

# Mayor's St. Paul's Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** March 21, 2023

**Minutes Prepared By:** Ha Chau, City of Norfolk

**1. Purpose of Meeting:** To provide updates and receive feedback on the project, including People First, SPAC People First Subcommittee, NRHA and Blue Greenway Stormwater Recreational Park updates.

### 2. Attendance at Meeting

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| Mr. Alphonso Albert – present      | Mr. Bruce Brady – present              | Ms. LaEunice Brown – present   | Ms. Ebony Burnham – absent         |
| Rev. James Curran – absent         | Ms. Regina Daye – absent               | Ms. Cazandra Ferguson – absent | Mr. William Harrell – present      |
| Pastor Kirk Houston, Sr. – present | Ms. Deirdre Love – present             | Mr. Don Musacchio – absent     | Councilperson John Paige - present |
| Dr. Glenn Porter – absent          | Councilperson Danica Royster – present | Ms. Tara Saunders – absent     | Mr. Kevin Murphy - present         |
| Mr. Christopher Tan – absent       | Mr. Travis Barnes - present            | Dr. Doreathea White – absent   |                                    |

### 3. Agenda

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| <b>I. Welcome</b>  | <b>6:00</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Barbara Hamm Lee, SPAC Liaison</li><li>○ Councilwoman Danica Royster, Co-Chair</li><li>○ Councilman John Paige, Co-chair</li></ul> |             |
| <b>II. People First Update</b>   | <b>6:05</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Nicole Brown, USI</li></ul>  |             |
| <b>III. SPAC People First Subcommittee Update</b>  | <b>6:20</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pastor Kirk Houston, Subcommittee Member</li></ul>   |             |
| <b>IV. NRHA Update</b>   | <b>6:30</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Kim Thomas, NRHA</li></ul>   |             |
| <b>V. Blue Greenway Stormwater Recreational Park Update</b>  | <b>6:50</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Brian Joyner, Moffatt &amp; Nichol</li><li>○ Timothy Stromberg and Mike Fox, SGA</li></ul>   |             |

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- *Rami Diaz and Kelli Reinhardt, Waggonner & Ball (Virtual)*

#### VI. Open Discussion 7:15

- *SPAC members*

#### VII. Adjournment 7:30

### 4. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

#### I. Welcome 6:00

- *Barbara Hamm Lee, SPAC Liaison*
- *Councilwoman Danica Royster, Co-Chair*
- *Councilman John Paige, Co-Chair*

- The meeting began with Ms. Hamm Lee welcoming the committee and reading the attendance roster. Councilman Paige expressed gratitude for everyone's efforts.

#### II. People First Update 6:15

- *Nicole Brown, USI*

- Ms. Brown provided an overview of the organization's four pillars, which include education, economic mobility, health, and housing stability. She also shared information about the families receiving support and coaching, families in need of childcare services, most requested resources, and employment trends, as shown in the attached slides.
- Mr. Harrell suggested getting in touch to discuss strategies, which he believed would be presented soon.
- Ms. Brown stated that USI is currently collaborating with its workforce specialists to assist individuals in finding employment. She also informed the attendees that monthly planning sessions are conducted, with a new session scheduled for April. Ms. Brown reported that progress is being made on opening a People First resource center, which will provide computers for residents to use throughout the day. The staff will be available to assist with applications, and the resource center will be open to all former Tidewater Gardens families.
- Councilwoman Royster inquired about the organization's training programs, specifically asking about the schools or trade schools being considered. She acknowledged the previous collaboration with Tidewater Community College but requested information on other potential institutions. Additionally, Councilwoman Royster highlighted the possibility of unions offering their own training programs which cover tuition costs. She emphasized the high demand for such programs and requested further elaboration on the available options.
- Ms. Brown explained that USI collaborates with Norfolk Works, meeting with them on a monthly basis to discuss available programs for employment training. They also recently met with Capital Commitment, who is offering a program for fiber optics and training for entry-level employment. The program will provide on-site training, and USI is currently communicating with them to determine how to proceed. In addition, they are also working with TRANSCEND to offer on-the-job training for

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nine weeks, followed by mentorship and job referrals. Ms. Brown noted that 16 people have already gone through the program and are currently interviewing for employment opportunities.

- Councilman Paige inquired about whether USI has any resources pertaining to barbering and cosmetology schools.
- Ms. Brown stated that USI does not currently have resources for barbering and cosmetology school, but they are open to any resources that are available and willing to share them with the families. She then presented the USI strategies moving forward, as outlined in the attached slides.
- Councilwoman Royster asked what plans the organization has in place to support youth and parents during the upcoming spring break.
- Ms. Norfleet stated that USI has reached out to various organizations for support during the upcoming spring break. They have contacted the Food Bank to package staple goods for kids. The organization is also reaching out to community programs and tailoring their support to meet the specific needs and wants of each family, as everyone's situation and preferences are different.
- Ms. Brown mentioned that the education specialists have been meeting with various organizations in the community to discuss summer programs and the associated fees and application costs. The organization wants to ensure that families are not prevented from accessing these programs due to financial barriers such as application fees of \$50 or \$75. They have a barrier removal process in place to assist families in need so that children can attend these programs and enjoy activities such as swim programs.
- Councilwoman Royster asked if USI or Norfolk Public School representatives will be offering a program similar to the one in previous years, where breakfast and lunch were provided during spring break. She also asked if there were any plans to offer an extended summer program similar to the one offered last year.
- Mr. Bruce believed that they had such a program last summer, and he would verify if it would be available during spring break and provide the Councilwoman with the information.
- Councilwoman Royster emphasized the importance of providing meals for children during breaks and holidays, as many children rely on school-provided breakfast and lunch.
- Councilman Paige added that the Kroc Center is also offering a Spring Break camp for children at the cost of \$100 per kid.
- Ms. Brown expressed gratitude to Councilman Paige for the information and assured him that she would inform the team.
- Ms. Brown mentioned that Ms. Norfleet, their education specialist, and workforce specialist worked together to create a comprehensive staff resource package of programs. These resources are shared with families during meetings, making them aware of all the available programs and services.
- Ms. Hamm Lee asked if there is a process in place to ensure that the training programs recommended by USI are vetted and accepted by employers. She inquired if there is a certification process for such programs.
- Ms. Brown confirmed that the agencies providing training programs have certifications ranging from 10 to 14 weeks. She added that the USI team is working closely with Norfolk Works to refer families to other available programs. Furthermore, she emphasized that USI has been actively promoting a variety of training programs to their families.

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#### **III. SPAC People First Subcommittee**

**6:20**

○ *Pastor Kirk Houston, Subcommittee Member*

- Ms. Hamm Lee announced that Mr. Chris Tan, who is the chair of the SPAC People First Subcommittee, was unable to attend. She introduced Pastor Kirk Houston as his replacement to provide the update.
- Pastor Houston reported on the subcommittee formed in response to concerns about the barrier removal funding. He praised the subcommittee members, including Chris Tan, Jim Curran, Lafayette Tatum, Deirdre Love, and Father Curran, for their hard work and dedication to the cause. After several weeks of meetings and discussions, the subcommittee has reached the point where they have the recommendation to make to the city regarding the policy and procedure related to the funding. The recommendation will be submitted to the city for review and approval, and Houston urged everyone to stay tuned for further updates.
- Pastor Houston also expressed his gratitude to Ms. Hamm Lee and Ms. Brown for their support and stressed the importance of keeping the main goal in mind: helping the people. He acknowledged that the work of the subcommittee is not easy but emphasized the importance of having a pure motive and working through barriers to remove barriers for people in need.
- Ms. Hamm Lee informed the committee that once the recommendations from the subcommittee are submitted to Dr. Perry and her team, there will be a review and approval process before the entire policy can be presented. She encouraged everyone to stay tuned for more information.

