that would otherwise not be able to afford a home on their own.

A 99-year ground lease between CLT and owner ensures owner-occupancy and responsible use and outlines fees paid to the CLT.

A resale formula built in to the ground lease is designed to keep homes affordable for subsequent buyers.

Source: WALT
WELCOME TO THE RAIN GARDEN!

Rain Gardens work by slowing water down and absorbing it into the roots of plants. This natural process helps to clean the water and reduces the impact on the sewer system during heavy rains.

Rain gardens work best when there are a lot of them throughout the community.

HOW DOES A RAIN GARDEN WORK?

- Native Plants
- Stormwater runoff from streets and downspouts
- Soils drain and filter water
- Deep roots absorb water

Is there somewhere in your yard where you could install a rain garden?
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