

A look back and forwards for the  
Fulton County Reparations Task  
Force

# Reparations Research Wrap-Up



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# Introduction

## Bagley (Macedonia) Park

3592Δ Mitchell Jasper N ©  
3597 Johnson Bessie Mrs ©

### BAGLEY AV (Buckhead) — From

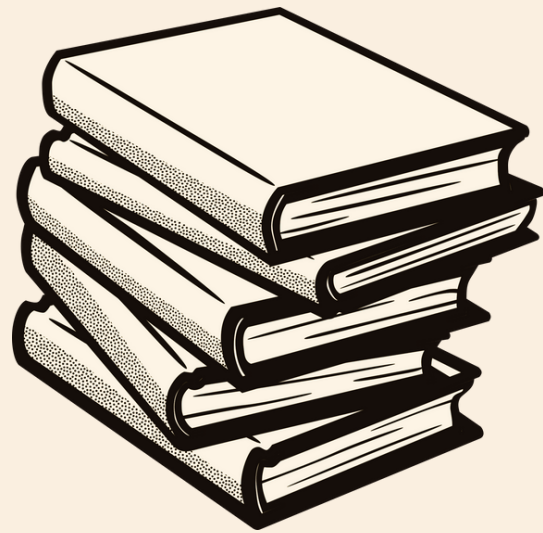
195 Pharr rd south 1 block  
2 Chapman Lois (c)  
4 Wall Jos (c)  
6 Patton David (c)  
8 Butts Pete (c)  
15 Sherman Kath Mrs (c)  
17 Baker Boyce (c)  
18 Bagley Cooney (c)  
19 Reese Jane Mrs (c)  
19½ Bonaparte J D (c)  
21Δ Bagley Ida J (c) ©  
22 Young Hattie (c)  
23 German Mamie (c) gro  
23a Whitehead Myrtis Mrs (c)  
24 Carter Young (c)  
27Δ German Mamie (c)  
28 Davis Jos (c)  
29Δ Brown John H (c)  
30 Wheeler Mary (c)  
32 Usher John (c) ©  
33 Drain Walter (c) ©  
37Δ Thomas Jas (c)  
40 Thomas Aline (c)  
42 Morton Alton (c)  
45 Ridgeway Henry (c)  
46b Austin Minnie (c)  
50 Peek Geo (c)  
51 Willis Oscar (c)  
52 Virden Corrie (c)  
53 Julian Azalie E (c)  
54 Barber Mary A (c) ©  
55 McClarity Walter  
60 Guest John (c)  
61 Baugh Regal (c)  
64 Vincent Wm (c)  
65 King Missouri B (c)  
66 Cox Jerry (c)  
68Δ Smith Cody (c)  
69 Virden Roscoe (c)  
70 Ezzard Oscar (c)  
71 McClarity John (c) ©  
72 Drain Leonard (c)  
76 Moore Frank (c)

### BAKER NE—Contd

104 Apartments  
1 Tamm Margt M  
2 Holder Rosa M  
3 Barlowe W N  
**Street continued**  
110Δ Lagen Marjorie  
114Δ Hendrix Clifford  
120Δ Swafford Jos  
123 Atlantic Co (br  
126 Rosene Neal C  
127Δ Nichols Eliz M  
142 Coppeak Clyde  
148Δ Abbott Eliz M  
Δ Maile Dora M  
**Piedmon**  
176 Byrd Angie Mrs  
182 Edwards John (c)  
185 Scott Emma M  
rear Williams Cora M  
186 Stewart Isaiah  
187 Gifford Richd (c)  
189 Anderson Berth  
190 Willingham Jas  
191 Martin Julia M  
195 Favors Rosa M  
196 Strickland Will  
197 Burston Julia M  
**Mit**  
202 Stroud Annie M  
203 Bonds Clifford  
205 Winfrey Fannie  
206 Finch Lucinda  
209 Craft Mattie M  
210Δ Davis Addie L  
210½ Campbell Tab  
212 Stevens Obie M  
213 Varner Mary M  
214 Smith Mary Mrs  
215 Battle Lela Mrs  
217 Daniel John W  
219 Daniel Edgar (c)  
**Bu**  
231 Jackson Edw J  
235 Currington Milt  
239 Currington Milt  
242 Webb Willie (c)  
243 Humphrey Macl  
rear Kelley Mary Mrs