#### **IV. NRHA Update**

**6:30**

○ *Kim Thomas, NRHA*

- Ms. Thomas began her presentation by updating the committee on the relocation of residents from Tidewater Gardens, emphasizing the use of the relocation dashboard to track the moves of families. Out of the 618 families, 559 completed choice surveys, with 54% expressing a desire to return to the newly built community. She acknowledged that residents might change their minds as new units are built, and amenities are added but noted that NRHA is keeping track of those who desire to come back with the help of USI. Ms. Thomas highlighted that this effort is consistent with previous relocation projects, including OPE VI and Broad Creek communities, where the numbers aligned with those who expressed a desire to return. She further pointed out that this is also consistent with their current efforts in the Diggs town community, where those who were relocated due to the demolition of 100 units expressed a desire to return.
- Ms. Thomas then provided an update on NRHA, USI's, and City's collaboration on rehousing policies. She addressed a question raised in the previous meeting and explained that this internal document is intended to guide their work. Ms. Thomas emphasized the importance of factors such as the right-to-return policy approved by both the City Council and NRHA Board, as well as the settlement agreement that governs the management of project-based voucher units and units built on the former Tidewater Gardens site. She also highlighted some key points for the committee regarding the collaborative efforts for resident rehousing, which are detailed in the attached slides.
- Mr. Harrell inquired about the appeal process at NRHA.

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- Ms. Thomas clarified that NRHA has a designated hearing officer who hears appeals regarding the occupancy process. This person is not involved in the regular occupancy process, so there is no conflict of interest. The hearing officer is a part of the agency, but their normal everyday work does not involve the actual occupancy process.
- Mr. Murphy posed a question about whether the former Tidewater Gardens residents have a different pipeline compared to the new residents and mentioned that they may have undergone a greater level of scrutiny than just the general population.
- Ms. Thomas explained that the former Tidewater Gardens residents do have a different pipeline when it comes to the voucher program. However, she mentioned that someone might choose to try to get an apartment without a subsidy if their income exceeds the subsidy amount. She clarified that if they were using a mainstream Housing Choice Voucher Program, it is unlikely that the scrutiny would be harsher on the PBV side. She further explained that the settlement agreement explicitly requires the developer or property manager to use the same criteria as NRHA when considering a person for the subsidy. This ensures fairness and consistency throughout the process. She emphasized that this gives NRHA more leverage to negotiate with the property management company to ensure that eligible residents can access the units.

#### **V. Blue Greenway Stormwater Recreational Park Update**

**7:00**

- *Brian Joyner, Moffatt & Nichol*
- *Timothy Stromberg and Mike Fox, SGA*
- *Rami Diaz and Kelli Reinhardt, Waggonner & Ball (Virtual)*
- Ms. Hamm Lee introduced Brian Joyner, Timothy Stromberg, Mike Fox, Rami Diaz, and Kelli Reinhardt to present the Blue Greenway. She noted that this was a topic that they had mentioned many times before and that everyone had been eagerly anticipating this discussion.
- Mr. Joyner began by introducing himself as an engineer with Moffat and Nickel, a firm that has been working in Norfolk for 20 years. He noted that he had been involved in the St. Paul's area for several years, specifically working on the Blue Greenway project. He then introduced the team, which includes partners such as Stromberg Garrigan & Associates, a firm specializing in landscape architecture and park design. Timothy Stromberg was present to give a presentation, and Mike Fox was also in attendance. In addition, Kelli Reinhardt and Rami Diaz from Waggonner and Ball, a partner firm, were present. Mr. Joyner highlighted their expertise in the intersection of flooding, urban character, and neighborhoods, and emphasized that they have been working on the Blue Greenway project for some time. Mr. Joyner also mentioned Wetland Studies and Solutions, another partner firm that has been instrumental in examining existing wetlands and trees on the project site and helping the team understand how their activities may impact them. Although they were not present at the meeting, Mr. Joyner underscored the crucial role that Wetland Studies and Solutions plays in the project.
- Mr. Joyner provided some background on the Blue Greenway project, which started with the city asking his firm to come up with a functional concept for managing water in the Tidewater Gardens

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area, which is in the floodplain and historically a tidal creek. He explained how the team worked to figure out how to manage water on the site, specifically how they looked back into history and created a synthesis document to understand the site better. He presented graphics on the current FEMA floodplain, a map of what the area used to look like when it was a tidal mudflat, and how stormwater is currently channeled into a culvert that runs under the middle of the site. He then explained how the team plans to create a stormwater management facility and park by daylighting the culvert back into open water, creating wetlands, minimizing flooding potential, and providing opportunities for residents to interact with the water and enjoy public space. He presented a slide illustrating how the park would look on a normal day and how it would handle stormwater during rain events. Mr. Joyner emphasized that the project achieves stormwater treatment requirements and creates a new signature park for the community to enjoy (see the attached slides).

- Councilwoman Royster asked whether the design of the Blue Greenway would be impacted by the proposed Army Corps of Engineers' floodwall that is planned to run throughout various areas of Norfolk. She asked how the two projects would work in tandem, given that the floodwalls are aimed at addressing coastal flooding, while the Blue Greenway is focused on stormwater management. The Councilwoman expressed concern about the potential impacts that the proposed floodwall may have on the Blue Greenway project.
- Mr. Joyner explained that the flood wall and the Blue Greenway project work together to address flooding in the area. The flood wall will prevent storm surges from pushing back up into the park and channels, while the Blue Greenway will hold some of the stormwater and slow it down, reducing the pumping requirements at the downstream end. The design of the Blue Greenway takes into account the flood wall and its impact on the project.
- Mr. Alphonso inquired for clarification on the scope of the comprehensive stormwater plan for the St. Paul's area. He sought to understand if the presented plan is a comprehensive one for the entire St. Paul's area.
- Mr. Joyner responded to Mr. Alphonso's question, stating that the Blue Greenway is a comprehensive stormwater plan for the entire footprint of St. Paul's. He further explained that current rules require stormwater to be treated on-site, including the trapping of nitrogen and phosphorus. The Blue Greenway handles all of these requirements in one place while also providing additional benefits. Mr. Joyner then asked Tim Stromberg to come up and talk about the park's features, hoping to spark further discussion.
- Mr. Stromberg presented the importance of water management and community engagement in the design of the Blue Greenway Park project. He emphasized the community's desire to preserve the existing tree canopy, which serves as an important identity and asset in the neighborhood. To promote a healthier community, the design team focused on working with nature and ecosystem services to manage stormwater. The team engaged in multiple rounds of community engagement, culminating in a survey of 138 residents in which eight critical community needs were identified. Stromberg then guided the audience through the park experience via a series of plans and graphics, beginning at the north end and moving through the east, south, and west sections of the park. The team proposed a variety of amenities and destinations for the park, including panoramic views,

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environmental education areas, and creative access points for observing wildlife and vegetation (see the attached slides).

- Councilwoman Royster raised a concern about the standing water in the Blue Greenway and its potential impact on mosquito breeding. She asked if the project team has considered mosquito mitigation measures in their design to address this issue.
- Mr. Fox stated that the park's design includes many plants to promote the habitats of dragonflies and butterflies, which will help with mosquito mitigation. He mentioned that dragonflies are particularly effective in controlling mosquito populations.
- Councilwoman Royster raised the additional concern for standing water in the Blue Greenway to attract mosquitoes, as it relates to mosquito-borne illnesses such as the West Nile virus. She acknowledged the efforts to promote dragonflies and butterflies as natural mosquito control but suggested considering other mitigation methods to ensure the park is enjoyable and does not create a new problem for the nearby residential areas. Councilwoman emphasized that while water movement can reduce mosquito breeding, mosquito bites can still occur even in areas near lakes, rivers, or ponds, and mosquitoes are a significant concern in the area.
- Mr. Joyner acknowledged the concern and mentioned that he lives across the street from Ballentine Park, which is a pond in the middle of the park. He stated that the water shouldn't be standing all the time, but rather flow out after the rain. He also mentioned that they are aware of the mosquito issue and that there are things they can do to mitigate it, such as aeration to keep the water moving. He further explained that they are still in the design process and are considering options to manage mosquitoes.
- Councilman Paige inquired about the current status of the area's tidal conditions.
- Mr. Joyner responded by explaining that the plan is not to maintain a consistently tidal environment as it would require significant management for both water and salt levels, which could also affect the species of plants that can thrive in the area. The current plan is for the area to have mostly freshwater, although the permitting and design process is still ongoing.
- Councilman Paige raised a question regarding the park's design and its potential to discourage mosquito breeding, particularly in light of the risk that dragonflies, which can help control mosquito populations, may be eaten by other animals such as snakes.
- Mr. Joyner responded by stating that the park is a whole ecosystem. He mentioned that sunlight helps to discourage mosquitoes and that some areas of the park would need to maintain open grasslands to prevent competition with trees. He also noted that areas with stagnant water are more attractive to mosquitoes, whereas the periodic flow of water discourages mosquito breeding.
- Mr. Stromberg acknowledged the importance of considering the public health aspect. He noted that they would consider both natural methods and mechanical methods to address this concern as they move forward with the design process.
- Mr. Alphonso shared his perspective on the park design, highlighting the importance of considering lifestyle choices and patterns. He expressed concerns about the marshy and swampy appearance of the grass in the Greenway, which he felt could contribute to mosquito breeding. While acknowledging

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that the design is still conceptual, he suggested that it would be helpful to show a range of options for managing this issue.

