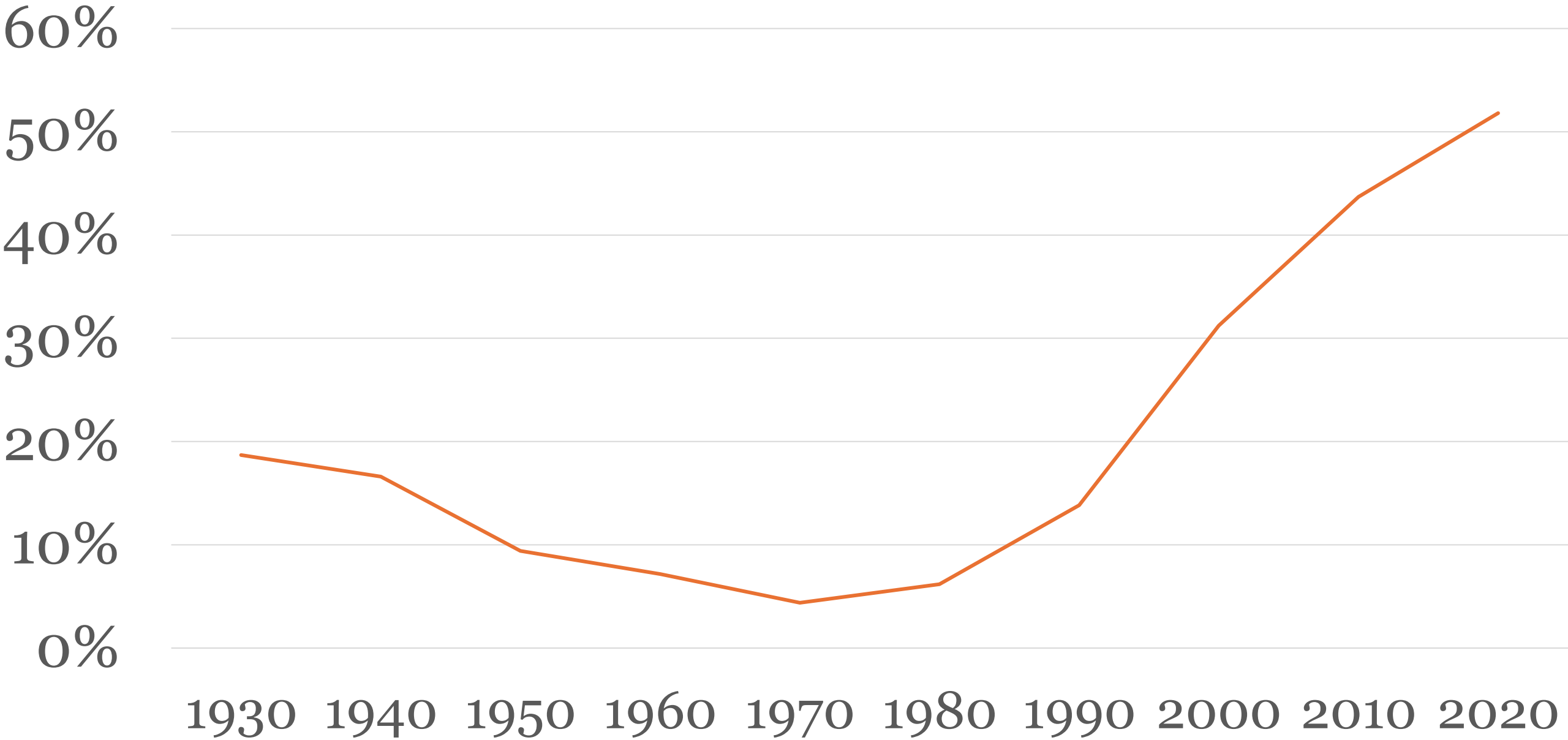


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# Non-White Population in Cobb County, GA





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**Herbert C. McCollum**

**1913 – 1998**

**Cobb County Commissioner**

**1956-1964**

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# SITE FOR BIG LEAGUE STADIUM

## Alfred Kennedy Will Give Land; Cobb Co. Promises Full Support

By JIM MINTER

The first actual step toward a much-talked about major league baseball stadium in Atlanta has been taken.

Alfred D. Kennedy, president of a stadium for Atlanta sportsman and business leader, Thursday offered to donate the necessary acreage at the Cobb County site which long has been considered ideal.

Mr. Kennedy's step to the front was immediately seconded by Cobb County Commissioner Herbert McCollum, who has spearheaded a drive to construct a stadium.

"the area."

