



# INSPIRE

Investing in Neighborhoods and Schools to Promote  
Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence



**Arlington Elementary/Middle School**  
**March 9, 2016**

# Agenda

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools update
- INSPIRE program overview
- Planning Process
- Community Summary
- Core Team
- Next Steps



# Investing in Schools + Neighborhoods



BCPS, Maryland Stadium Authority, Baltimore City, and State will be investing nearly one billion dollars to renovate or replace schools over the next several years.

Current estimates suggest the funding stream will support:

- 23-28 school buildings
- 14,000-17,000 students



The Planning Department launched the INSPIRE planning program to focus on the neighborhood immediately surrounding each of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools.

Two principles guide INSPIRE:

- Stronger schools lead to stronger neighborhoods
- Stronger neighborhoods lead to stronger schools

# Guiding Principles



## **Stronger schools lead to stronger neighborhoods**

Millions of dollars of investment in schools can trigger additional investment in the surrounding neighborhood.

## **Stronger neighborhoods lead to stronger schools**

A safe and stable neighborhood is fundamental for providing students and families with a healthy living environment.

INSPIRE plans can serve as marketing tools to attract private investment and work plans for community-led development.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Activity Timeframe



Planning



Design



Construction



Occupancy

18-24 Months

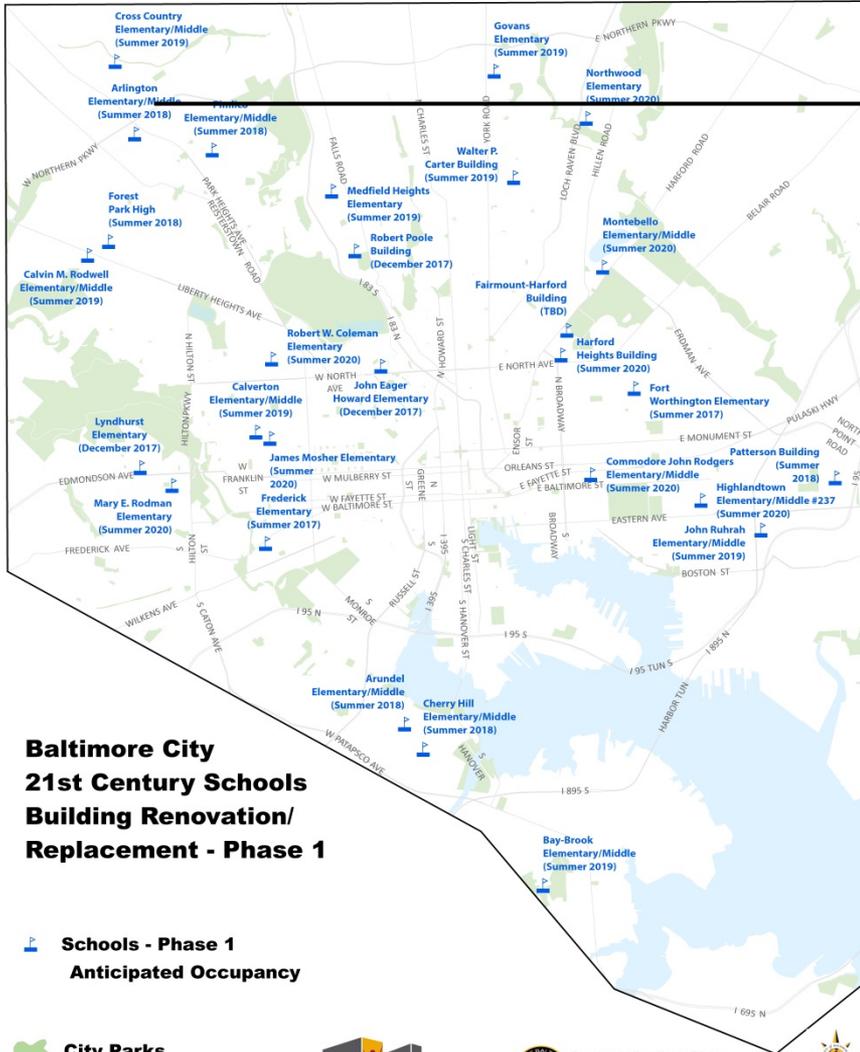
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# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnerships



