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Southface, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainability policies and practices throughout the Southeast, has named **Stephanie Stuckey** as its new Director of Sustainability Services. Stuckey joins Southface from her role as Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Atlanta. “I am so excited to be joining the Southface team,” Stuckey said. “I have long supported their nationally recognized efforts to innovate sustainable building and urban community best practices. My own work has been focused on creating victories in environmental resilience and social equity, and I am thrilled to join forces with the Southface powerhouse.”



The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District has awarded Atlanta with the 2018 STREAM Award for demonstrating leadership and innovation in stormwater management. Atlanta was recognized for being a regional leader in green infrastructure innovation. The city has developed a plan to incorporate “green infrastructure” into all city

agencies and public-private projects, such as rain gardens, green roofs, and cisterns that slow or capture stormwater runoff. The city also requires projects, which add or replace 500 square feet of impervious surface to reduce stormwater runoff.

Blue Heron Nature Preserve in Buckhead recently received a \$30,000 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for urban wetlands restoration. The total conservation impact of the grant will be \$71,000 including Blue Heron’s restoration partnership contributions.

Woodruff Park in Downtown is the recipient of a \$125,000 grant, made available through the Southwest Airlines Heart of the Community program. Woodruff Park partnered with Spark Corps, a local design firm focused on social impact, to engage students from Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School, The New School, Leap Year, and Georgia State University in co-design activities. During a six-week co-design workshop, students focused on ideas to improve community engagement in the park.

The **Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA)** has announced that it will embark on its first installation of solar panels, in cooperation with Solarize Atlanta and its partner Hannah Solar. This effort is made possible by the MJCCA’s continued relationship with the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and its ongoing support of the MJCCA’s green initiatives. The solar panels will be installed on the roof of the MJCCA’s Besser Gymnastics Pavilion. 