

1 **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GRANT FROM FUNDS PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE**  
2 **FOR SITE PREPARATION WORK NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE**  
3 **ANDREW YOUNG INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND**  
4 **RECONCILIATION IN THE VINE CITY NEIGHBORHOOD, AND FOR OTHER**  
5 **PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County recognizes the importance of preserving Atlanta's  
8 unique Civil Rights history and honors Ambassador Andrew Young's lifelong commitment  
9 to peace, justice, and global cooperation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The Andrew Young International Institute for Peace and  
11 Reconciliation ("the Institute") is a planned 80,000-square-foot cultural and educational  
12 facility located in Historic Vine City adjacent to Rodney Cook Sr. Park, one of Atlanta's  
13 most symbolically significant landscapes tied to the Civil Rights Movement; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Institute will preserve and promote the legacy of civil rights leader  
15 Ambassador Andrew Young, who has served as a United States Ambassador to the  
16 United Nations, Member of Congress, Mayor of Atlanta, and global advocate for peace,  
17 diplomacy, and human rights; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Institute will serve as a dynamic convening center, bringing  
19 together students, scholars, policymakers, and international leaders to engage in  
20 dialogue, research, and collaborative problem-solving; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Institute will leverage global partnerships to provide immersive  
22 educational programming and exhibitions, and will be a leading center for diplomacy and  
23 thought leadership; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the project is supported by NPU-L and Atlanta Public Schools and will  
25 provide meaningful community access through free public hours, event space for local  
26 organizations, educational programming, student engagement initiatives, and

1 collaboration with neighborhood stakeholders, public partners, and educational  
2 institutions; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Institute’s proximity to major universities—including Morehouse,  
4 Spelman, Clark Atlanta, Georgia State, and Georgia Tech—will foster partnerships that  
5 expand access to education, research, and internships for students; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Institute will function as a catalyst for economic revitalization in  
7 Atlanta’s Westside, creating opportunities for local hiring, workforce development, and  
8 youth engagement; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Andrew J. Young Foundation recently secured a 100-year, \$1/year  
10 ground lease from the City of Atlanta for the approximately 2.77-acre project; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the total budget for The Institute is \$100M, and the total budget for  
12 this phase of the site preparation is \$2,510,765 (2.51% of the total project budget) which  
13 includes \$510,765 (.51%) in philanthropic dollars and a \$2M (2%) Westside TAD Grant;  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County portion of the Westside TAD funding allocated to  
16 the project is \$500,000 (or .5% of the total project budget); and

17 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 98-1452, adopted on November 18, 1998, as  
18 amended by Resolution 05-0851 adopted on July 20, 2005, and Resolution 08-1010  
19 adopted on December 17, 2008, collectively, the “County Resolution,” the Board of  
20 Commissioners of Fulton County consented to the inclusion of its ad valorem property tax  
21 increment to fund the Westside TAD through December 31, 2038; and



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**ATTEST:**

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Tonya R. Grier,  
Clerk to the Commission

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

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**Summary** To authorize the release of \$500,000 of the Fulton County Increment set aside in the Westside TAD to aid in site preparation for the construction of The Andrew Young International Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, located in Historic Vine City adjacent to Rodney Cook Sr. Park.

**Funding Source** Westside TAD

**Location** Property bound by Vine St. NW, Spencer St., and Elm St. NW Atlanta, GA 30314  
**Council District: 3 NPU: L APS District: 2**  
**Fulton County District: 4**

**Type** Infrastructure/ New Construction

**Ownership/ Developer** Andrew J. Young Foundation

**Timeline** Project Start 3Q2026  
 Project End 4Q2029

**Description** The Andrew Young International Institute for Peace and Reconciliation is a planned 80,000-square-foot cultural and educational facility located in Historic Vine City adjacent to Rodney Cook Sr. Park - one of Atlanta’s most symbolically significant landscapes tied to the Civil Rights Movement. The transformative, \$100M Institute will include galleries, archives, classrooms, and

convening spaces, housing more than 3,000 artifacts from Ambassador Young’s life and legacy. Designed as a global hub for diplomacy, education, and leadership, the project will provide a permanent space for research, dialogue, and public engagement focused on peacebuilding and economic empowerment.