# INSPIRE: Citywide and Neighborhood Specific



## Baltimore City 21st Century Schools Building Renovation/ Replacement - Phase 1

Schools - Phase 1  
Anticipated Occupancy

City Parks  
 Harbor & Lakes

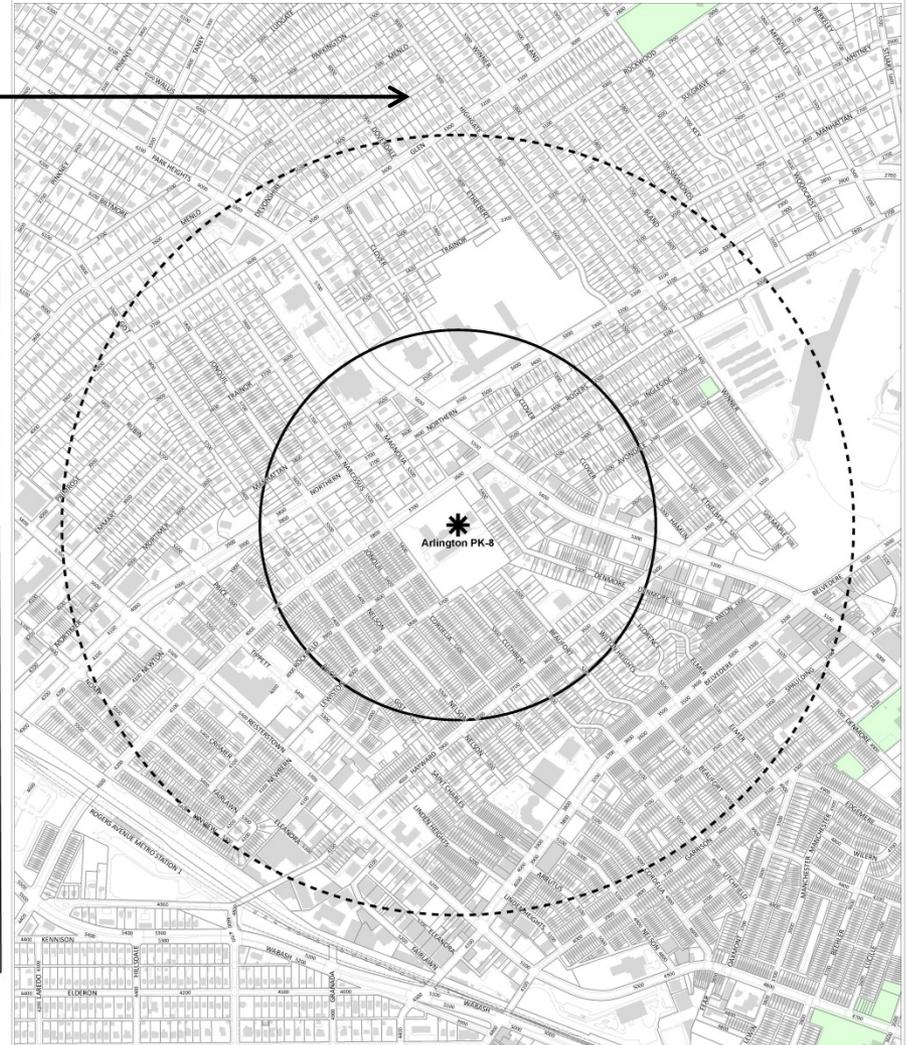


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## INSPIRE: Investing in Neighborhoods & Schools to Promote Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence



**Arlington PK-8**  
3705 W Rogers Avenue  
Building # 234  
Program # 234  
Plan Year 1  
Action: Renovate/Replace

BCPS Location  
 1.4 Mile Radius  
 1.2 Mile Radius  
 Railroad  
 Edge of Pavement  
 Property Boundaries  
 Building Footprint  
 Park Property



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# What is INSPIRE?

