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INSPIRE Update — February 2018

Plan Implementation Highlights

Eight plans have been adopted by Planning Commission: Fort Worthington, Frederick, Dorothy I. Height (John Eager Howard), Lyndhurst, Arundel + Cherry Hill, Robert Poole Building, Pimlico, and Forest Park + Calvin Rodwell.

In early 2018 Patterson and Arlington will be presented to the Planning Commission.

The Bay Brook and John Rurah planning processes are underway.



The following examples highlight work taking place to implement recommendations.

Health and Wellness

- In Park Heights, Department of Planning (DOP) is working with the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, Healthy Corner Stores, and Sinai's population health staff to complete a Community Food Assessment.
- The Arlington Elementary Community School Coordinator adopted a City-owned lot for the creation of a community garden near the school, where students will be able to grow food. Multiple CSCs are starting garden and healthy eating clubs and will be developing school/community gardens.
- A master plan was completed for German Park, near Dorothy I. Height Elementary. INSPIRE funding and a state grant awarded to Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. will fund the improvements. Over the summer youth artists installed a mural in the park through Art @ Work.
- Hungry Harvest is coordinating with multiple 21st Century schools or community centers to provide fresh produce through the Produce in a SNAP program (Cherry Hill, Brooklyn, Park Heights communities).
- HABC will be making improvements to a number of playgrounds in Cherry Hill.



Housing

- Baltimore's Housing and Community Development department is rehabbing City-owned properties in the 4800-block of Pimlico Road, directly facing Pimlico Elementary/Middle. A private developer is interested in properties around the corner, along the walking route.
- Demolition is taking place in many of the INSPIRE areas.

Transportation and Safety

- The Departments of Planning and Transportation applied for – and received – a \$257,000 state Safe Routes to School grant to significantly improve safety for people to “walk, bike, and roll” around Pimlico.
- The Department of Transportation repaved Lehman Street, directly behind Frederick Elementary. The Community School Coordinator worked with the Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP), Bon Secours Community Works, and the Safe Routes to School National Partnership to develop a walking school bus to safely guide children to and from school every day.
- MTA installed four new bus shelters in Edmondson Village near Lyndhurst.
- An informal walking path across a vacant lot in Cherry Hill will be transformed into an accessible pathway with landscaping and public art.
- A poorly-maintained pedestrian alley leading to Forest Park High School will be revived with safety and beautification enhancements, creating a direct connection between a nearby bus stop and the historic entrance to the school campus.

Environmental Sustainability

- Vacant properties in the 100-block of S. Calverton Road, not far from Frederick, will be turned into the Racheal Wilson Memorial Park to honor Baltimore's first female African American firefighter. Community members worked with the African American Firefighters Historical Society to develop a concept plan; the Baltimore Green Network will work with others to develop the park.
- A vacant lot across from Pimlico has been transformed into a landscaped triangle across from the school. Students will be creating art for the site.
- To honor military veterans, DOP will be working with the Rognell Heights community and others near Lyndhurst to beautify the 600-block of Woodington Road, and create a place to pay tribute to veterans.