The Andrew J. Young Foundation recently secured a 100-year, \$1/year lease on the 2.77-acre site from the City of Atlanta. Site preparation improvements are critical not only to the ultimate design and construction of the Institute, but also to the pace at which the \$100M in philanthropic capital can be raised for the project. Foundations and other potential funders are far more willing to contribute once the site is fully prepared for vertical construction and the final design and layout are in place.

**SITE PREPARATION BUDGET:**

**Sources**

Philanthropy	\$510,765
Westside TAD	\$2,000,000
<b>Total Construction Sources</b>	<b>\$2,510,765</b>

**Uses**

Design, Engineering, Survey	\$135,000
Hard Costs	\$1,767,095
Contingency	\$380,419
Project Management	\$228,251
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$2,510,765</b>

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### **Project Narrative**

Rooted in the extraordinary legacy of Ambassador Andrew Young—civil rights leader, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and former Mayor of Atlanta—the Institute represents a bold vision to carry forward his lifelong commitment to peace, justice, and global cooperation. The facility will serve as a dynamic convening center, bringing together students, scholars, policymakers, and international leaders to engage in dialogue, research, and collaborative problem-solving. Through immersive educational programming, exhibitions, and global partnerships, the Institute will position Atlanta as a leading center for diplomacy and thought leadership while inspiring future generations to address the world’s most pressing challenges with empathy and innovation.

while celebrating Atlanta’s civil rights heritage, the Institute will strengthen community identity, expand opportunity, and contribute to a more inclusive and globally connected city.

### **Community Benefits**

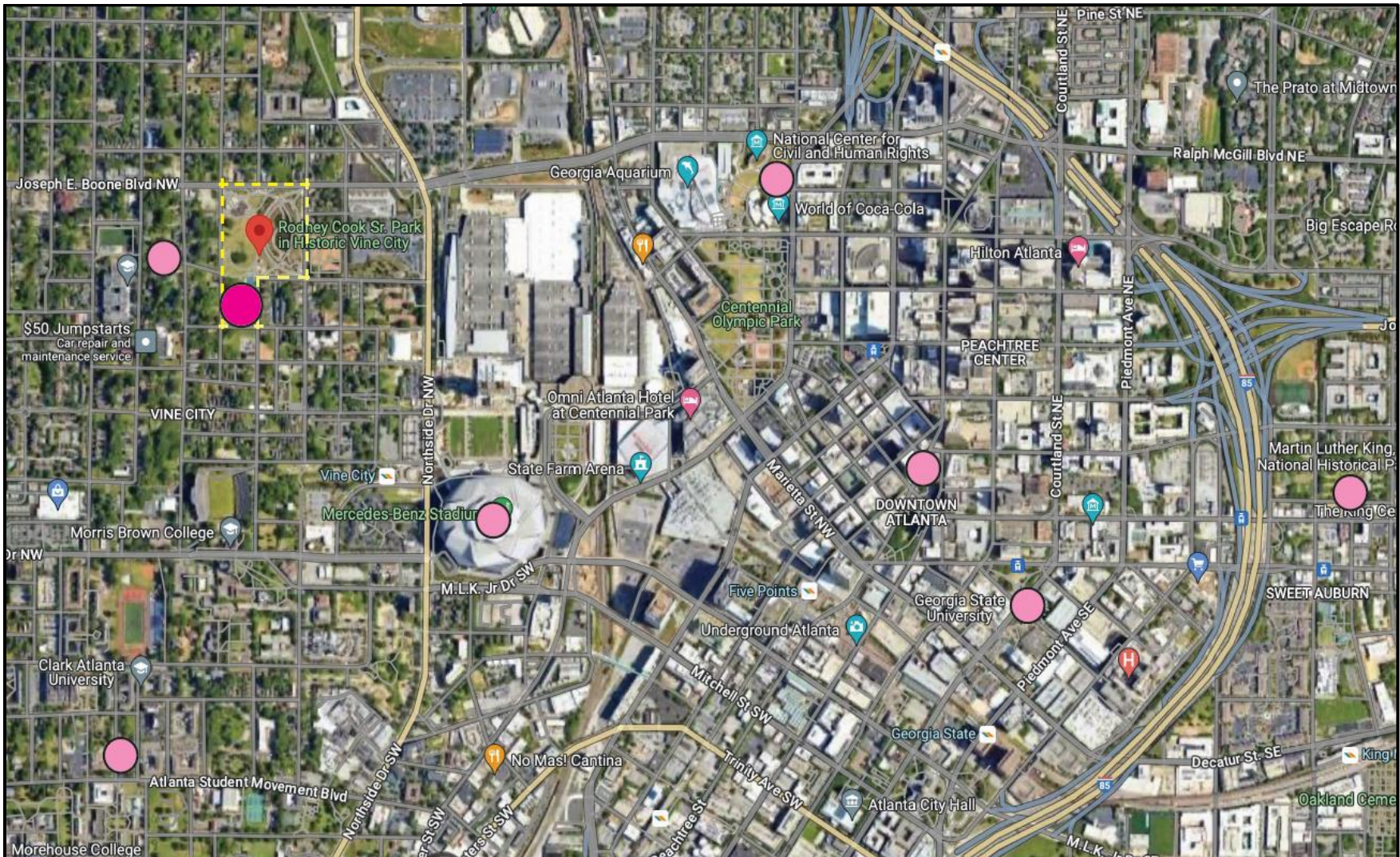
The Institute will function as a catalyst for economic revitalization in Atlanta’s Westside, creating opportunities for local hiring, workforce development, and youth engagement. Its proximity to major universities—including Morehouse, Spelman, Clark Atlanta, Georgia State, and Georgia Tech—will foster partnerships that expand access to education, research, and internships for students across the city. The project will also provide meaningful community access through free public hours, event space for local organizations, and ongoing programming in collaboration with Department of Parks and neighborhood stakeholders. By anchoring investment in a historically underserved area

