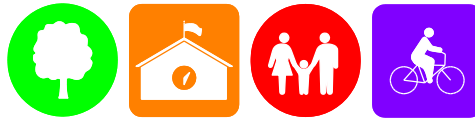




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# INSPIRE



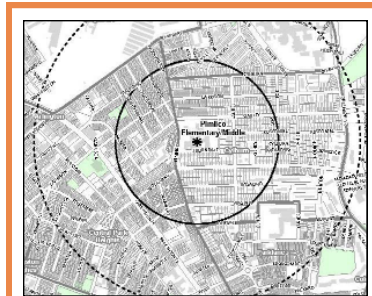
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## Investing in Neighborhoods and Schools to Promote Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence

The 21st Century School Buildings Initiative is investing nearly one billion dollars to modernize schools in Baltimore. To leverage this investment the Planning Department launched the **INSPIRE** program (Investing in Neighborhoods and Schools to Promote Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence).



**21st Century:**  
Develops School Site



**INSPIRE:**  
Focuses Around the School



**Community Schools:**  
Brings in Partners & Resources

***Stronger schools lead to stronger neighborhoods; stronger neighborhoods lead to stronger schools.***

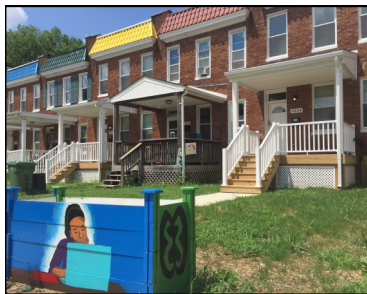
INSPIRE focuses on the quarter-mile area surrounding each “21<sup>st</sup> Century school” to build from and leverage the school investment. Plans include recommendations for improvements that affect residents’ quality of life.

- Immediate City investments make streetscape improvements (better sidewalks, crosswalks, street trees, etc.) on “primary walking routes” to help ensure that there is safer pedestrian access to the school.
- Plan recommendations are organized into goals related to the housing market and development; safety; sanitation; sustainability; health, wellness, and recreation; transportation; and self sufficiency.

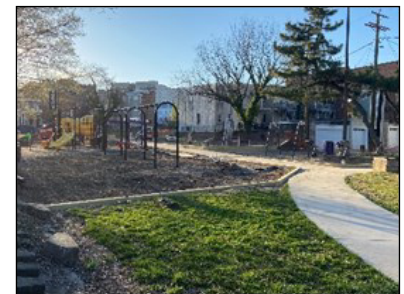
Implemented recommendations include:



**Turned a vacant lot into a community/school garden**  
Fort Worthington E/MS, Other



**Rehabbed properties across the street from the school**  
Pimlico E/MS



**Implemented a new community park master plan**  
Dorothy I. Height ES

## Planning Process

The Department of Planning works with community members to guide the INSPIRE process.



### Community Engagement

- INSPIRE Workshops
- Community Meetings & Events
- Steering Committee Meetings
- School Events
- Student Workshops & Projects
- Fieldwork/Community Walks
- Subject-area Workshops
- Project Voting
- Project Charrettes

*Although much of the plan will be implemented after adoption, there is investment and activity throughout the process.*

## Implementation

Plan implementation requires everybody's help — public sector, private sector, and individuals. City agencies have committed to start making improvements by allocating staffing resources and capital dollars.

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