# Research Objectives

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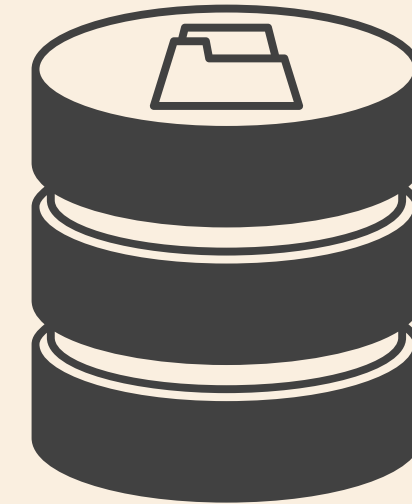
## Research Objective #1

Develop institutional knowledge about Fulton County, existing archives, and networks of value



## Research Objective #2

Identify a case study to examine for racial animus in FulCo BOC decision-making



## Research Objective #3

Synthesize existing data sources to establish racial animus in the decision to raze Bagley Park

# Research Approach

## Qualitative

- identified every property owner in the Bagley Park neighborhood by plot
- identified every property owner in Bagley Park on census or other public records
- analyzed BOC meeting minutes for personal and political networks and racially charged language

## Quantitative

- identified existing chains of title for Bagley Park property owners
- performed preliminary examination of limited eminent domain records
- collected property tax records levied on Bagley Park residents

# Research Findings

## Specific

- Bagley Park residents displayed a higher-than-usual percentage of homeownership
- Active efforts of local, white citizens councils were influential in the process of declaring Bagley Park blighted
- Bagley Park had several homes that were electrified, in opposition to previous portrayals of Bagley Park's general state
- The BOC demonstrated clear racial animus to the 'mixed character' of the area

## General

- The BOC demonstrated a clear racial animus towards Black people, in general
- Public Works, Parks, and other public-oriented departments had the means to leverage greater burdens of public improvement on Black citizens
- Given the housing crisis and segregation, Black individuals displaced may have experienced significant homelessness or economic downturn

# Research & Institutional Limitations

## Limitations

- Missing or misplaced documents and/or uncooperative actors (ex. vital records between approx. 1906 to 1915)
- Unclear administrative jurisdiction (ex. mixed jurisdiction between the state of Georgia, Fulton County, and COA over parks and park projects)
- Unclear administrative processes (ex. no documents related to BOH sewer studies or appraisal for eminent domain)
- Little to no photographs, interviews, or other multimedia archival documents related to the case study
- Little to no existing datasets and data analyses on urban development in Georgia

# Future Research

Displacement and Generational Outcomes

Compensation and Eminent Domain

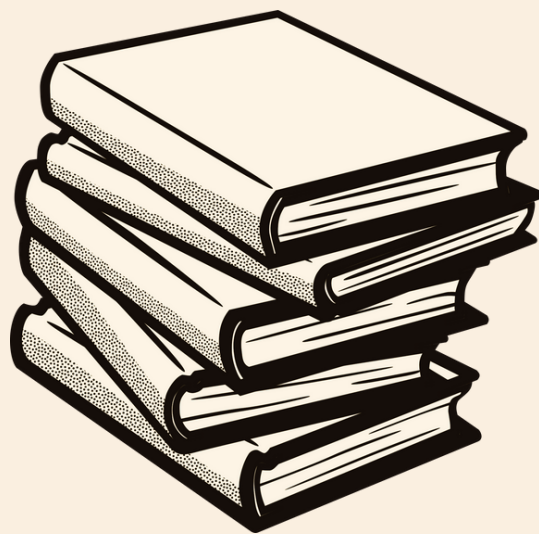
Public Works and Tax Burdens

# Future Research Assumptions

Assumption	Justification
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Bagley Park is not the only locality where this has happened</li><li>2) Residents in Bagley Park had different longitudinal economic outcomes than their non-displaced counterparts</li><li>3) Residents in Bagley Park contributed to the local economy through taxes</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) References to other localities are peppered through archival materials</li><li>2) There is some evidence that Bagley Park residents experienced homelessness after displacement, in addition to existing scholarship on the economic impact of displacement</li><li>3) property tax records show property valuations, as well as prepared chains of title</li></ol>