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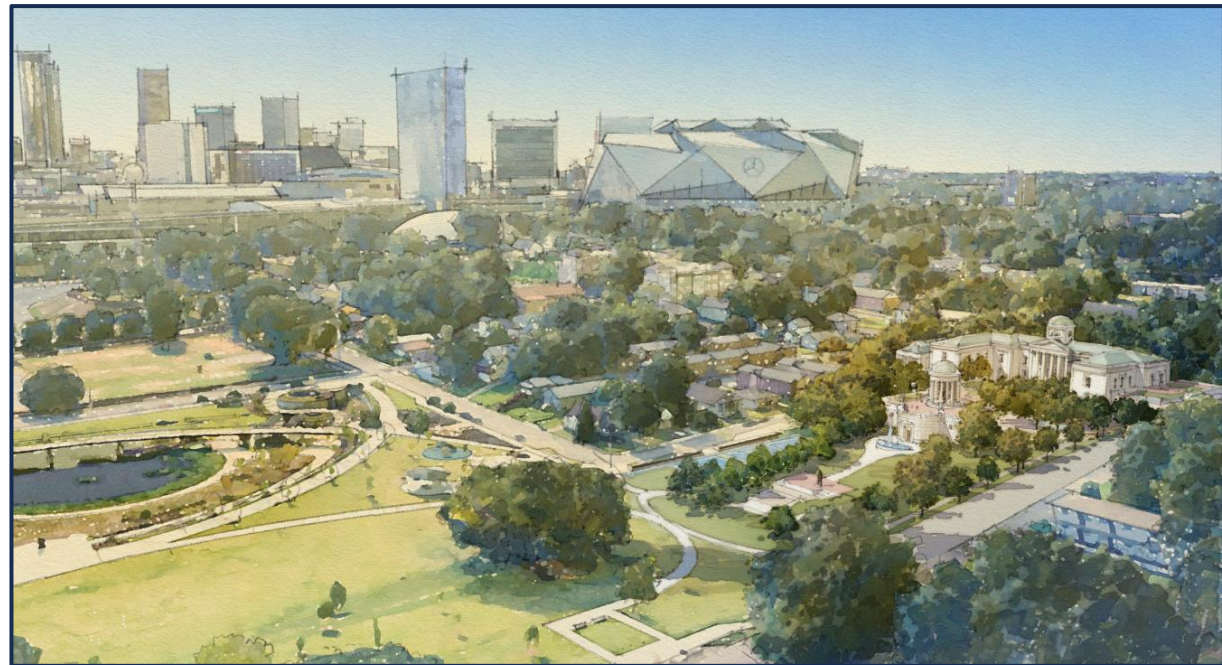
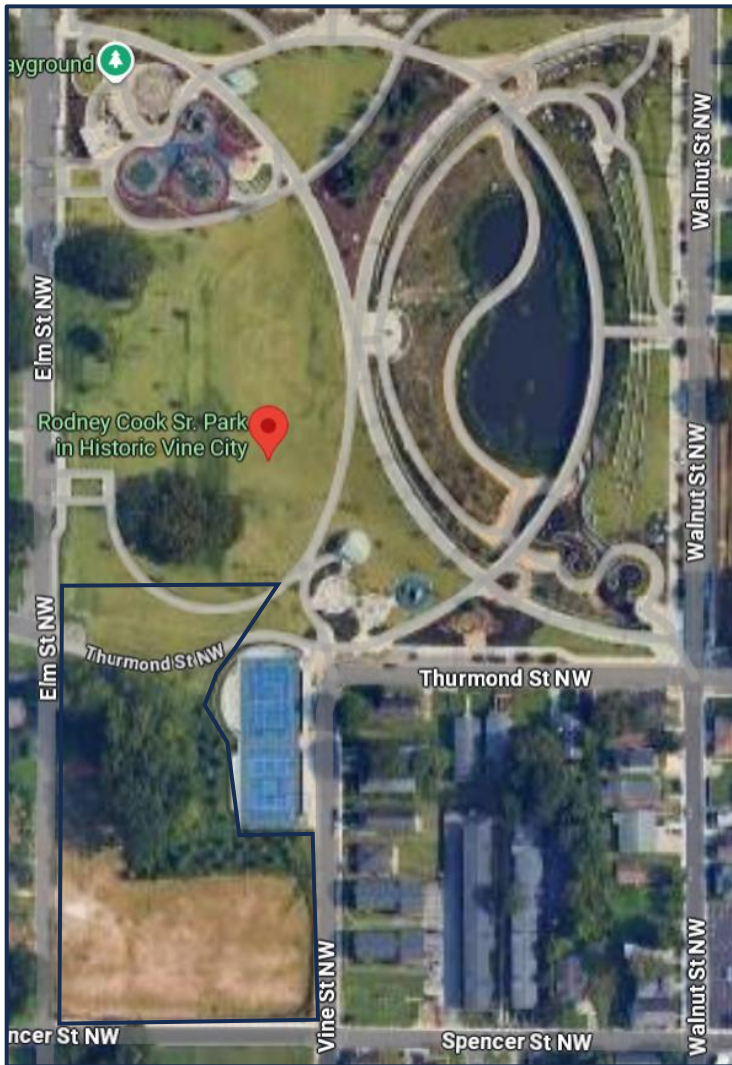
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**Project Location**

