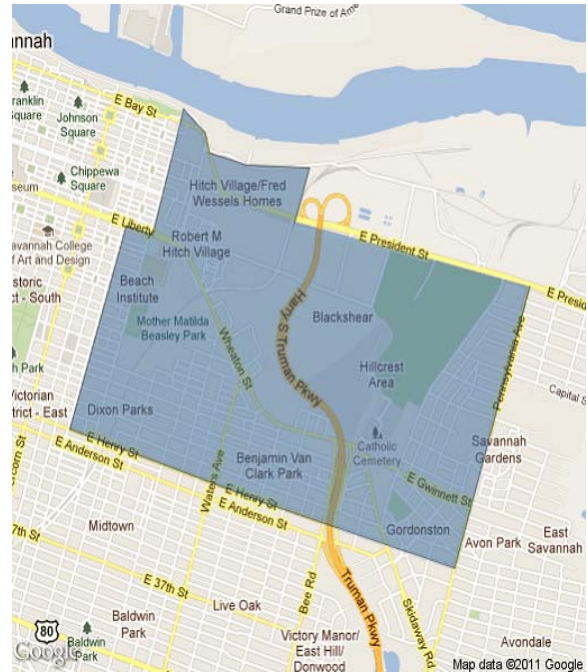


## Welcome to the East Savannah Gateway!

*Welcome* to the first of many publications devoted to the development of the Transformation Plan for the *new East Savannah Gateway*! The East Savannah Gateway encompasses the area bordered by Pennsylvania Avenue on the east, Henry Street on the south, Price Street and East Broad Street on the west, and the Savannah River and East President Street on the North. This area encompasses two public housing communities, the Wheaton Street Corridor and three public schools.

All of those committed to this process are tasked with creating a viable, workable, implementable plan that will create a *sustainable*, mixed-finance neighborhood with safe streets, good schools, accessible transportation, and job training. ***Let's roll up our sleeves and get started!***



## True Collaboration on April 17<sup>th</sup> HUD Site Visit

A big Thank-You to all of you who made the HUD Site Visit on April 17<sup>th</sup> a true success. The HUD Representatives were treated to the best our community has to offer and were impressed with the level of excitement and commitment shown by the vast array of partners assembled. The morning began with a welcome presentation by

Assistant City Manager Stephanie Cutter, followed by a trolley tour of the East Savannah Gateway area, along with other mixed-finance developments Ashley Midtown, Sustainable Fellwood and Savannah Gardens. CNI partner Chatham Area Transit, Inc. provided transportation on their impressive newly refurbished trolley car. It was a pleasure to have native Savannahian and former Mayor, Dr. Otis Johnson, act as tour guide. He provided a true insider perspective on Savannah for our visitors.

After lunch at the Pirate's House, the afternoon was filled with presentations representing the Housing, Neighborhood and People Taskforces. The People portion of the afternoon included lively panel presentations and discussion from partners representing Education and Community Supportive Services.

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## JOIN A TASKFORCE...We Need YOU!

### HOUSING

- This taskforce meets the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM. Next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2012.

### PEOPLE

- This taskforce meets the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM. Next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2012.

### NEIGHBORHOOD

- This taskforce meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM. Next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2012.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- A newly formed taskforce to reach out to the neighborhood. The first meeting was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. These will be evening meetings. A schedule will be forthcoming.

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A community meeting was held that evening with a large supportive crowd of area residents and property and business owners along the Wheaton Street Corridor. The Housing Authority of Savannah would like to thank the following partners who came together for a truly great day and wonderful kick-off to our planning process!

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