Mr. Kennedy, who is president of the Capitol City Club, said he was offering the site because he feels Atlanta would be passing up a great opportunity if the chance to bring major league baseball and professional football here is ignored.

have "I think this is wonderful time sports," Mr. Kennedy said. "I can assure you that all of us will do everything we can to help. I think the donation of such a valuable piece of property is a very generous and public-spirited

chamber of commercewise. I think Atlanta is one of the great

## Map of the Proposed Stadium Site

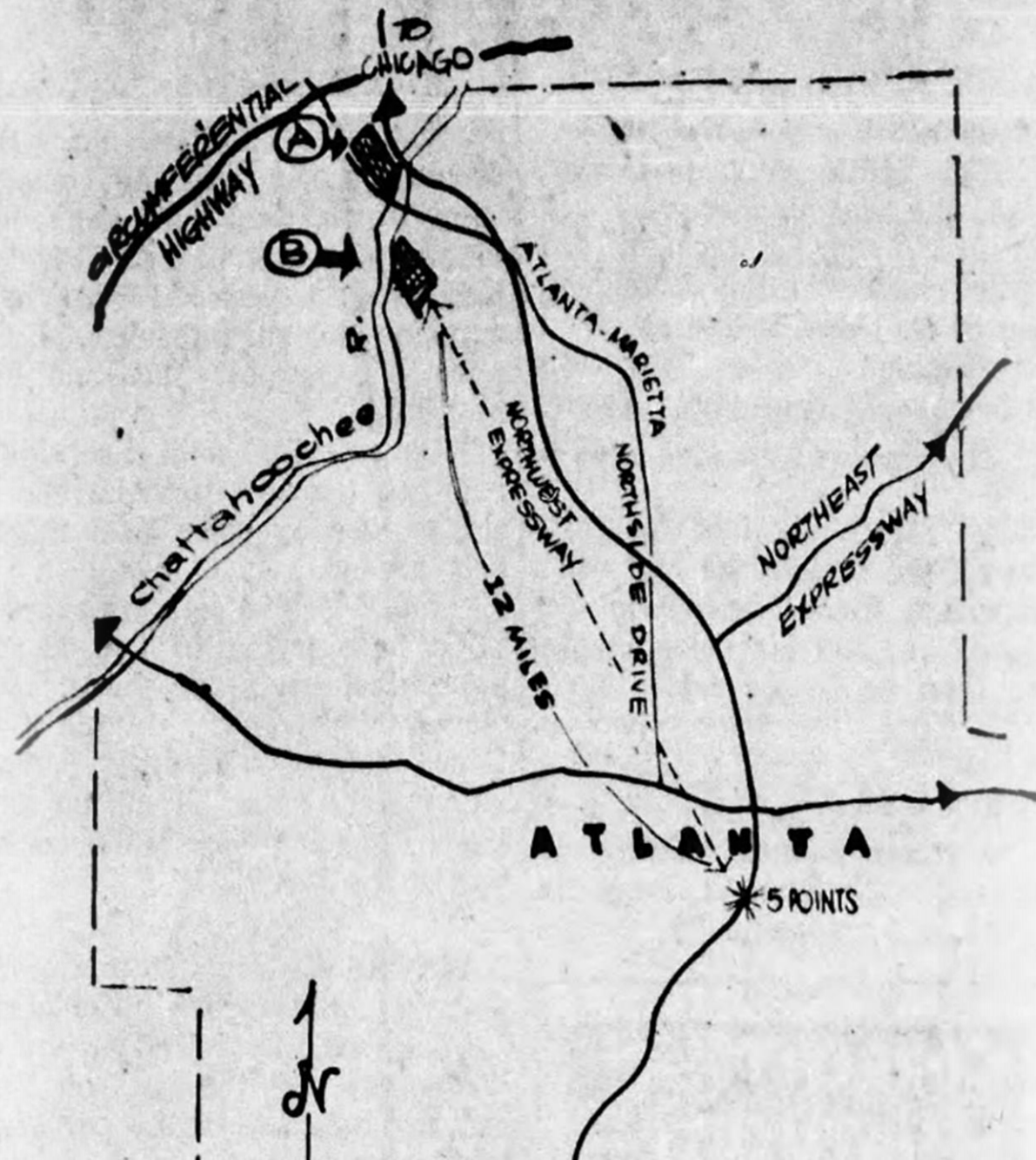


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**A superhero with local ties makes a return**



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**Homeowners get some good market news**



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Authorities say at least 9.7 million people in 41 provinces were affected by the storm, known as Haiyan elsewhere in Asia but called Yolanda in the Philippines. It was likely the deadliest natural disaster to beset the country. "In some cases the devastation has been total," one official said, **A2**

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"Only 14 percent of Americans were able to keep these individual market plans for two years" before the Affordable Care Act became law. — Van Jones, the Democratic co-host of CNN's "Crossfire," during a panel discussion Nov. 3 on ABC's "This Week," **B1**

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**Obama vows support for nation's veterans**

The president pledged to improve health care, job support and educational opportunities for U.S. vets, **A3**

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## HOW COBB SCORED BRAVES

**SECRET TALKS:** Discussions began months ago at a country club dinner. **ATLANTA:** City officials also were talking about proposals with the team.



