

2026 CCD SESSIONS

1 WHAT'S POSSIBLE?

Participants will learn more about the work from local artists in the class, connect with each other, and learn about innovative community engagement from guest speakers from across the country.

The second day will be an ideation and prototyping workshop learning to co-design community-engagement projects with four community organizations from the metro-Atlanta region.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Austell Local Food Task Force
- Build a Better Blacksville
- The Ke'nekt
- South River Watershed Alliance

AUG. 20 AND AUG. 21
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location:
ARC
229 Peachtree St.,
Atlanta, GA



2 CO-DESIGN

Through a class discussion, one community organization will move forward as a community partner to co-design and execute a community-engagement project in October.

Over 3 days, the class will work in small groups to research, ideate, prototype, and evaluate collaboratively on shared projects. The class will have a finalized plan for the projects by the end of the last day.

SEPT. 9 – SEPT. 11
9 am – 5 pm
Location TBD
by selected
community partner



3 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The community-engaged projects will be implemented with the community partner to interact with the public on a land use or transportation challenge.

The following day the class will evaluate and reflect with the community partner on the project and next steps.

October dates and location
determined by selected
community partner



TAKEAWAYS:

- Learn best practices on community engagement through access to a network of local and national experts, practitioners, and other socially-engaged creatives.
- Access to the CCD alumni network to learn and share successes and challenges in implementing creative community engagement in local planning.
- Improve your ability to engage diverse stakeholders that haven't been involved in your planning processes through an immersive learning experience.
- Improve your ability to access ARC grants and technical assistance that require creative community engagement (LCIs, CDAPs, Local Food System Plans)