- A planning process to leverage a nearly \$1 billion investment in school renovations (21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Initiative), enhancing the connection between the schools and surrounding neighborhoods
- A geographically-targeted focus on physical public improvements in the 1/4 mile area around the schools
- An inclusive process to create plans with a partnership of community stakeholders including parents, students, residents, businesses, community associations, school representatives, elected officials, and the Baltimore City Department of Planning

# INSPIRE Planning Process

## **Listen: Gathering Information**

- INSPIRE Kick-off
- Community surveys
- Workshops
- Field study

## **Create: Drafting and Reviewing Recommendations**

- Planning staff draft recommendations
- Agency involvement
- Feedback meeting

## **Deliver: Writing, Reviewing, and Executing the Plan**

- Planning staff completes plan; shares with community
- Celebration event
- Submit to Planning Commission for adoption
- Implementation

# Community Summary

## Arlington Elementary/Middle School

### Community Information

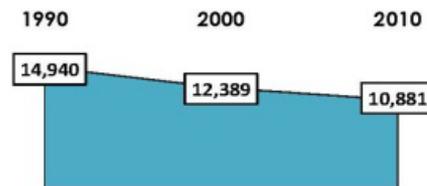
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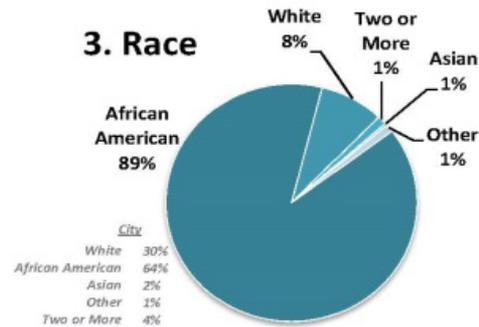


People

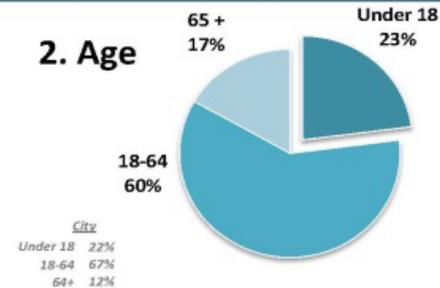
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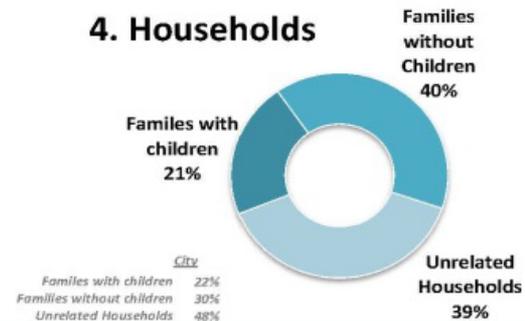
### 3. Race



### 2. Age



### 4. Households



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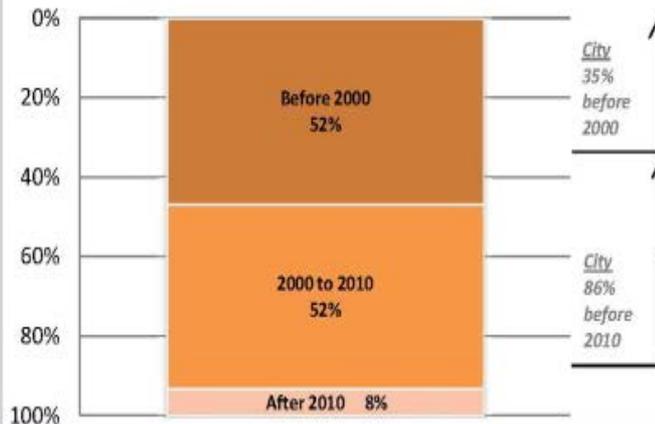
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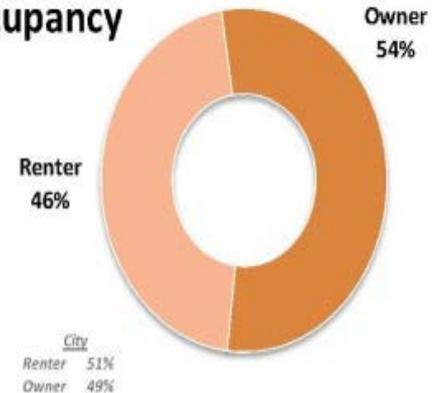