- Mr. Joyner highlighted the importance of natural processes in ecosystem services and water management within the park. He noted that there would be two distinct zones within the park: one dedicated to parks and recreation, and the other to water management. He stressed the importance of considering the relationship between the two zones and how they will interact with each other. Although people will have access to the natural spaces, most of the recreation activities will take place at the park's edges.
- Mr. Joyner also emphasized the importance of managing stormwater and flooding while still providing access to natural spaces within the park. He expressed the desire to create more than just a stormwater feature and suggested the possibility of incorporating a trail through the swamp or trees. Mr. Joyner encouraged input and ideas from the committee regarding how to achieve these goals.
- Mr. Stromberg emphasized the importance of balancing natural and recreational spaces in the park design. He also stressed the need to consider programming for the park, including opportunities for learning, access to open space, and recreation. He discussed the park visitors' walking experience via North Park, E. Freemason Bridge, South Park, West Park, and playground & furnishings, and presented slides to illustrate his points.
- Councilwoman Royster expressed her concern about the lack of lighting in the park design, especially along the trails, in the pavilion, and picnic shelter areas. She emphasized the importance of considering lighting for safety purposes, particularly for early morning or evening use. She also inquired about the type of lighting that would be used in the park.
- Mr. Stromberg addressed concerns about lighting in the park, stating that they are currently discussing with the Parks and Recreation department about lighting the main circulation routes for 24-hour usability and visibility. However, there is still some uncertainty about whether the shelters and other recreation spaces should be lit at night. Mr. Stromberg acknowledged the need for visibility in the park, particularly for security purposes and to ensure that people can see each other at night.
- Councilwoman Royster also inquired about the placement of trash and recycling bins throughout the park and mentioned the cigarette ban. She requested clarification on whether the cigarette ban will be implemented throughout the Blue Greenway.
- Mr. Stromberg responded to Councilwoman's concerns regarding trash and recycling receptacles, noting that they were working with Waste Management, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation departments to determine who would manage these aspects of the park. He mentioned the possibility of creating a memorandum of understanding between departments to dictate the type and placement of dumpsters, trash cans, and recycling receptacles. He was unable to address the cigarette ban inquiry. Moving on to the design, he discussed the peninsular spine that extends into the Kindred neighborhood, featuring a cathedral of trees and a 50-foot promenade, which could be used for community events, festivals, and education opportunities. He also mentioned the playground design process and planned for multi-age group activities. Finally, he emphasized the importance of park furnishings and taking cues from the existing neighborhood's color schemes and bright, festive spaces to create a welcoming environment for open discussions.



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- Mr. Harrell expressed agreement with the concern about lighting in the park but also raised a potential issue related to parks located near residential areas. He mentioned that regulations often require parks to close at dark, which should be considered when deciding on lighting for the park. He emphasized the need to think about the long-term implications of creating a situation where park users and nearby residents may experience tension over the use of park lighting.
- Mr. Joyner acknowledged the concerns and noted that it had been a source of conversation and highlighted the importance of making choices that are supported by the park's design. He emphasized the need to account for the city's decision-making process.
- Councilwoman Royster asked for clarification on the parking availability within the park's design for visitors.
- Mr. Stromberg suggested several options for parking in the park design, including upgrading and expanding the Tidewater Park Elementary school parking lot along the north side of the park, improving the existing on-street parking along Tidewater Drive as a transportation improvement project, using the parking lot at Ruffner Academy during non-school days, exploring shared parking opportunities with St. Mary's Basilica, and working with developers to consider on-street parking options within the Kindred development along the edge of the park. He also mentioned the need to determine whether the on-street parking would be dedicated to residents or available for public use.
- Councilwoman Royster expressed her concern about the lack of parking space for visitors to the park. She mentioned that while the park has various amenities, it would discourage people from utilizing the park if there's no parking space available. She pointed out that people may want to entertain and have picnics with their families, and the lack of parking space would be a major obstacle. She also mentioned that she was happy to hear the proposal to expand the Tidewater Park Elementary School parking lot, and she appreciated the effort of the committee to consider citizen ideas. She added that the location of the school parking lot, which is across the street from the park, would be very convenient for visitors.
- Mr. Bruce stated that he was not sure about the parking matter as it is related to the operation side.
- Councilwoman Royster expressed her appreciation for the efforts being made to address parking concerns and suggested adding it to the notes. She also emphasized the importance of ensuring that the park is welcoming to all members of the community and mentioned the availability of bus transportation. Additionally, she inquired about any alignment with American trails regarding the trails in the park.
- Mr. Murphy expressed his curiosity about connections and would like to identify ways to connect the park to other areas as well.
- Mr. Joyner suggested that the city should consider the potential reconfiguration of City Hall Avenue as a key part of their transportation improvement plans, which could aid in connecting the park to other areas. As a short-term solution, he proposed conducting a separate study to explore low-hanging fruit options for improving connectivity, such as finding a connection from the parking lot across City Hall or Tidewater to the park.

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- Ms. Love posed three questions for the open discussion. The first question pertained to returning to the area and the concerns regarding individuals with existing leases. Ms. Love asked if there was any flexibility with the 60-day timeline and if accommodations could be made for those facing difficulty breaking their lease. The second question concerned the selection process for the housing opportunity program and the possibility of individuals dropping out or not meeting the qualifications for the first phase. Ms. Love asked if those in the second phase could be moved up and if there was a possibility of reconsideration for those who did not initially qualify. The third question related to the timeline of the housing opportunity program and the challenges families faced with developing strategies and obtaining resources. Ms. Love expressed a desire for families to have more time to prepare and suggested the possibility of moving those who were not ready at the time of the first phase to the bottom of the list for later consideration.
- Dr. Perry responded to the question regarding financial assistance for families exercising their right to return. She stated that based on the Right to Return policy and Resolution, the city would cover the cost of early lease termination fees for residents who desire to return.
- Ms. Thomas provided an explanation for the second question that the selection of residents for the housing opportunity is not based on finding an inclusive winner. She clarified that the selection of residents for the housing opportunity is based on the phase they are in. Even if someone missed the opportunity in phase one, they might still have a chance in later phases. The Right to Return policy prioritizes original heads of household. There are 12 priority categories in total, and most people who do not qualify are ineligible due to their income. Ms. Thomas emphasized that this is not a one-time opportunity. She added that even if someone does not want to move into the new multi-level apartment complexes being built, they may still have a chance to move into family-style housing later on.
- Mr. Alphonso and Ms. Love both indicated that this project would require a unique approach to problem-solving.
- Councilwoman expressed her enthusiasm in reviewing the subcommittee report and commended the subcommittee for their dedicated work. She stated that she would be conducting research on spring break opportunities, such as a program through local churches and a nonprofit organization. Councilwoman encouraged the committee members to share any information on such opportunities to be sent to People First. She also expressed interest in receiving feedback on the city's park and departments on how they can assist. In conclusion, she extended her gratitude to everyone for their time.
- Councilman Paige expressed appreciation for the hard work and talent of everyone. He encouraged them to recognize their own abilities and expertise. He reminded everyone that their work is not personal, but rather for the betterment of the city and its residents and encouraged them to embrace the model of "no resident left behind".

## **VII. Adjournment**

**7:30**

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- Ms. Hamm Lee asked if there were any further comments or questions. When none were raised, she concluded the meeting by announcing its adjournment and expressing gratitude to all those who attended.