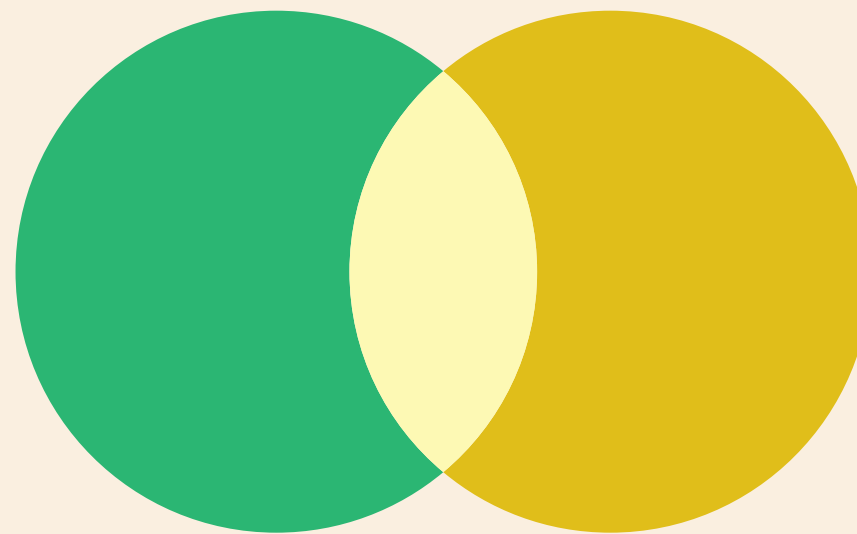


# (Revised) Research Objectives



## Research Objective #1

Refine institutional knowledge about Fulton County, existing archives, and networks of value



## Research Objective #2

Compare the longitudinal outcomes of displaced and non-displaced residents



## Research Objective #3

Propose a replicable methodology that can be deployed not only in FulCo, both other localities

# Displacement, Homelessness, and Generational Outcomes

Data Linkage

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Oral Histories

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"Calls for Ancestors"

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Comparative Analysis

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Possible Approach:

- 1) establish pre- and post-conditions of neighborhood residents through document linkage
- 2) compare longitudinal outcomes between displaced and non-displaced residents
- 3) expand the scope to other affected areas

# Appraisal, Compensation, and Eminent Domain

Property Record Analysis

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Document Review

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Property Valuation

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Possible Approach:

- 1) establish eminent domain compensation for Bagley Park properties
- 2) develop a methodology for a modern appraisal of properties given specs
- 3) determine difference between actual and predicted compensation with interest

# Public Works, Tax Burden, and Other Consideration

Property Tax Burden

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Public Good Allocation

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Cost of Segregated Public Services

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# Housing Research Central Idea



*And, most importantly, that is due to Fulton County's decision-making.*

# Networks & Partners (ED & UD)

If reparations are to be driven by the injured, a central tenet to the international framework, future research should *reinvent the wheel as little as possible.*

## Community Leaders

- non-profit leaders
- local advocacy group leaders
- ancestors and descendants

## Governance

- Fulton County Housing Authority
- Atlanta Housing Authority
- Fulton County Public Works

## Government Officials

- congresspersons interested in housing and urban development in both the GL and US Cong

## Fulton County Reparations Task Force - Research Team

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## Data

### Collection/Archival Histories

- Atlanta History Center
- FulCo Central Library
- FulCo Auburn Ave Library
- GSU Archives