Housing

### 5. Residence Established



### 6. Housing Occupancy



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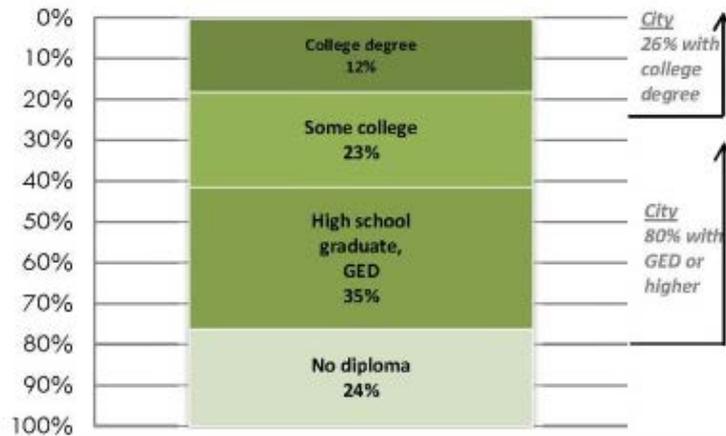
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Education & Employment

### 7. Educational Attainment



### 8. Percent Unemployed

**19.4%**

City 13.7%

### 9. Median Household Income

**\$38,959**

City \$40,800

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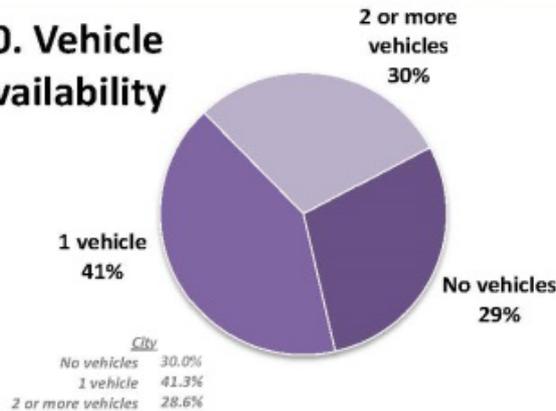
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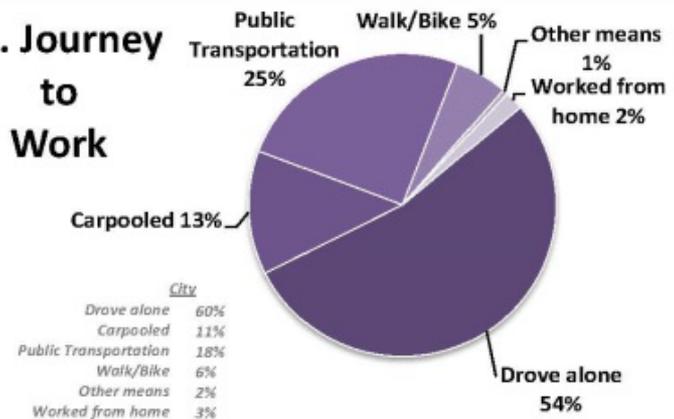


Transportation

### 10. Vehicle Availability



### 11. Journey to Work



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

# INSPIRE Core TEAM

A Core Team of community volunteers will guide each phase of the INSPIRE process and serve as ambassadors of the program.

- **Listen**
  - Orientation
  - Outreach
  - Fieldwork
  - “Ambassador”
- **Create**
  - Recommendations feedback; Plan feedback
  - Community-based project participation
- **Deliver**
  - Preparation for Celebration Event