# **St. Paul's Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Location: Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore**  
**March 21, 2023**

# Agenda

## **Welcome | 6:00**

*Barbara Hamm Lee, SPAC Liaison;  
Councilwoman Danica Royster and Councilman John  
Paige, Co-Chairs*

## **People First Update | 6:05**

*Nicole Brown, USI*

## **SPAC People First Subcommittee Update | 6:20**

*Pastor Kirk Houston, Subcommittee member*

## **NRHA Update | 6:30**

*Kim Thomas, NRHA*

## **Blue Greenway Stormwater Recreational Park Update | 6:50**

*Brian Joyner, Moffatt & Nichol  
Tim Stromberg and Mike Fox, Stromberg/Garrigan &  
Associates  
Rami Diaz and Kelli Reinhardt, Waggoner & Ball (Virtual)*

## **Open Discussion | 7:15**

*SPAC Members*

## **Adjournment | 7:30**

*Barbara Hamm Lee*

# People First Update

- *Resident Support and Coaching Update*

*Nicole Brown, USI*

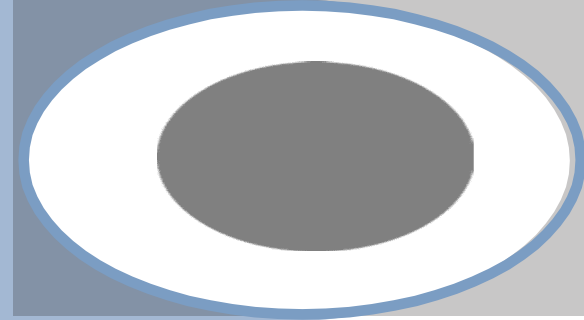


## Key Service Pillars and Results Statements

**Education:** All children and youth in Tidewater Gardens are ready for school, thrive in and out of school, graduate from high school, and are prepared for college, career and life.



**Economic Mobility:** All households in Tidewater Gardens, before and after redevelopment, are economically independent.



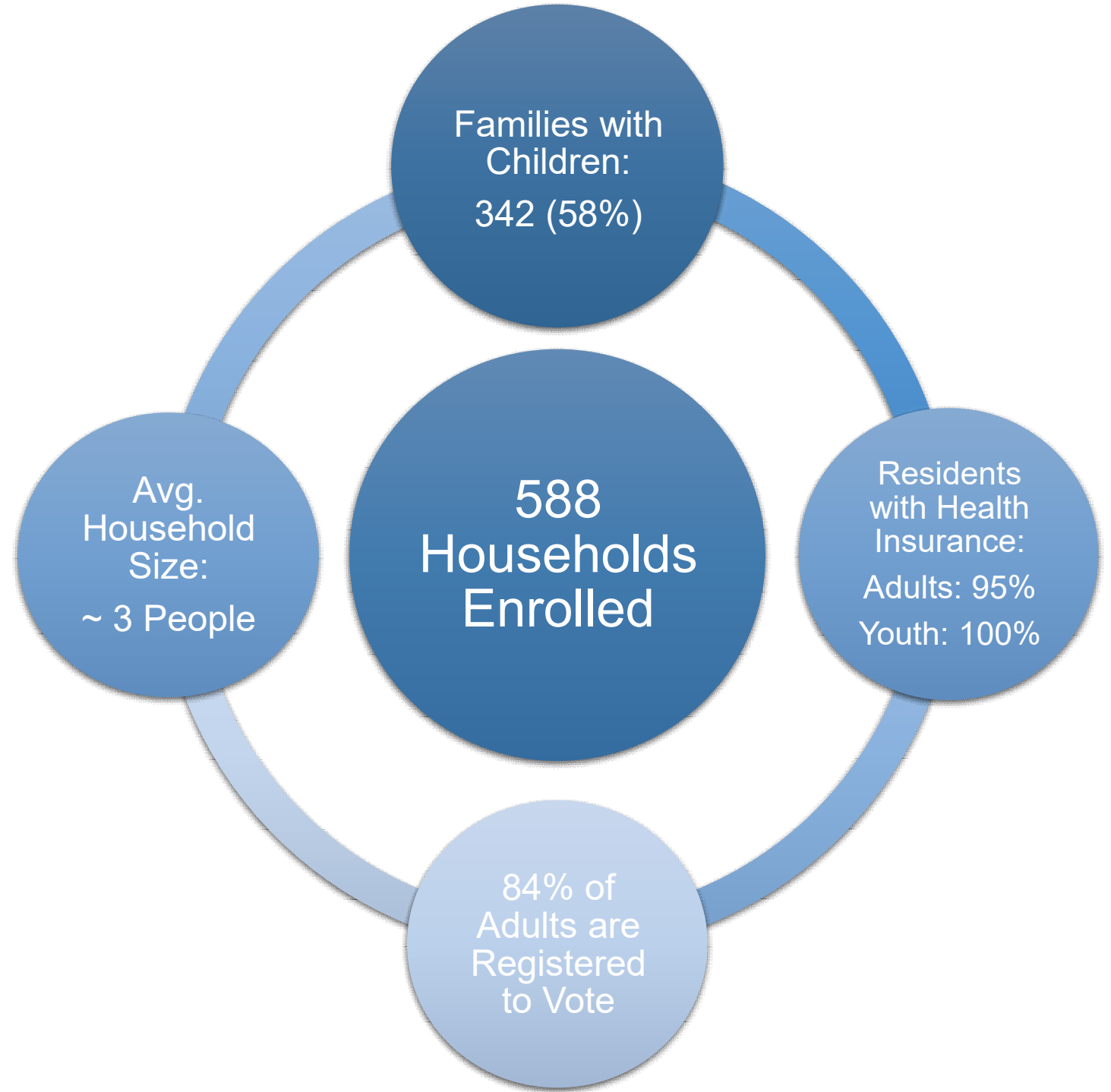
**Health:** All children and adults living in Tidewater Gardens, before and after redevelopment, are mentally and physically healthy.



**Housing Stability:** All Tidewater Gardens households remain stably housed in their housing of choice.



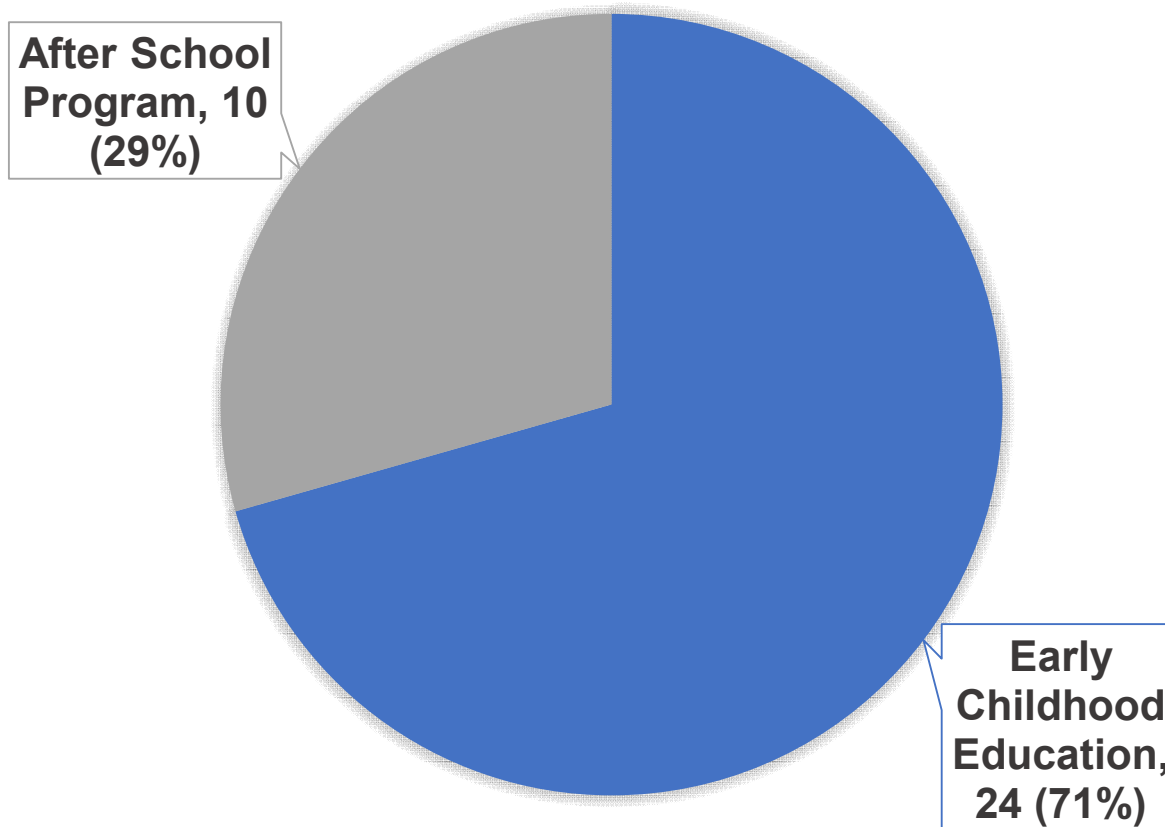
## Families Receiving Support and Coaching





