Womble Bond Dickinson

Womble Bond employs Joe Whitley out of their Atlanta office, who is a member of the Board of Trustees as well as a former US Attorney General.

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Invesco

Invesco is a major donor to the Atlanta Police Foundation — the entity that is funding, and pushing forward, the Cop City project. An Invesco executive also serves on the Foundation's board of trustees.

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Atlas Technical Consultants

Atlas Technical Consultants owns many smaller companies, such as Long Engineering, which has done work with Brasfield and Gorrie and the Cop City project.

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Side note: They also have an office in League City

Houston has a police training center, too

The Tilman Family Tactical Training
Center (44,000-square-foot, two-story
facility) broke ground back in 2019.
You can take a tour through the
facility in a video created the Houston
Police Department.

This tactical center was funded by the **Houston Police Foundation**, which also has corporate representatives on the board.

Police training centers or foundations are not isolated from one city to the next. They all have a common goal of protecting capital and property from the masses.

Get involved

Besides doing solidarity actions as requested by the forest defenders above, you can get involved locally in the movement to demilitarize and abolish police. Whether you prefer to work with a local abolitionist organization or coordinate actions on your own, everyone has a place in the movement.

For more information, visit:

https://defendtheatlantaforest.org/ https://www.stopcopcitysolidarity.org/ mobilize

#StopCopCity— Connection to Houston

Adapted by Space City Anarchist Organization from reporting by Sam Oser

What Is Cop City?

The South River Forest, originally known as the Weelaunee Forest by the Muscogee Creek people, is one of the largest urban forests in the United States with over 400 acres near Atlanta, Georgia. It has been at the forefront of the #StopCopCity and Defend the Atlanta Forest social movements as forest defenders protest the police training facility funded by the Atlanta Police Foundation and its corporate patrons like Delta Airlines, the Koch brothers, and Home Depot, to name just a few.

The police training facility is set to destroy 381 acres of the Weelaunee Forest, and Blackhall Studios plans to destroy another 40 acres for a sound stage.

Cop City will be the largest police training facility in the United States and is slated to include a mock city where police will train with firearms, tear gas, helicopters, and explosive devices to repress protest and mass unrest, much as they did during the 2020 George Floyd protests.

Throughout the community's efforts to stop Cop City, activists have been arrested, detained, and even more recently killed by the police.

How does this connect to Houston?

It's all in the funding of the Atlanta Police Foundation.

StopCopCitySolidarity.org has outlined an interactive map highlighting the contractors, donors, and APF board members supporting Cop City, as well as targets related to Ryan Millsap's connected plans to build a movie studio in the ruins of the Weelaunee Forest.

This pamphlet contains information from this map tying Atlanta Police Foundation board members to companies and organizations in Houston.

The organizers in Atlanta are requesting:

Organize an action against these targets and demand that they cut all ties with the Cop City project and the Atlanta Police Foundation.

Organizing can be as simple as giving the offices a call and letting them know. Please be kind to the workers behind the desk who receive your call. They may not know about their company's ties to Cop City or even what it is.

Jones Day

Jones Day funds the ATL Police Foundation and one of their lawyers, Bryan Davis, is on the Foundation's executive committee.

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Greenberg Traurig

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