WHAT WAS LOST???

• 5% OF CITY OF NEWNAN’S TREE CANOPY
• 53% OF THE ACRES OF CANOPY IN STORM PATH
• 567 ACRES OF CANOPY IN THE STORM PATH
• 567 FOOTBALL FIELDS
• 39 MERCEDES BENZ STADIUMS
• 83 PATRIOTS PARK RACEWAY
WHAT DO WE DO NEXT????

• Individual groups begin expressing interest in replanting and multiple corporate sponsors begin expressing interest in donating

• City of Newnan Council votes to approve the City Attorney to create a 501C3 entity

• The city appoints 3 initial board of directors – Keith Brady, Angela Mcrae, and Scott Berta

• The 3 appointees recruit 4 additional board members and two youth ex-officio seats – Donna Dietz, Richard Prange, Tommy Morgan, Tina Melson (Mike Furbush as city liason)
• BUT WHAT SHOULD YOU DO??????

• Research to make sure there isn’t an NPO already similar to what you want to do in your community (New Program vs New Entity)

• Locate a community foundation that can provide a fiscal sponsorship

• Find a lawyer to assist in filing with the GA SOS and IRS for 501 C 3 status

• Obtain your solicitation permit with the State of Ga

• Establish a vision and mission statement, a board, a budget, bylaws, operating agreement, strategic plan
Work Smarter Not Harder

- Begin to find and partner with other NPOs that can create an instant volunteer base
- R & D
- Use State resources
- Leverage your new entity superpower to further your community
The future Alexander Arboretum is immediately adjacent to one of the hardest hit neighborhoods from the EF4 Tornado in March 2021. The arboretum site itself was also hit and lost many large mature canopy oaks. Ruth Hill Elementary and the City of Newnan Public Works facility are adjacent to the site to the north. This aerial was taken three days post storm.