



**INSPIRE**

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



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# INSPIRE: What It Is

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

- A **plan** to improve quality of life and guide community's long-term vision
- A **process** to develop and begin to implement the plan
- A **budget item** in CIP – city investments



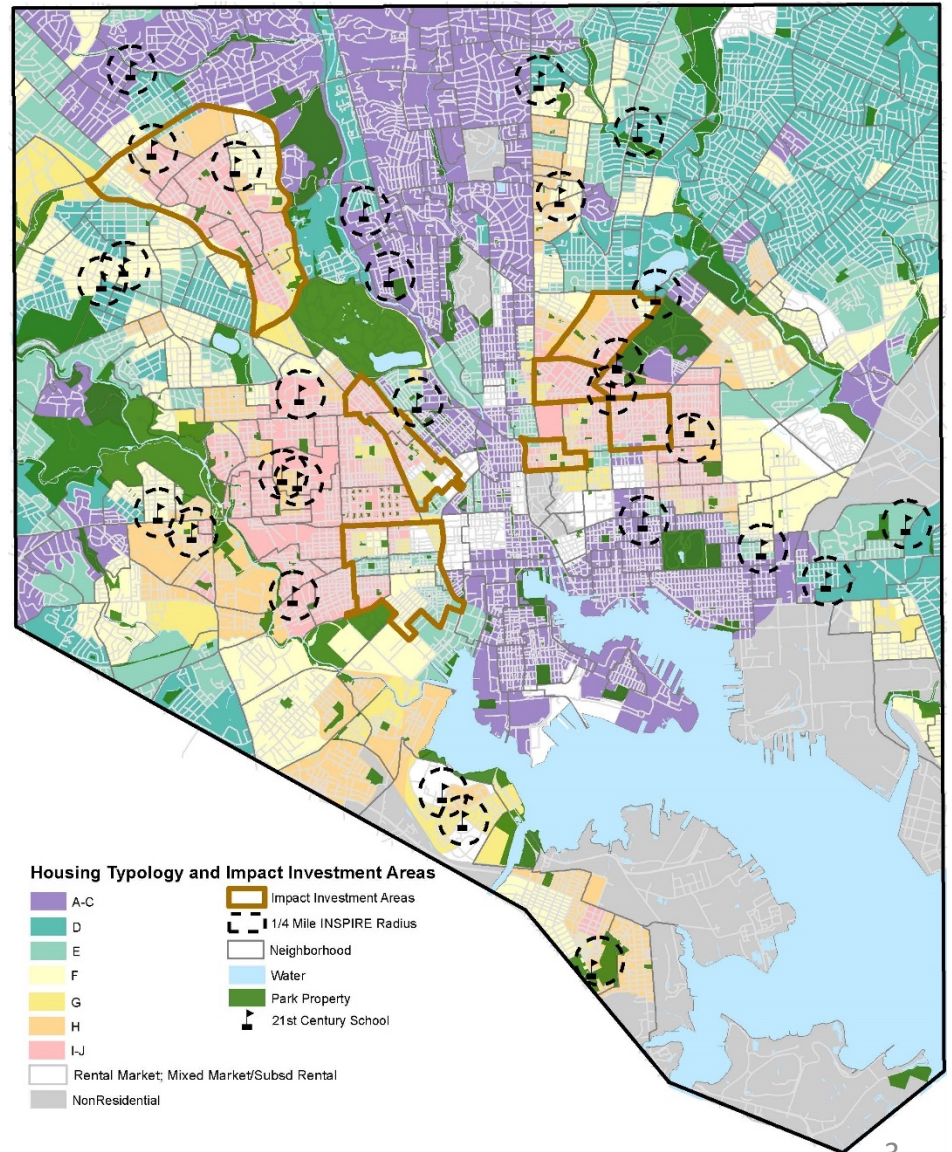
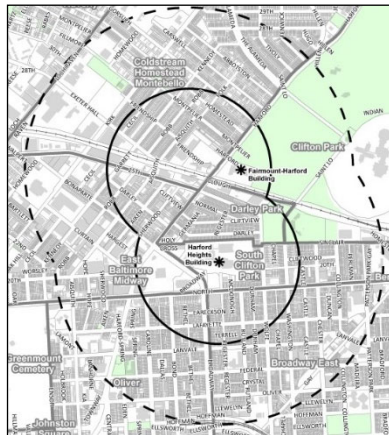
# INSPIRE: Where It Is