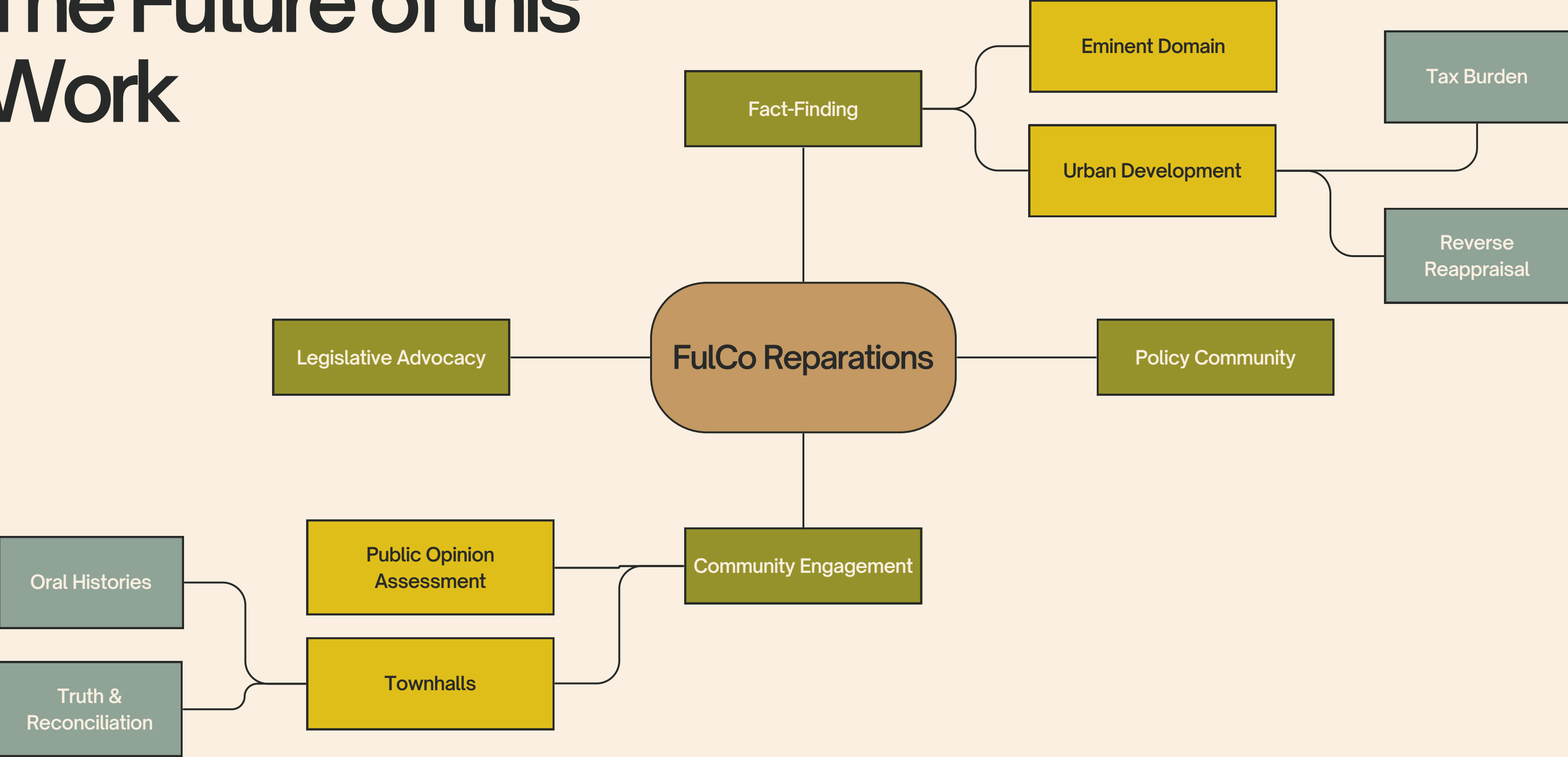
## Local Advocacy Groups

- United Way of Atlanta
- Atlanta Wealth Building Initiative
- PSE Just Growth/Just Opportunity
- LISC

## Local History Groups

- Buckhead Heritage Association
- Other local neighborhood history groups

# The Future of this Work



# A Quick Word of Thanks

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