The sun sets over Turner Field and a statue of Hank Aaron on Monday evening, the day the Braves announced that they would be moving to Cobb County for the 2017 season. BEN GRAY / BGRAY@AJC.COM

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Tim Lee, Cobb County's top elected leader, kept his secret for months. It was in July, over a dinner at the exclusive Marietta Country Club, that Lee began talking to Atlanta Braves executives about a deal that has shocked baseball fans all over the country and blindsided Atlanta city officials who thought they could keep the team downtown. One city official said the Braves had tried to "blackmail" Atlanta. Lee and Brooks Mathis, a vice president of economic development for Cobb's Chamber of Commerce, were the only two county officials privy to the secret negotiations with the Braves that culminated in Monday's announcement of a \$672 million development in the heart of the Cobb Parkway commerce district. Rep. Earl Ehrhart of Powder Springs introduced Lee to **Braves continued on A7**



**Many unanswered questions for deal**  
**MOVE TO THE NORTH?** Atlanta Braves' new stadium would be just outside the Perimeter where I-75 crosses I-285 in Cobb County.



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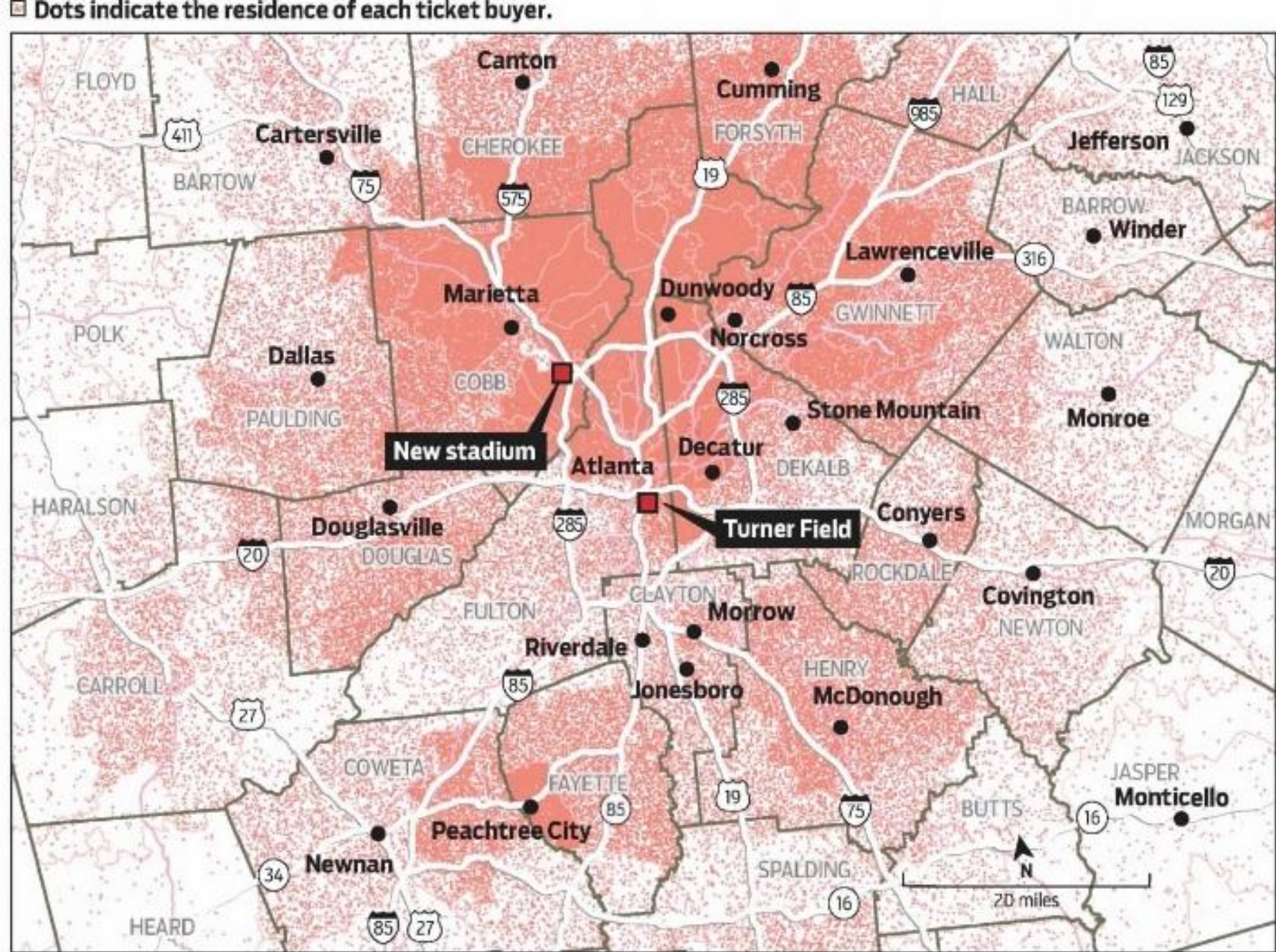