# 34 Families in Need of Childcare Services

September 1, 2022 – March 1, 2023



100% of Families Were Connected to After School Programming and Early Childhood Education Services including:

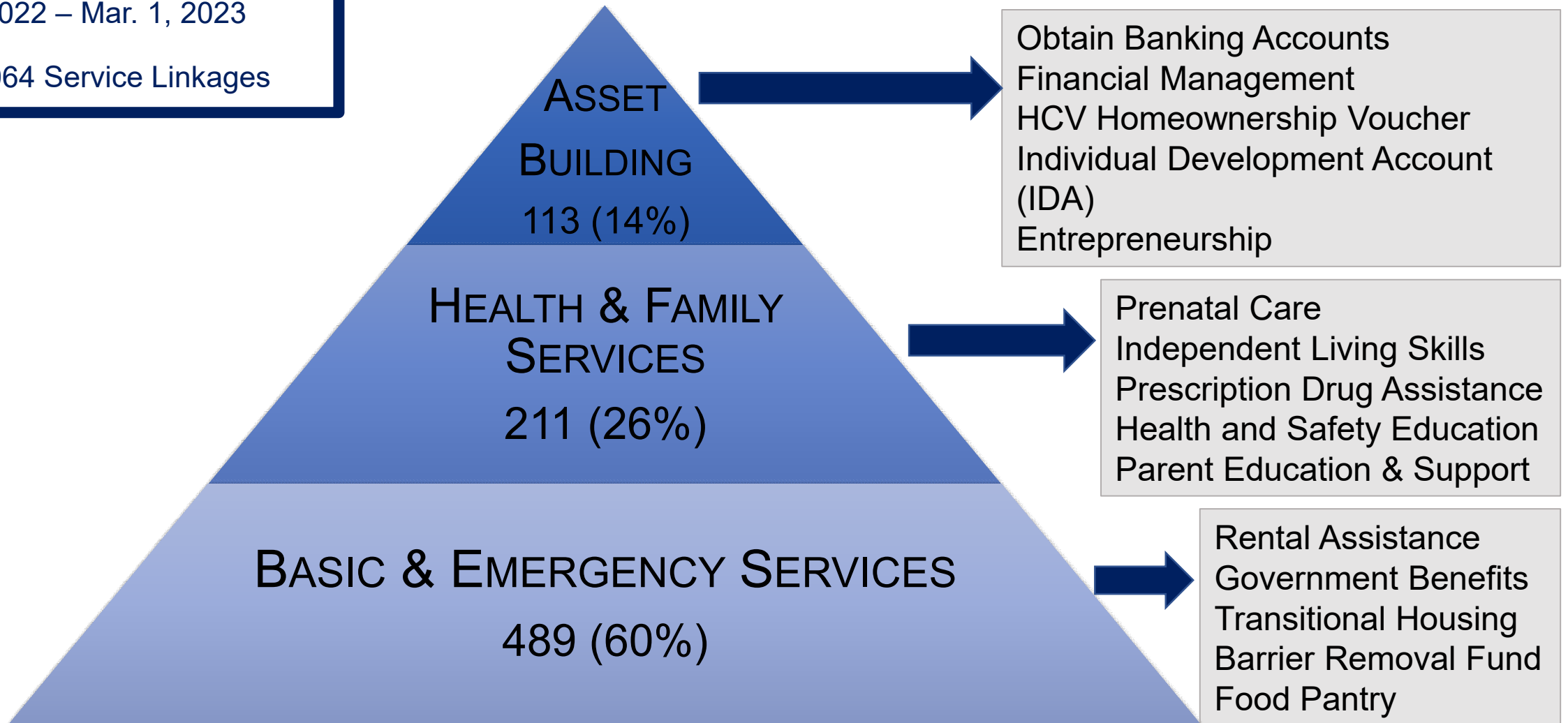
- Berkley-Campostella Early Learning Center
- Blue Ribbon Results Academy
- Champions at Coleman Place Elementary
- David Gilbert Jacox Elementary School
- Head Start
- James Monroe Elementary School
- Larrymore Elementary
- Little Creek Elementary School
- Next Steps To Success
- P. B. Young Elementary
- Teens With a Purpose
- The New E3 School

# Most Requested Resources

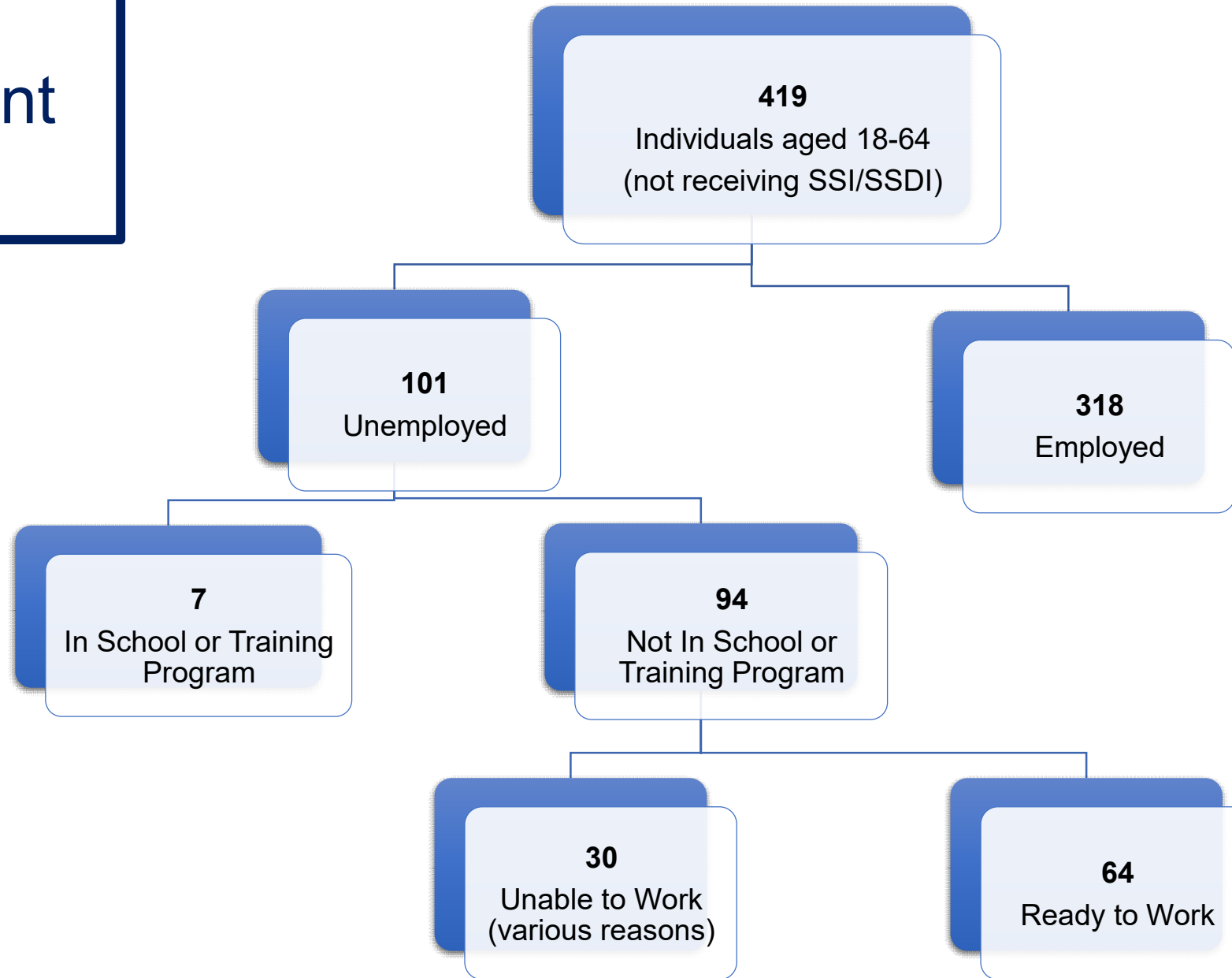
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813 of 1,064 Service Linkages

