

REACH! + Harford Heights Building INSPIRE Plan Update

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Welcome + introduction



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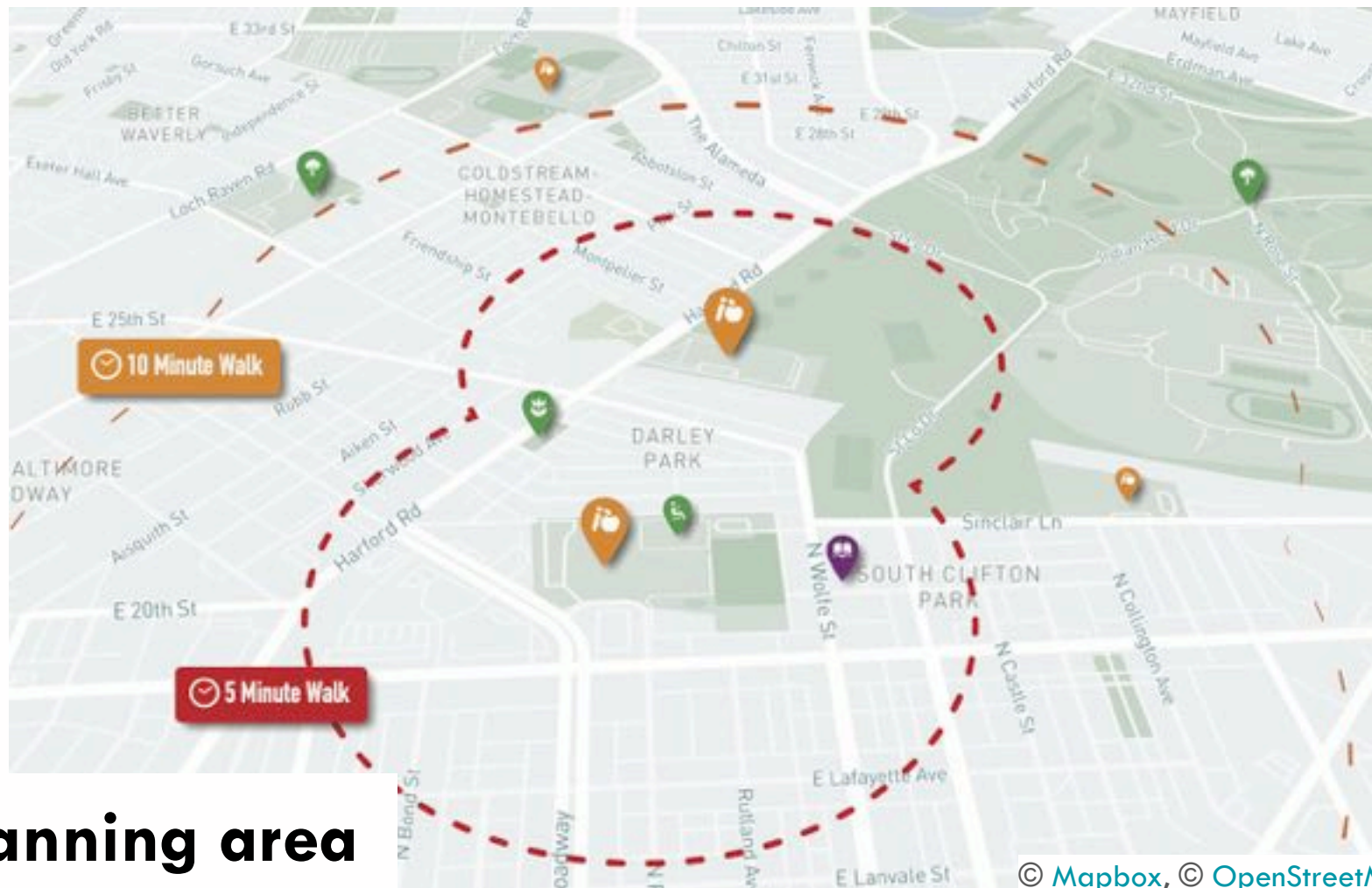
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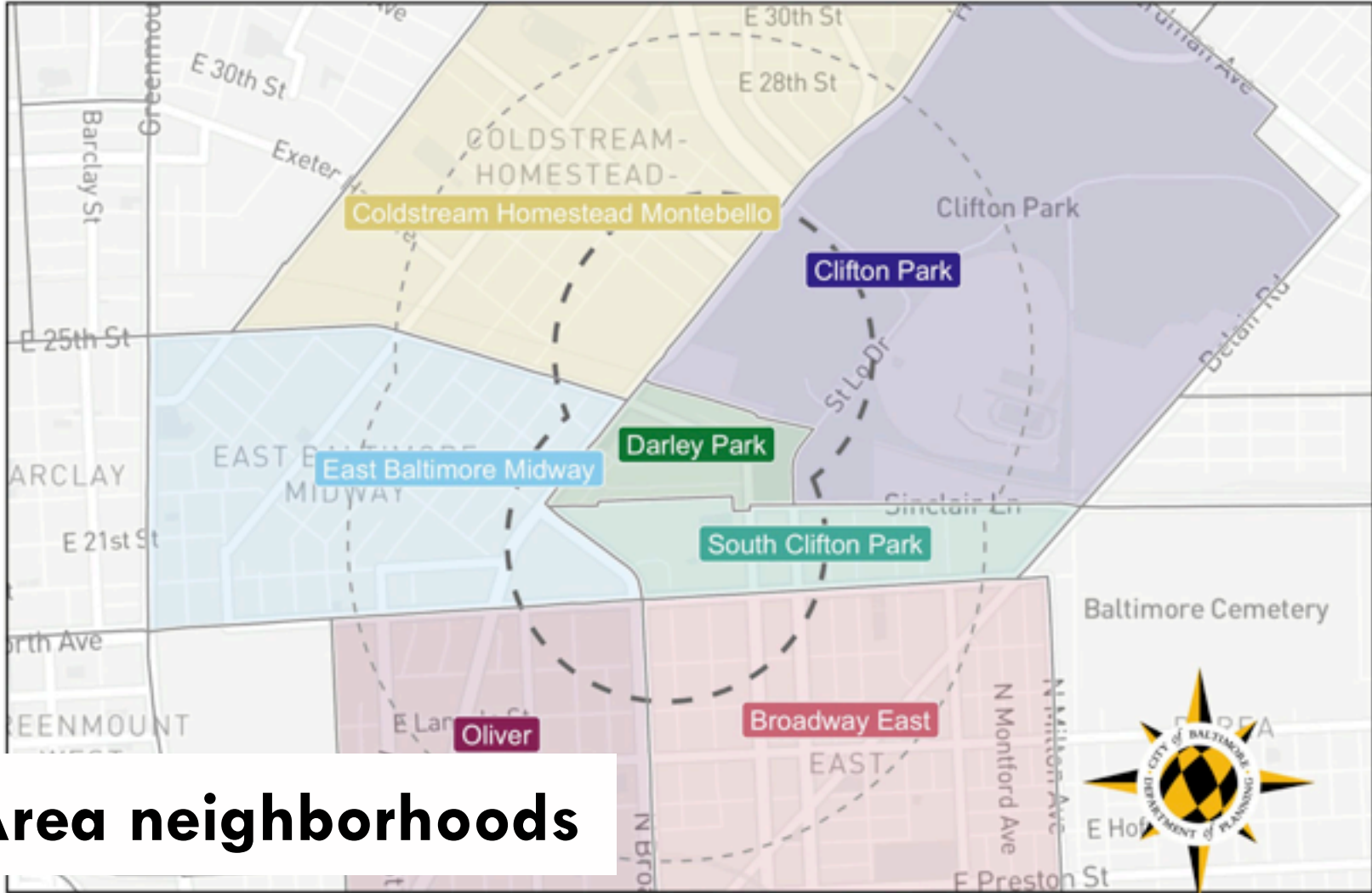
What is INSPIRE?