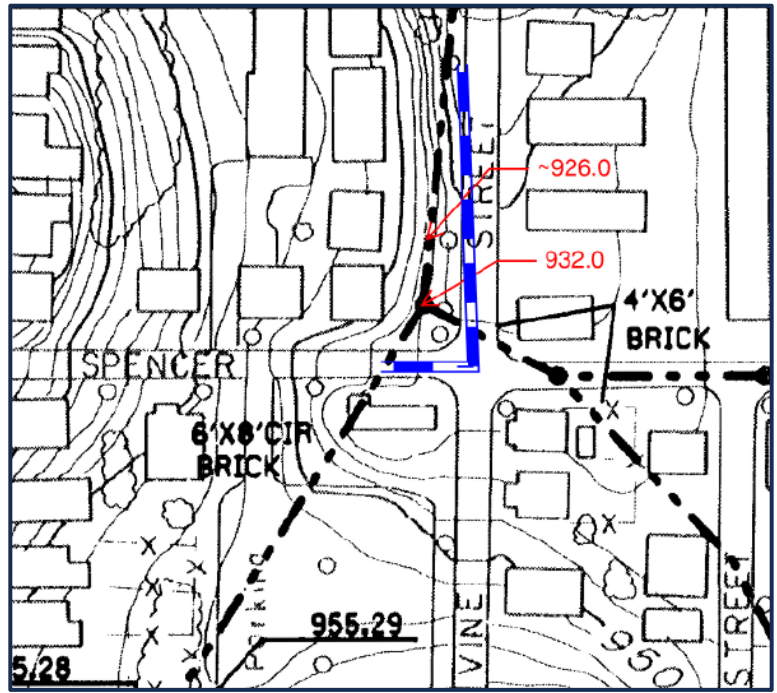


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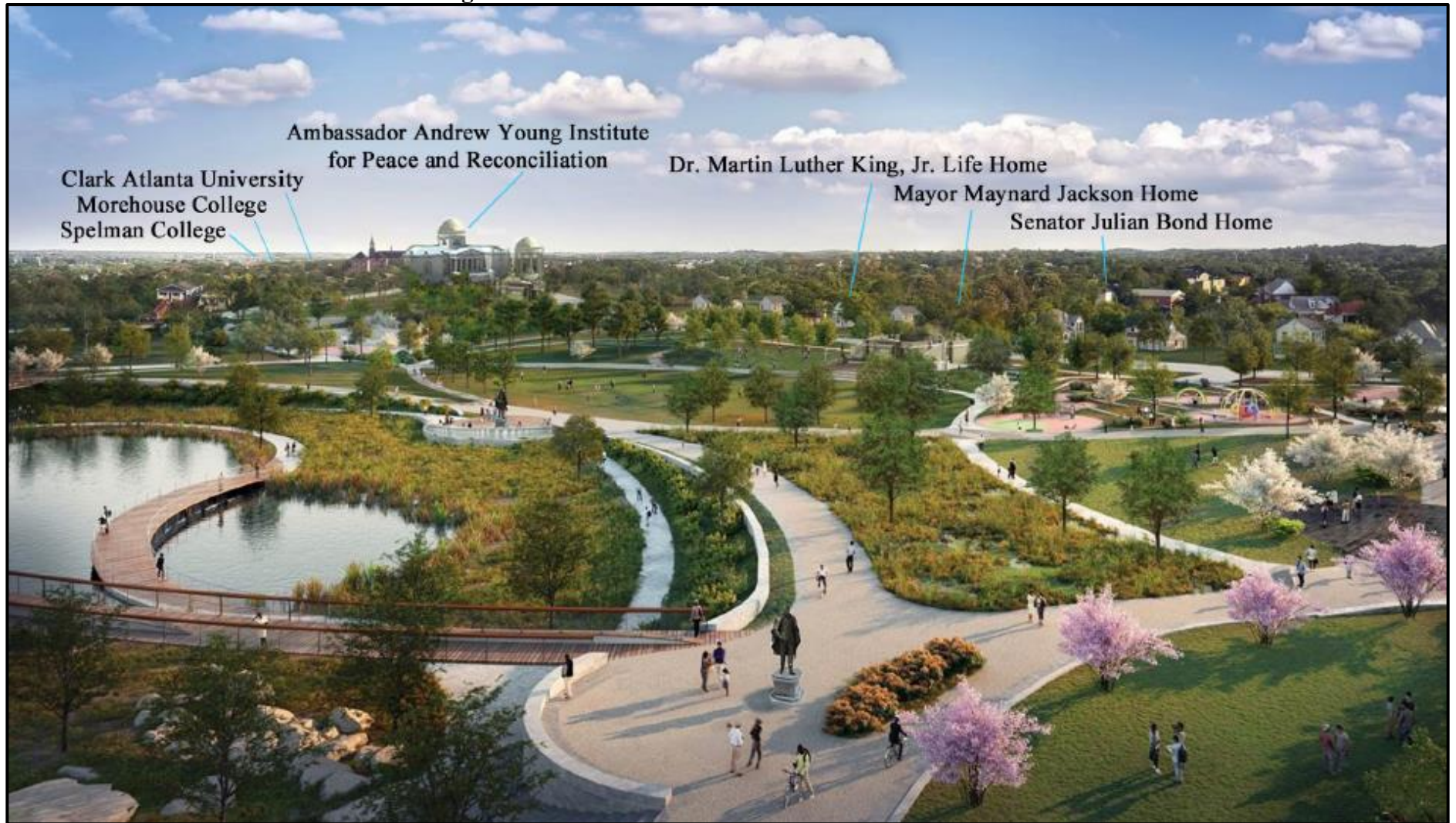
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