**School  
Site**



**Around  
the School**



# INSPIRE Process: Community Engagement

## LISTEN: GATHER INFORMATION

Workshops, Surveys, “Field work” (community walks)

## CREATE: DRAFT & REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

DOP Drafts, City Agency Involvement,  
Steering Committee Involvement, Workshops

## DELIVER: FINALIZE & IMPLEMENT PLAN

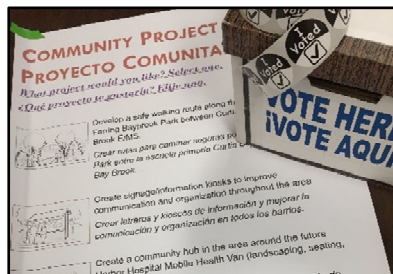
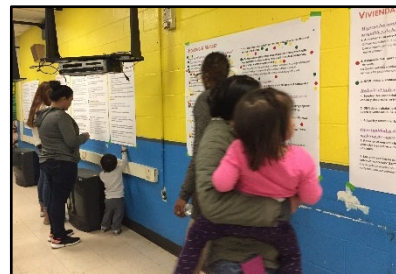
DOP Finalizes , Shares with Community, Presents to Planning  
Commission, Implements

### Constituencies + Partners

- Neighborhood Residents, Community Organizations, and Businesses
- City Agencies
- Baltimore City Public Schools/ 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Family League
- School Leadership, Students
- Philanthropic Community
- Elected Officials
- Development Sector
- Anchor Institutions
- Citywide Organizations



# Process: Ongoing Activity



## Community Engagement

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



# Activities, Investments, Recommendations



## **Preparing for Opening Day (Standard Improvements)**

City agencies have committed to streetscape improvements

*Where: Along the Primary Walking Routes*

*Funding: GO Bond, Agency*



## **Area-Specific Recommendations**

Improvements in the environment and quality of life

*Where: Throughout INSPIRE area, nearby*

*Funding: GO Bond, Agency, Other, yet to be determined*



## **Community-Selected Priority Project**

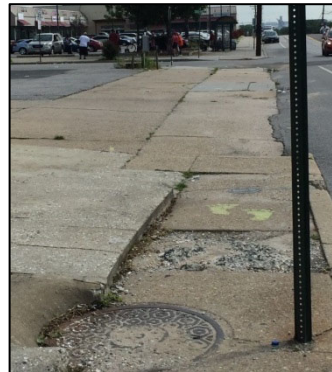
INSPIRE funds a project

*Where: Throughout INSPIRE area*

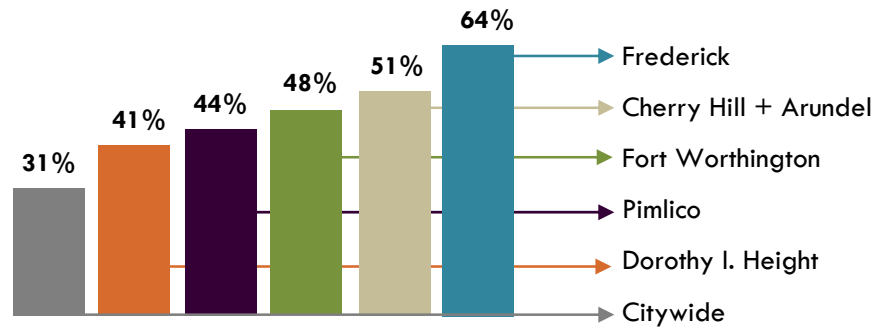
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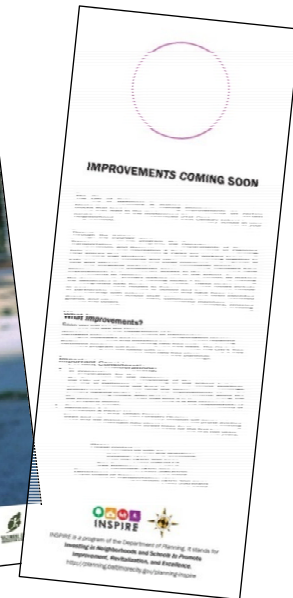
# Standard Improvement Examples



