

PROPOSED COMMUNITY STABILIZATION PLAN
PEYTON, HARLAN AND WILLIS MILL ROAD AREA

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Purpose: To effectively and permanently stabilize communities connected by Harlan, Peyton and/or Willis Mill Roads, S. W.

Introduction:

In the past several years, the subject communities have been plagued with racial tensions, losses in property values, and a general disruption of the peaceful and tranquil conditions normally characterizing these communities. Citizens have become increasingly distraught over the prospects of seeing their homes absorbed by the rapidly expanding Negro community lying to the north. These citizens have sought relief from city officials, their aldermen, civic groups concerned over the future of Cascade Heights, and their neighbors. Thus far, all efforts have been in vain. The lack of a definite plan, supported by both white and Negro citizens, has seriously handicapped all those who have attempted to put an end to the tensions in the troubled communities.

With the recent interest shown by city officials, citizens now believe that the time is ripe for presenting a plan that will permanently stabilize these Southwest Atlanta communities and rid them of their racial tensions. Such a plan is reflected in the following pages.

Description of the Stabilization Plan

No plan can effectively stabilize the aforementioned communities unless it

provides advantages to both white and Negro citizens. With this fact in mind, the proposed stabilization plan contains benefits to both. First, it offers the white citizens permanent relief through the closure of Harlan and Peyton Roads at points north of the Peyton-Utoy Forest community. Secondly, it offers the Negro citizens a tremendous advantage by providing them with approximately 250 acres of land, heretofore not available, for residential development. The plan also includes the construction of additional roads for the Negro citizens to permit their access to the proposed residential development. Exhibit A shows the proposed residential areas, the locations of proposed roads, and the proposed road closure points on Harlan and Peyton Roads.

Advantages of the Plan

Below are listed just a few of the major advantages that the proposed stabilization plan will provide:

1. Reduces racial tensions.
2. Insures maintenance of property values within the troubled community.
3. Provides choice residential building lots for construction of approximately 400 Negro residences.
4. Minimizes city construction costs for new roads by taking advantage of existing roads where possible.
5. Preserves established communities in this area.

6. Creates a favorable atmosphere for establishment of proposed school located north of Utoy Creek (See Exhibit A).
7. Provides additional city revenue from citizens who will settle in proposed residential areas.
8. Restores confidence to citizens within established communities and to those citizens desiring to settle in these established communities.

Conclusion:

The success of this proposed stabilization plan is dependent upon your enthusiastic support as Mayor. Without your support, all efforts will again be in vain.

All citizens of the communities described herein earnestly solicit your help and request that you adopt this proposed plan. Furthermore, they pledge their full support to you in all of your efforts to effect the realization of this plan.