



MECHANICSVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Welcome to Historic Mechanicsville, a City of Atlanta neighborhood that sits in the shadow of downtown Atlanta. This neighborhood is in the NPU-V and one of the oldest neighborhoods within Atlanta. Atlanta's Neighborhood Planning Unit V (NPU-V is comprised of Adair Park, Mechanicsville, Peoplestown, Pittsburgh and Summerhill. During the 19th century, Mechanicsville housed a multiethnic community comprising of working-class blacks and middle-class whites. This area has rich history that is not well known to current Atlans. Mechanicsville once was a bustling community that bolstered racially, ethnically, and economically diverse group of residence that had easy access to employment opportunities in downtown via streetcar transportation. Many businesses thrived in Mechanicsville like Merita Bakery and the Candler-Smith warehouse. During the 1900's, Mechanicsville was home to two-thirds of Atlanta's Jewish population. In the past 60 years, the landscape changed drastically as a result of segregation, urban flight, political, social, and economic forces. Currently, Mechanicsville is noticing a resurgence of economic prosperity and slowly increased property values. Through the dedication of our residences and city officials, this community will foster business development, new home builds, and an overall economic boost.

More information about Mechanicsville (NPU-V):

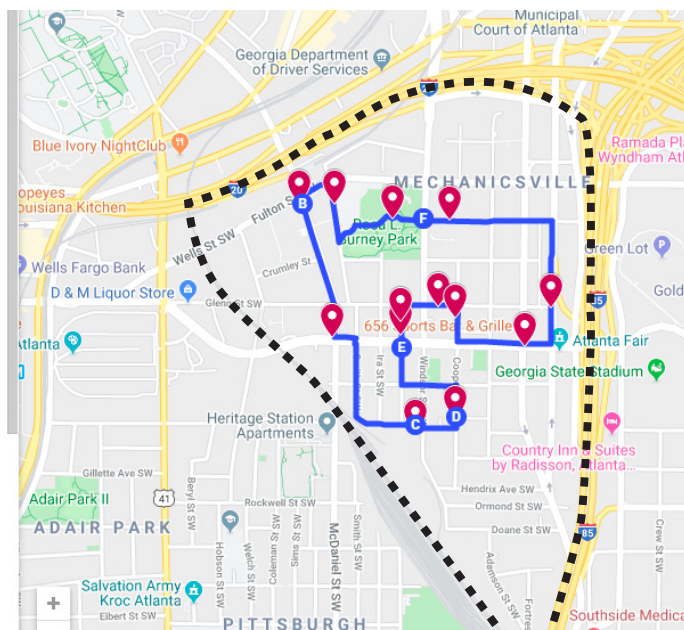
<http://npuv.org/neighborhoods/mechanicsville/>

Walking Tour



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- 1) **Rosa L. Burney Park**- nestled in the center of Mechanicsville, this park is off Windsor and Fulton Street. With over 13 acres of park land, they have two tennis courts, one baseball field, a swimming pool and two playgrounds for the kids. Throughout the year, this park hosts multiple events and community festivals. Dunbar Recreation center is located in the middle of this park. This recreation center houses agencies like Center for Black Women's Wellness, Annie E. Casey, and a recording studio.



- 2) **Dunbar Elementary School**- Dunbar Elementary School is placed in the heart of the Mechanicsville Community. It was founded in 1967 and opened its doors in 1969. The school was named after the famous poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar, one of the first African-American poets to gain national eminence. Born in 1872 in Dayton, Ohio, he was the son of ex-slaves and classmate to Orville Wright of aviation fame. Although he only lived 33 years, Dunbar was prolific, writing short stories, novels, librettos, plays, songs and essays as well as the poetry for which he became well known. He was popular with black and white readers of his day, and his works are celebrated today by scholars and school

children alike. His style encompasses two distinct voices—the Standard English of the classical poet and the evocative dialect of the turn-of-the-century black community in America. <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/domain/1054>



- 3) **McDaniel-Glenn**- The McDaniel-Glenn housing project was built in 1967, with the Martin Luther King Memorial Building (a high-rise for the elderly) constructed in 1970. Part of the Mechanicsville neighborhood, the complex was demolished in 2006. By 2007, Columbia Residential had completed their redevelopment of the property, named Columbia at Mechanicsville Station.

- 4) **Railyard/ MARTA Facility**



- 5) **787 Windsor**- What began as a steam boiler manufacturing facility in the early 1900s is coming back to life as an arts-centric community, designed to strengthen and increase the quality of life in our neighborhood through shared workspace, affordable artist studios, community programming venues,

production rentals, and workforce opportunities. <https://www.787windsor.com/about>

6) Vacant Properties



7) SUMMECH Project 3 SF Homes-

Pryor Street Single Family Homes

In preparation for the 1996 Olympics, the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) and the Metropolitan Atlanta Olympic Games Authority (MAOGA) had an idea that new housing units on a street leading into the Mechanicsville community would be an added benefit. SUMMECH, ANDP, ACOG and MAOGA, collaborated to develop “The Street of Dreams” - a collection of housing units that represented the first new residential construction in Mechanicsville in more than 30 years

Fill In The Gap Phase 1 “Fill In The Gap” is SUMMECH’s single-family, detached, mixed-income infill housing initiative. Fill In The Gap, a development of 16 mixed-income homes on Garibaldi Street, Windsor Street Cooper Street and Smith Street, has helped to contribute to the renewed interest in the Mechanicsville area. The homes, ranging in size from 1,200 to 1,800 sq. ft., feature three bedrooms, two and a half baths, porches, rear decks, garages and off-street parking. The total development cost was \$2.6 million with financing provided by Capitol City Bank and Ironstone Bank. In addition, an economic development initiative (“EDI”) grant from the City of Atlanta was also used to fund a portion of the acquisition cost.

<https://www.summechcdc.org/past-projects>



- 8) Permeable Pavers- Due to flooding in Mechanicsville in 2012, runoff water and raw sewage was in residents' backyards and homes. City of Atlanta embarked on a retrofit permanent paver development spending 15.8 million on the project. This was a green infrastructure initiative that will remedy in future issues with heavy rain runoff. The permeable pavers are loosely spaced bricks with layers of rocks underneath and geo-textile materials to hold back the water. The brick and rocks act like a filtration system that is eco friend and better for the environment than asphalt.



- 9) SUMMECH Project 1 Townhouses-

[Ware Estates I](#), [Ware Estates II](#), [Ware Estates III](#)

Ware Estates I, II and III is a 69-unit, town home community that was completed in three phases between 1999 and 2002. The development of Ware Estates transformed city blocks into homeownership opportunities. The first phases were completed in partnership with Urban Residential Development Corporation (URDC). The total development cost was \$7.6 million. Financing

was provided by SunTrust Bank, Capitol City Bank and the City of Atlanta



10) SUMMECH Project 2 Apartments

Rosa Burney Manor

This group of apartments comprises a community of six, scattered site apartment buildings. A gut renovation project that was completed in 1998, Rosa Burney Manor brought a renewed interest to the Mechanicsville community by eradicating the eyesores of the once dilapidated buildings. This initiative, containing 54 units of one and two bedroom apartments, helped to fulfill the important need for affordable rental housing. Rosa Burney Manor, a \$2.3 million dollar project, was financed by Mutual Federal Savings Bank, ESIC, Fleet Finance, ANDP and the City of Atlanta.



11) Commercial Strip

12) Parking Lots



13) City View Apartments