1970 Mural showing a Cobb County Stadium

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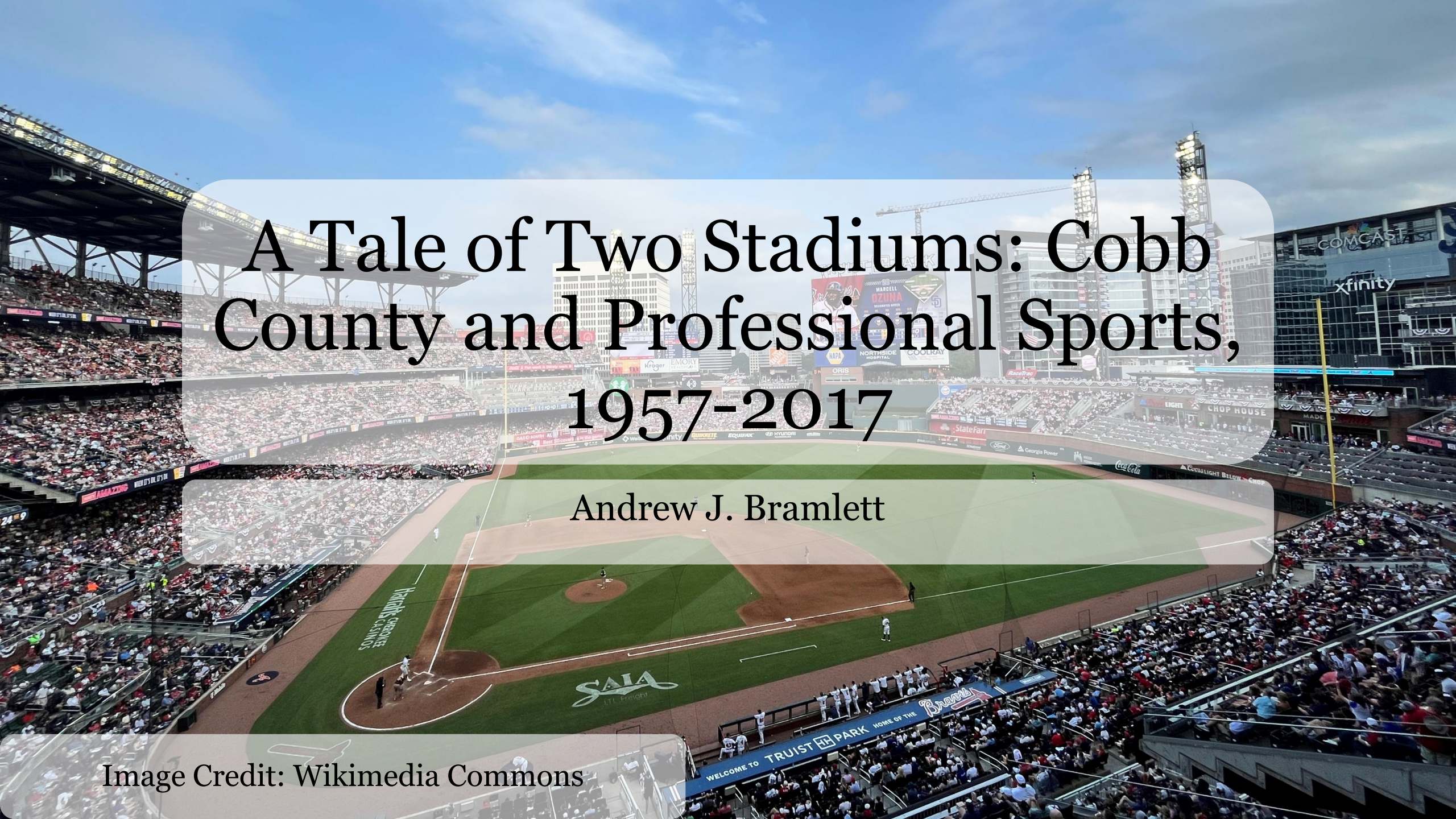
L-R: Floyd Eaton Chalkley, Susan Hayward,  
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Rendering of SunTrust Park, 2014

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