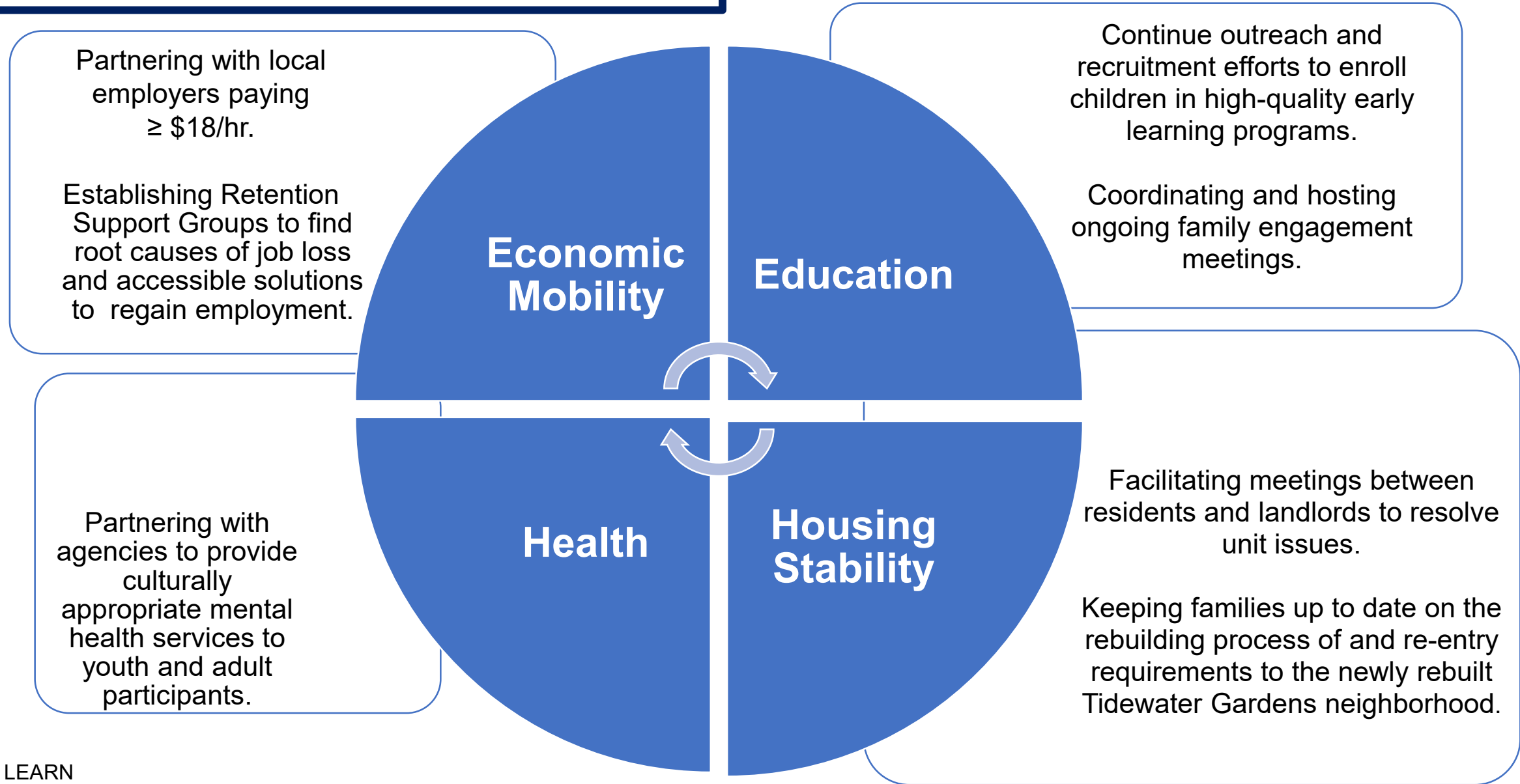
## Service Linkages



# Individual Employment Trends



# STRATEGIES MOVING FORWARD



# SPAC People First Subcommittee Update

*Pastor Kirk Houston*



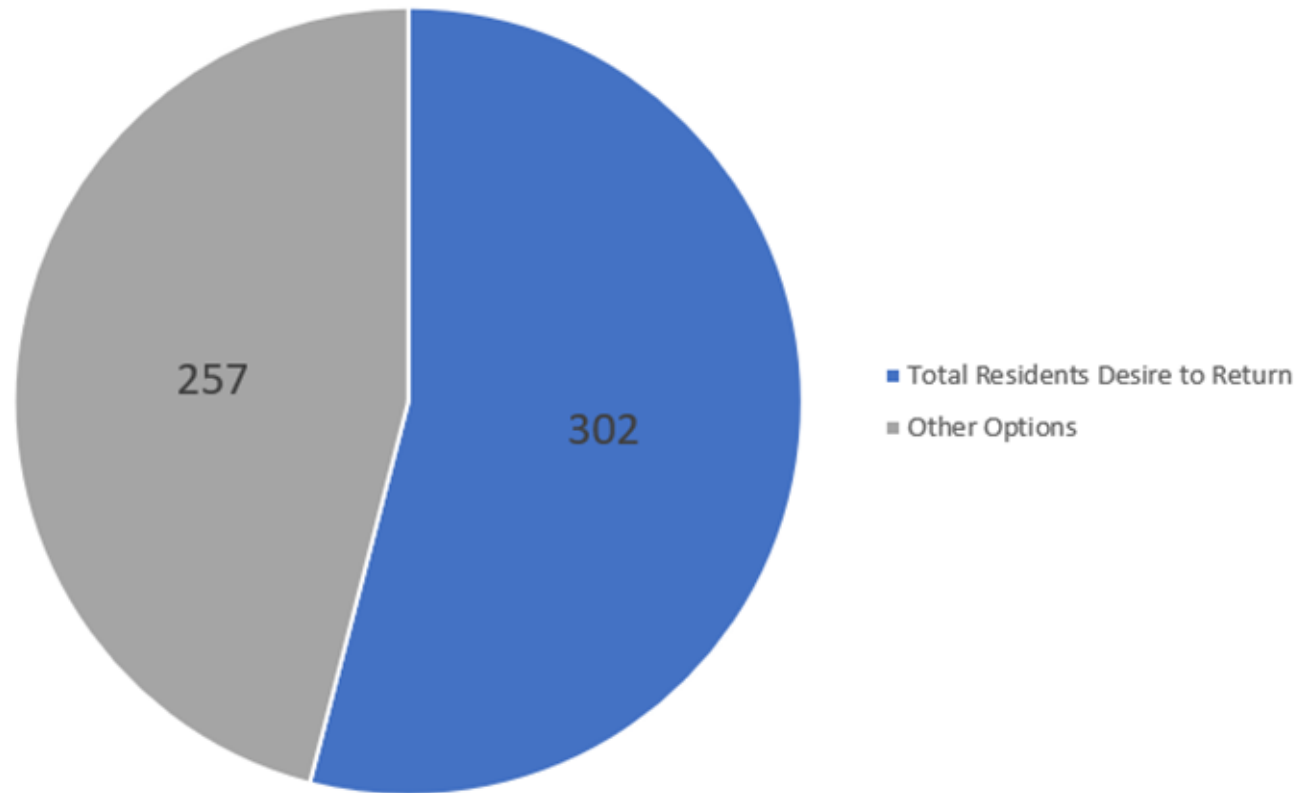
# NRHA Update

- *Rehousing Protocol*

*Kim Thomas, NRHA*

# Residents Desire to Return to St. Pauls' Area

- 54% residents desire to return





# Collaborative Efforts for Resident Rehousing: USI and NRHA

| NRHA   | USI  |
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| Advertise a 45-day preference waitlist period  | Coaching residents and supporting households during the re-occupancy phase, including application process.         |
| Establish and manage separate waiting lists  | USI will contact the resident at least 60 days before the lease-up to ensure they have all the required documents. |
| Announce the PBV community waitlist opening date and closing date  | Provide qualified residents their re-occupancy self-move checks  |
| NRHA Occupancy Department /USI specialist will contact the residents at least 60 days prior to lease to complete the application paperwork |  |

\*Any Tidewater Gardens applicant denied due to failure to meet criteria will be afforded a right to appeal the decision by submitting a request within 10 business days from their denial notice.