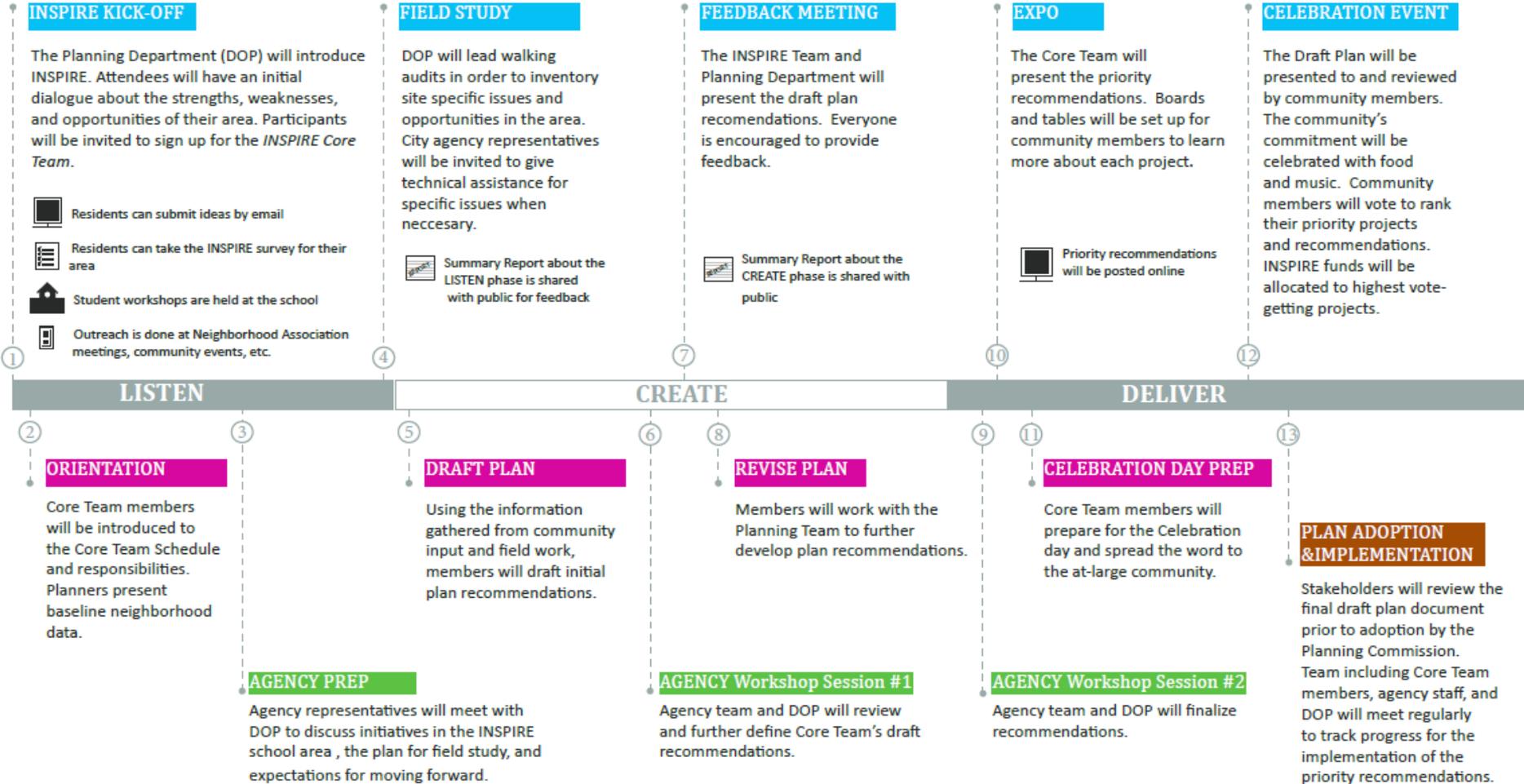
# INSPIRE TIMELINE

Community-Wide

Core Team

Agencies

Core Team/Agencies



# Public and Private Investment

- Specific, implementable public improvements in areas such as transportation, housing, open space, and health and wellness.
- Community vision for guiding private investment. Plan will explore how opportunity sites near the school could be redeveloped by private development and community partners.

# Examples of Improvements

- Streets
- Sidewalks
- Demolition
- Code enforcement
- Tree planting/trimming
- Playgrounds
- Crosswalks
- Crossing guard deployment
- Lighting
- Sanitation
- Public safety
- Signage



# Housing Recommendation Identification



# Transportation Recommendation Identification



# Implementation

## **Partner commitments**

- Institutions, businesses, CDCs, etc.

## **Agency operations**

- Recommendations to direct multiple city agencies' operations

## **Priority areas for citywide initiatives**

- Blight elimination, safe routes to schools, etc.

## **Capital projects-Program/Citywide**

- \$5 million of general Obligation Bonds

# Examples of Community Projects

- Artistic lighting
- Public art
- Façade improvement
- Walking paths
- Learning gardens
- Community branding (signage, street furniture)
- Traffic calming
- Play zones



# Questions?

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