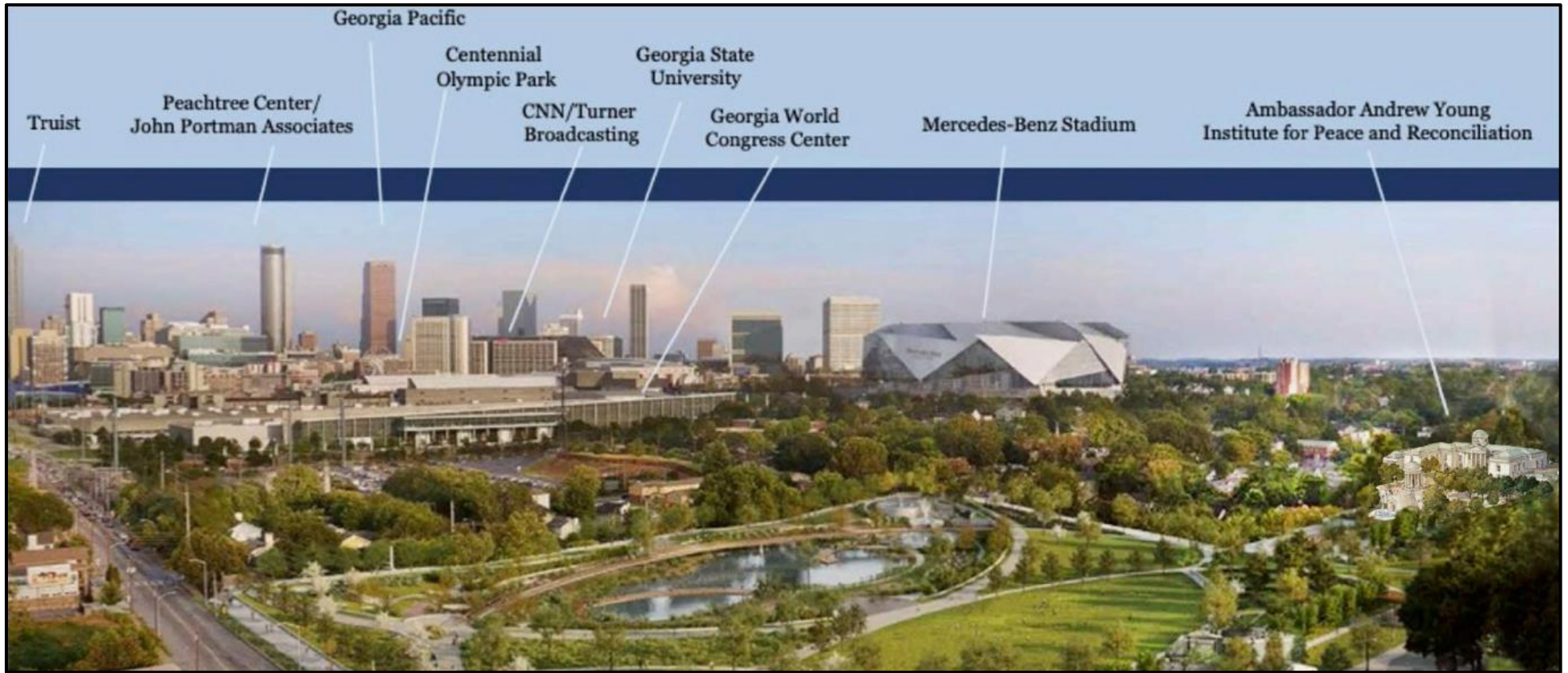
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**View Across Park Towards Andrew Young Institute**