# Development Update

- *Blue/Greenway Stormwater Recreational Park Update*

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Timothy Stromberg and Mike Fox, SGA  
Rami Diaz and Kelli Reinhardt,  
Waggoner & Ball*

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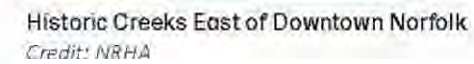
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## Functional Concept / Synthesis





## Water Management Approach & Anticipated Performance

- Accomplishes the required treatment of stormwater for water quality compliance
- Wetlands and water features for more than 30 pounds of Phosphorus treatment credit
- Wetlands, channels and park grading provide floodplain storage
- Reduces flows downstream and provides storage of stormwater from the new neighborhood area
- Water features provide habitat and are a park amenity for people to enjoy from trails and overlooks





1.3 ft NAVD  
Permanent Pool

+1 ft

+2 ft



+3 ft

+4 ft

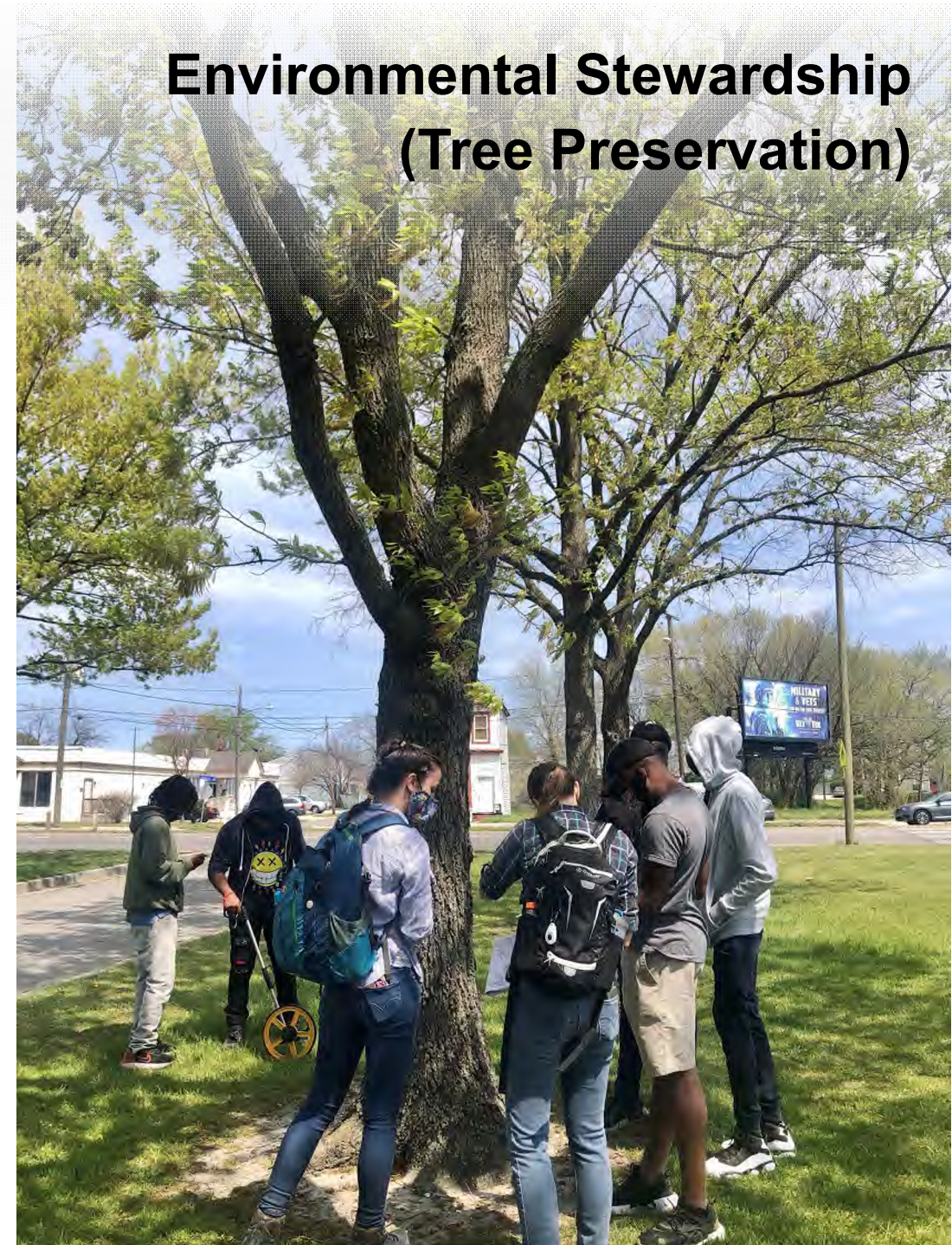
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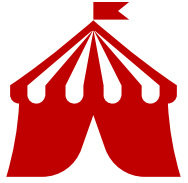


## Environmental Stewardship (Tree Preservation)





# Basis of Park Programming



**Places for  
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**Demonstrations**



**Hands On  
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**Community  
Events**



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**Playgrounds**



**Trails**

Top Eight Activities  
are Highlighted

Completed survey  
results from June  
2021- March 2022

Survey results are  
only from former  
Tidewater Gardens  
residents

*Based on the St. Paul's resident Survey  
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**Park Visitor Walking Experience (North):**

1. Tidewater Arrival Plaza (North)

2. Recreational Green

3. Outdoor Learning Opportunity

4. Historic Woodland (North)

5. North Park Gateway

6. Renovated Parking Access

7. Renovated Basketball Courts
8. Open Space Trail and Meadows

9. Blue Greenway Channel

10. Waterway Overlook

11. The “Y-Shape” Observation Boardwalk

12. Cedar Grove Walkway

13. Wetlands Overlook



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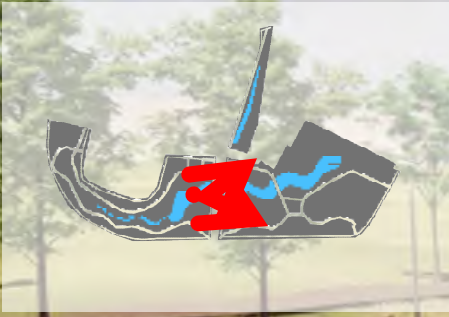
TIDEWATER DRIVE

**Blue Greenway Park (North)**



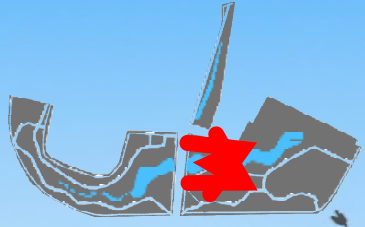


# E. Freemason St. Bridge





# The Blue Greenway Park North



Blue Greenway Park (North)



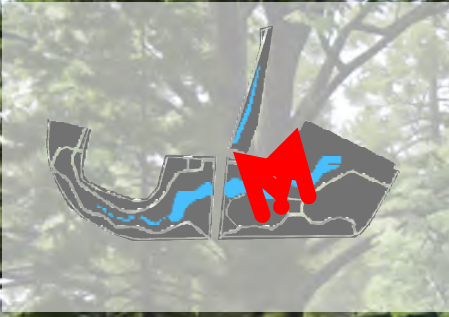
# The “Y-Shape” Boardwalk Outdoor Learning Area



Blue Greenway Park (North)