INSPIRE stands for Investing in Neighborhoods and Schools to Promote Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence.

The Department of Planning is working with communities in a **quarter-mile area** (about a **five minute walk**) around each 21st Century School to create a plan that can guide new private and public investments in each area.



Planning area



Area neighborhoods

INSPIRE Area: Darley Park



L to R: Rowhouses, 1600 block E. 25th St.; Porch-front rowhouses, 1900 block N. Wolfe St.

INSPIRE Area: South Clifton Park



L to R: Columbus School Apartments/Former Public School No. 99 (1891), 2000 E. North Ave.; Clifton Park Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library

INSPIRE Area: Coldstream Homestead Montebello



L to R: Marie Briscoe Park, 1562-1564 Abbottson St.; Rowhouses, 1500 block Abbottson St.

INSPIRE Area: East Baltimore Midway



L to R: Rowhouses, 1000 block of Bonaparte Avenue; Y.L.E. Automotive Repair, 2412 Aisquith Street

INSPIRE Area: Oliver



L to R: Rowhouses, 1700 block of Wolfe St.; Care-A-Lot vacant lot with "Heart Smiles" graffiti mural, N. Washington and E. Lanvale Sts.

What is INSPIRE?

The scope for each INSPIRE plan includes:

1. Primary Walking Routes Improvements
2. Area-Specific Recommendations
3. Community Improvement Project (\$100K)

Plan outreach (2018-2021)

Activity	Date
INSPIRE Plan Kick-off	May 2018
Coldstream Homestead Montebello Meetings	Spring 2018
Presentation for South Clifton Park Meeting	October 2018
REACH! and Harford Heights School Outreach	Fall 2018
INSPIRE Planning Workshop	November 2018
Presentation for Darley Park Meeting	July 2019
21st Century Schools Presentation	June 2021
Publish draft recommendation report	Spring and Summer 2021

Additional 2022 community meetings

Topic	Date
Recap INSPIRE planning process	March 2022
Review housing recommendations	April 2022
Background presentation: "What is INSPIRE?"	May 12, 2022
Review health and environment recommendations	May 17, 2022
Introduce new INSPIRE Planner	June 2022

Recommendation goals

1. Create Environmentally-Sustainable & Clean Neighborhoods
2. Create Connections & Access
3. Invest in Housing & Market-Strengthening Opportunities
4. Improve Public Safety
5. Create Opportunities for Health & Wellness

Goal 1: Invest in Housing and Market-Strengthening Opportunities

- 1.1 Support Existing Homeowners and Market Area Neighborhoods
- 1.2 Improve Housing Conditions for Residents
- 1.3 Reduce the Number of Vacant and Distressed Properties
- 1.4 Strengthen the Sense of Place and Highlight Area History
- 1.5 Improve the Harford Road Commercial Corridor and Neighborhood Businesses

Goal 2: Create Opportunities for Health and Wellness

- 2.6 Improve Parks for Recreation and Neighborhood Activities
- 2.7 Improve the Healthy Food Environment

Goal 3: Create Connections and Access

3.8 Improve Pedestrian Safety around Area Schools and Parks

3.9 Improve Alleyways throughout Darley Park

Goal 4: Improve Public Safety

4.10 Increase Safety in Public Spaces with Place-Based Approaches

4.11 Enhance Connections through Resident Engagement

Goal 5: Create an Environmentally Sustainable and Clean Neighborhood

5.12 Increase Environmental Sustainability

5.13 Improve Vacant Lots

5.14 Increase Environmental Stewardship

Revisions and changes to draft

- Combined and revised multiple strategies related to housing, safety, and parks.
- Additional recommendation to support for Gompers Building redevelopment.
- Updated recommendations with details on recent policy changes such as In Rem foreclosure.

**Questions?
Feedback?
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