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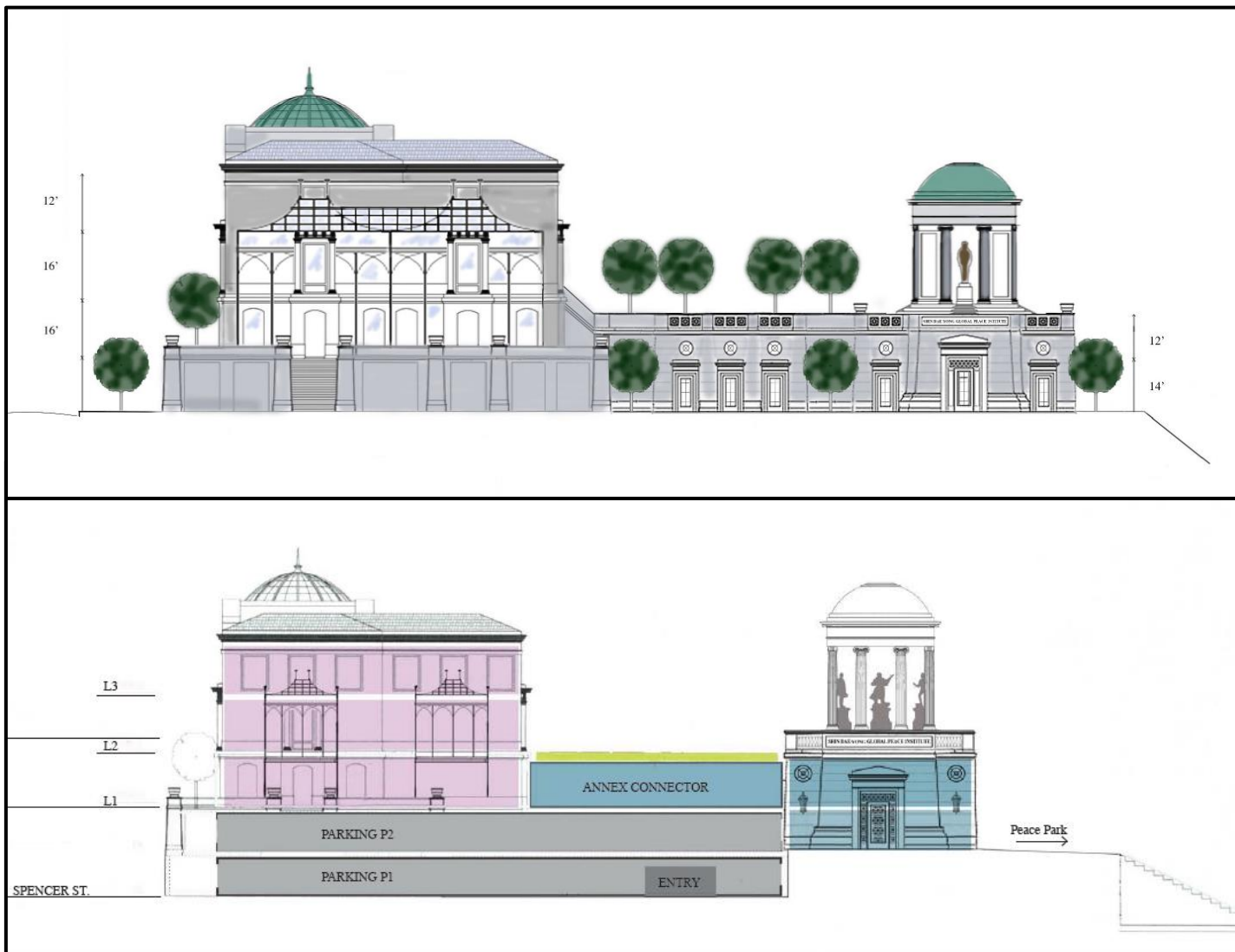