% of HHs with no vehicle available



Data: INSPIRE area Census Tracts (2011-2015 ACS).



# Examples of Implementation



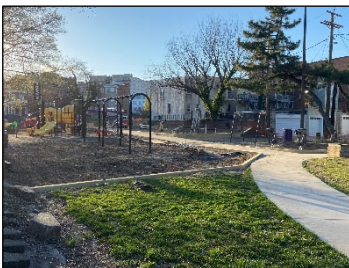
- Rehabbing City-owned properties facing Pimlico E/MS City, private developer



- Turning a vacant lot into Fort Worthington E/MS garden School, City, BOPA, Parks & People



- Installing a new traffic light near Arundel ES City, Cherry Hill Community Coalition



- Implementing a new park master plan near Dorothy I. Height ES City, Reservoir Hill Improvement Council

**Wide variety of recommendations.**



# Community-Based Projects: Examples



Dorothy I. Height: German Park Improvements



Complete



Forest Park + Calvin Rodwell: Walking Path



Complete



Bay Brook: Farring Baybrook Trail



Partially Complete



Arundel + Cherry Hill: Walking Path



Complete



Robert Poole Bldg: Lights at Skate Park of Baltimore, Roosevelt Park



Complete



Pimlico: Landscaped Community Space + Art



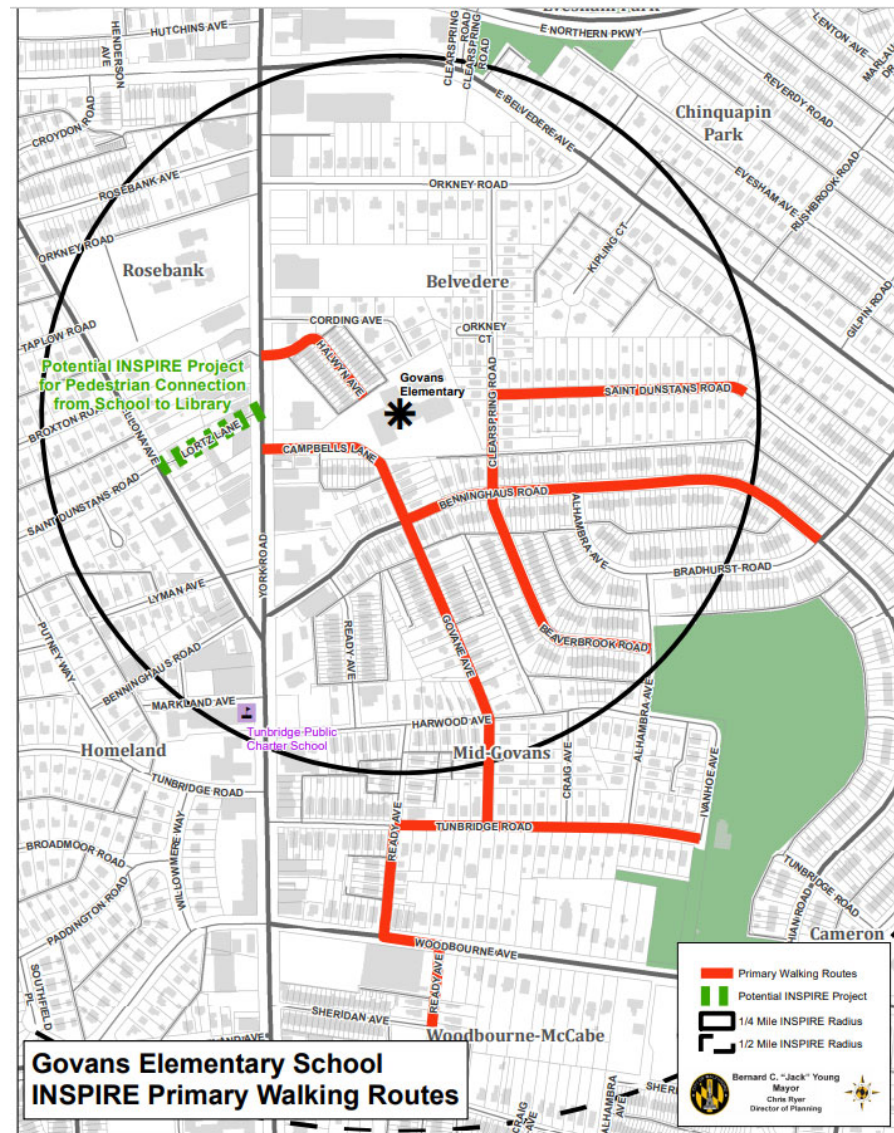
Complete



# Govans INSPIRE – Already Completed

## Preparing for Opening Day along Primary Walking Routes

- Bringing sidewalks up to a safe and standard condition
- Repainting or adding crosswalks
- Assessing the need for repairs to ADA ramps at intersections
- Assessing crossing guard deployment
- Marking Safe Routes to School
- Pruning and planting street trees
- Boarding open vacant buildings
- Removing trash and cleaning vacant lots





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Park Heights: Callowhill Aquatic Center



Park Heights: Pimlico Road



Park Heights: Woodland Avenue



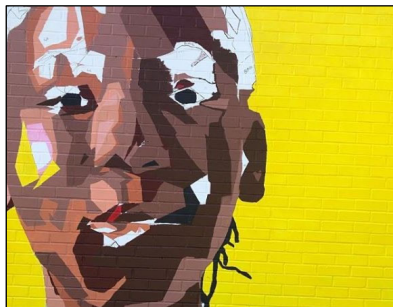
Park Heights: at the CCHB Jazz Garden