# Boardwalk System





# Spillway Weir Overlook







Trails

Photo Credit: Sonoma Valley Regional Park



Hands On Learning

Photo Credit: Miliken Park – Smith Group



Hands On Learning

Photo Credit: Youth Conservation Team – Chicago Field Museum



Hands On Learning

Photo Credit: Outdoor Learning – UNK



Rec Lawns

Photo Credit: Frank Davis – Tidewater News



Trails



Rec Lawns



Picnics / Cook Outs



## Park Visitor Walking Experience (South):

1. Events and Festival Green
2. Neighborhood Destination Playground
3. Holt Street Arrival Plaza
4. Picnic Shelter (x6)
5. Meditation / Wellness Greens
6. Marsh Observation Meadows
7. "Childrens" South Boardwalk
8. Events Green w/ Waterway Overlook
9. E. Freemason Bridge



## Blue Greenway Park (South)





# Events & Festival Green



Blue Greenway Park (South)



# Outfall Weir Overlook





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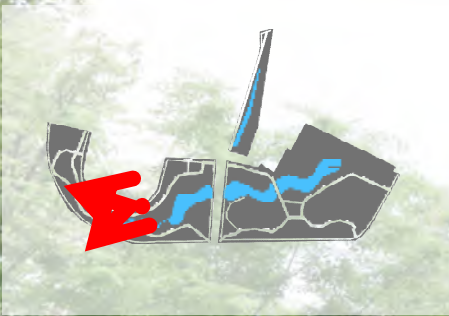


# Marsh Observation Meadows



Blue Greenway Park (South)





Picnic Shelters





 **Picnics /  
Cook Outs**

Photo Credit: UNK



 **Community  
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 **Places for  
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 **Rec Lawns**

Photo Credit: Sidewalk Detroit



**Hands On  
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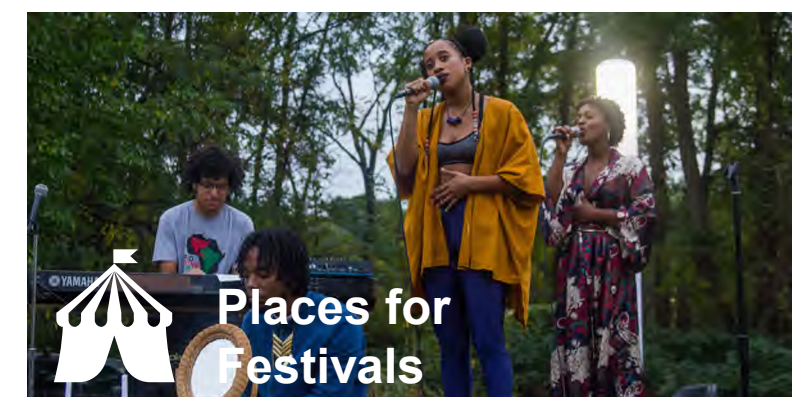
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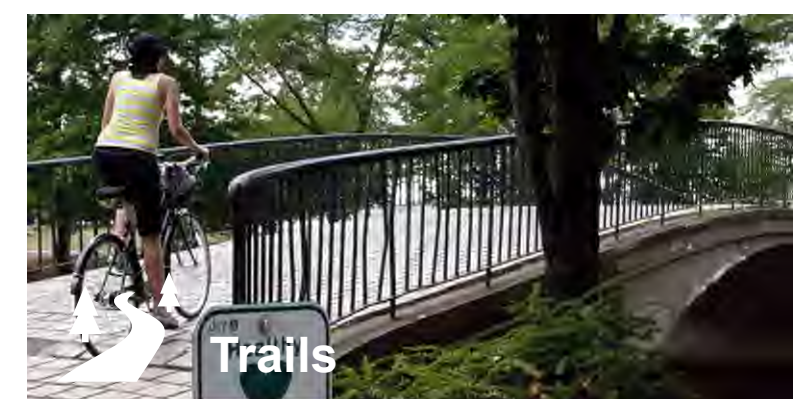
 **Rec Lawns**

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 **Places for  
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 **Trails**

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## Park Visitor Walking Experience (West):

1. North Rim Maintenance Trail
2. Community Lounge
3. Block 16 Gateway Plaza
4. Waterway Overlook
5. Events Promenade
6. Blue Greenway Channel
7. Reilly Street Overlook
8. Terraced Walls and Spillway



Blue Greenway Park (West)







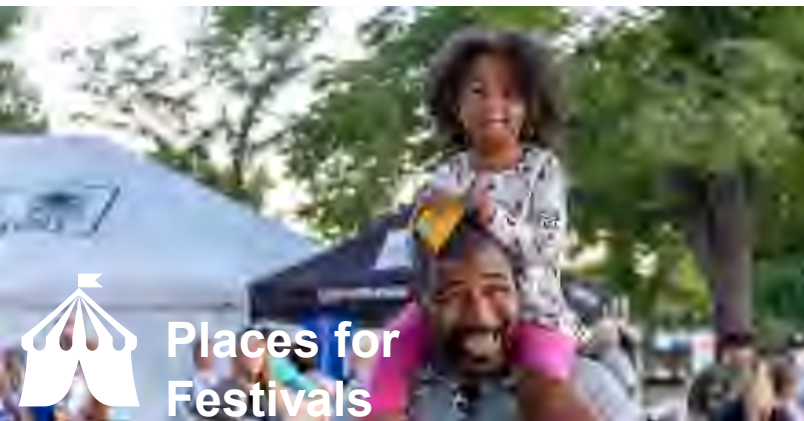
**Blue Greenway Park (West)**





## Demonstrations

Photo Credit: Lydia Thompson – NPR News



## Places for Festivals

Photo Credit: Biden Forum Family Picnic



## Playgrounds

Photo Credit: Maggie Daley Park - MVVA



## Demonstrations

Photo Credit: Tennessee State Newsroom



## Community Events

Photo Credit: Black Arts



## Places for Festivals

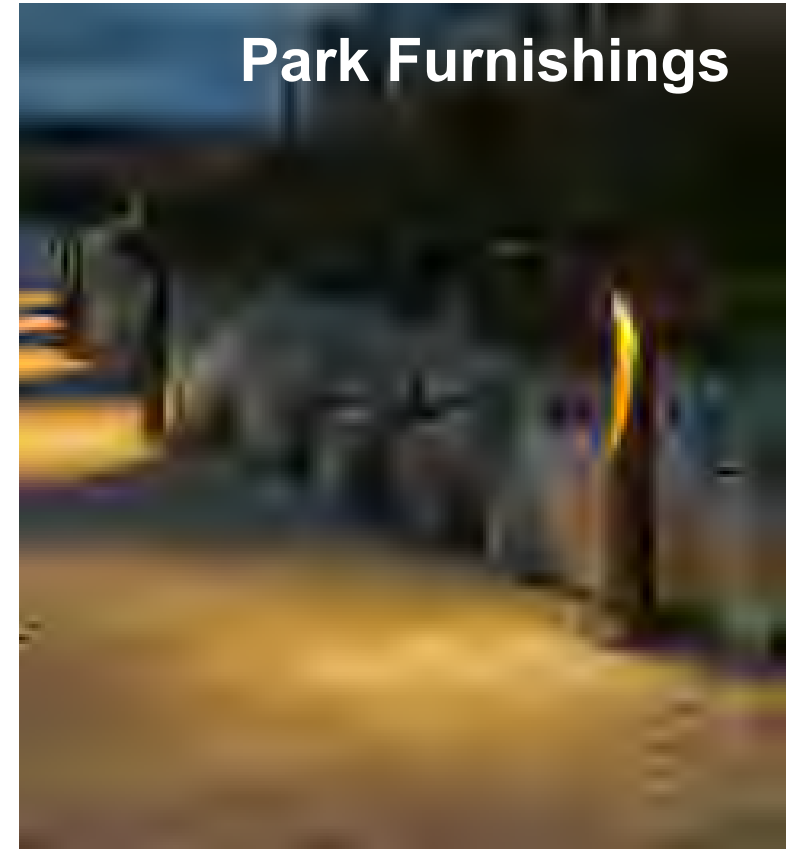
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**Playground Package / Theme**







# Open Discussion

*SPAC Members*

# Adjournment