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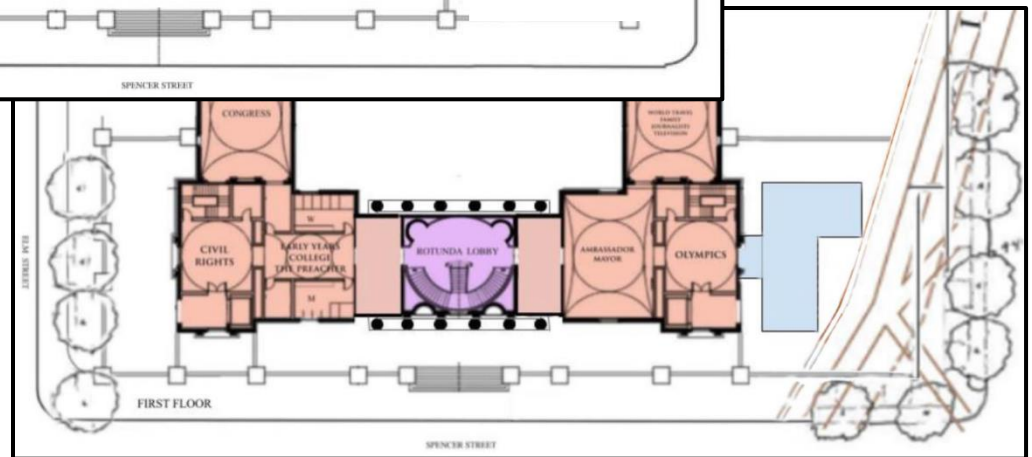
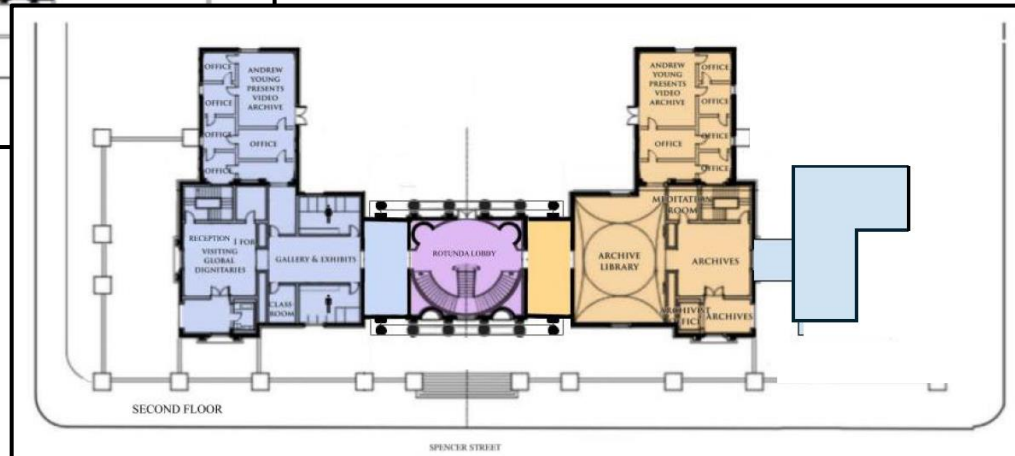