Curtis Bay: Curtis Bay E/MS



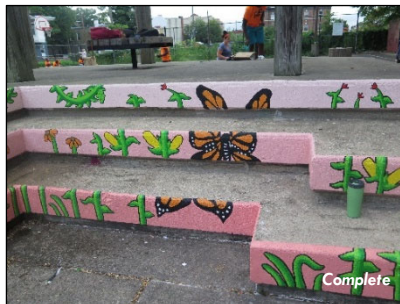
Brooklyn: Farring-Baybrook Rec Center



Govans: Family Dollar



Govans: Dewees Rec Center



Reservoir Hill: German Park

Since 2017, the INSPIRE program has partnered with the Art @ Work program to provide arts-based employment opportunities for youth to engage in and beautify areas around 21st Century schools. This mural artist apprenticeship program hires YouthWorks participants to work under teaching artists and artist interns. Through YouthWorks the youth participate in leadership training and other professional development workshops. Art @ Work was developed by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts, the Baltimore City YouthWorks initiative, and Jubilee Arts.



# Govans INSPIRE – In Progress

Lortz Lane – pedestrian connection  
between school & library





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Dewees Park Improvements - \$400K



## MEMORIAL GARDEN CONCEPT DESIGN

### PARK ENTRANCE

The big park sign and two paths under the shade of two existing trees frame the northwest gate of the park. A flower pot, which is located at the intersection of the path is another sign of welcome.

### MEMORIAL GARDEN ENTRANCE

A small sign and a stone path winds through the flower bed leading people to the center of the memorial garden.

### COMMUNITY SHARED MEMORIAL PLACE

Five shrub beds with stone edges are put along a curvilinear stone path to provide memorial spaces shared by families and groups.


# Govans INSPIRE – Looking Forward

Housing Strategies that  
keeps Mid-Govans a  
strong middle market  
neighborhood





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Darley Park