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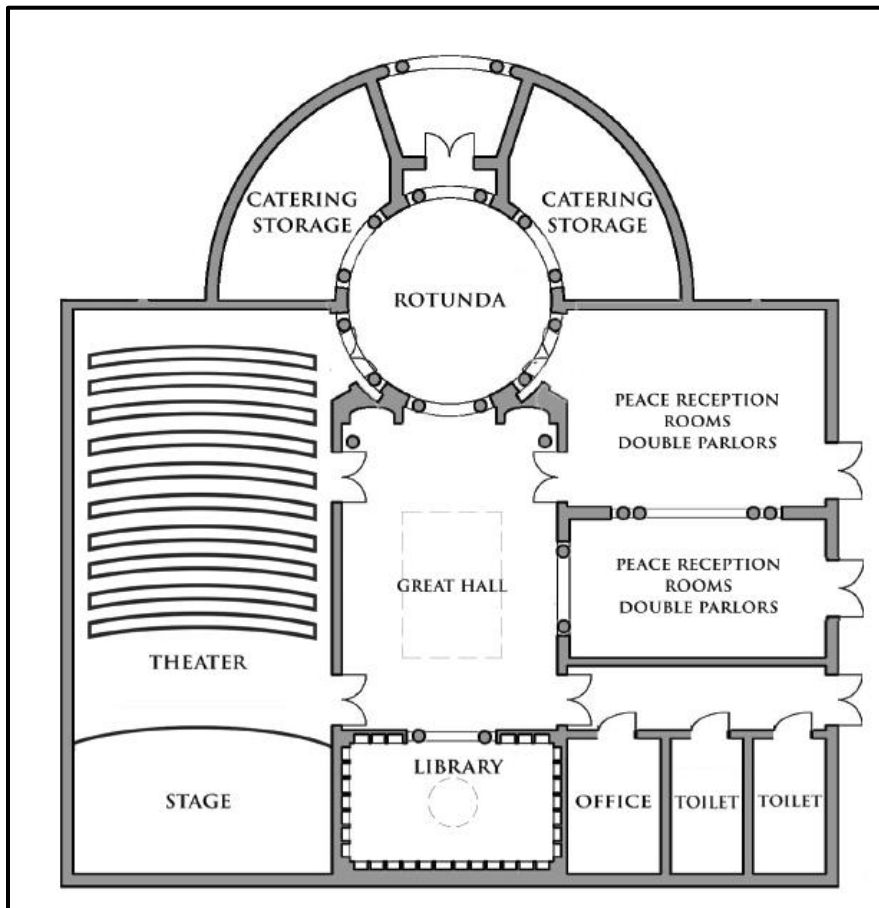
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**Peace Pantheon Wing – Ground Level**



**Peace Pantheon Wing – Upper Level**

