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MARSHALL-RIDLEY CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN (NEWPORT NEWS, VA)



The Innovation & Opportunity Center includes a woodshop, music studio, 3D printers in a maker space and job training facility that sits below several floors of office space.



ABOUT:

2016 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant
2019 Implementation Grant

The Southeast Community of Newport News was once a thriving and diverse community with a rich African-American heritage in the most historic part of the city. It lost population through suburban flight and then was cut off from downtown by a major highway. This led to disinvestment, crime, and poverty.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT IT?

The planning process focused on re-building trust by being very transparent and including residents in every part of the planning process. The plan aims to double the number of housing units (affordable and market rate), reconnect the street grid, create a sense of place and identity, deconcentrate poverty, improve safety, and strengthen amenities and services for residents.

WHAT DID IT ACHIEVE?

The planning process launched a Community Leadership Series, now being offered citywide. The first phase of housing is almost finished in addition a new co-working space, community garden, Innovation & Opportunity Center, a new boardwalk along the waterfront, murals and banners. A new recreation, bike and wellness trail is in design as is a new Early Childhood Education Center, and a new Seafood Market that will attract more people to the neighborhood.



SHARSWOOD-BLUMBERG CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN (PHILADELPHIA, PA)

ABOUT:

2013 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant
2020 Implementation Grant

This Choice Neighborhood located in Northwest Philadelphia faced a poverty rate of over 50% with a high crime rate, and large number of vacant properties. It was anchored by the Norman-Blumberg Apartment towers, which were visible across the city skyline and became a symbol of crime and poverty.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT IT?

Today the neighborhood is undergoing significant transformation. The planning process established an ambassador program that provided Community Leadership Training to residents to help them to inform the planning process and become stewards of the plan as it moves through implementation. To address gentrification and prevent displacement, programs and activities were prioritized to protect existing residents, including Home Repair and Ownership Programs to allow residents to stay where they were under improved conditions.

WHAT DID IT ACHIEVE?

Construction is currently underway of 1,200 new residential units, including affordable and market-rate units. The Housing Authority relocated its headquarters to the main commercial corridor to anchor redevelopment. A former school building has been transformed into a new school and the EnVision Center, with a workforce development center, an after school program, and health, dental, and financial services.



GROCERY OUTLET >

Sharswood recently opened its first full service grocery store in over 50 years. A bargain franchise grocery store, the store is not only bringing fresh food to the neighborhood, but is also creating more jobs. Run by a North Philadelphia native, Danta Rose is committed to uplifting his community and hiring locally.

The Grocery Outlet is part of a larger \$52 million commercial development plan, with an urgent care center, senior-care center, bank, local market, and restaurant opening soon.



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UNIVERSITY CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD (ATLANTA, GA)

ABOUT:

2010 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant
2013 Implementation Grant

This Choice Plan has been an instrumental part in the revitalization of the Northwest Atlanta neighborhood. Implementation began in 2015 and is expected to take between 15 to 20 years to fully complete. The plan intends to replace 286 units while adding an additional 294 for a total of 580 units.

Residents have
been able to
move into new
buildings in
the Scholars
Landing area.



WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT IT?

Northwest Atlanta is a neighborhood with strong community ties, a prominent heritage in close proximity to the city center, and is well-positioned to take advantage of careful revitalization strategies.

- University Homes was the nation's first public housing development for African Americans
- The neighborhood hosts a high number of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Was a thriving African-American community that has faced severe disinvestment since the mid-20th century.

WHAT DID IT ACHIEVE?

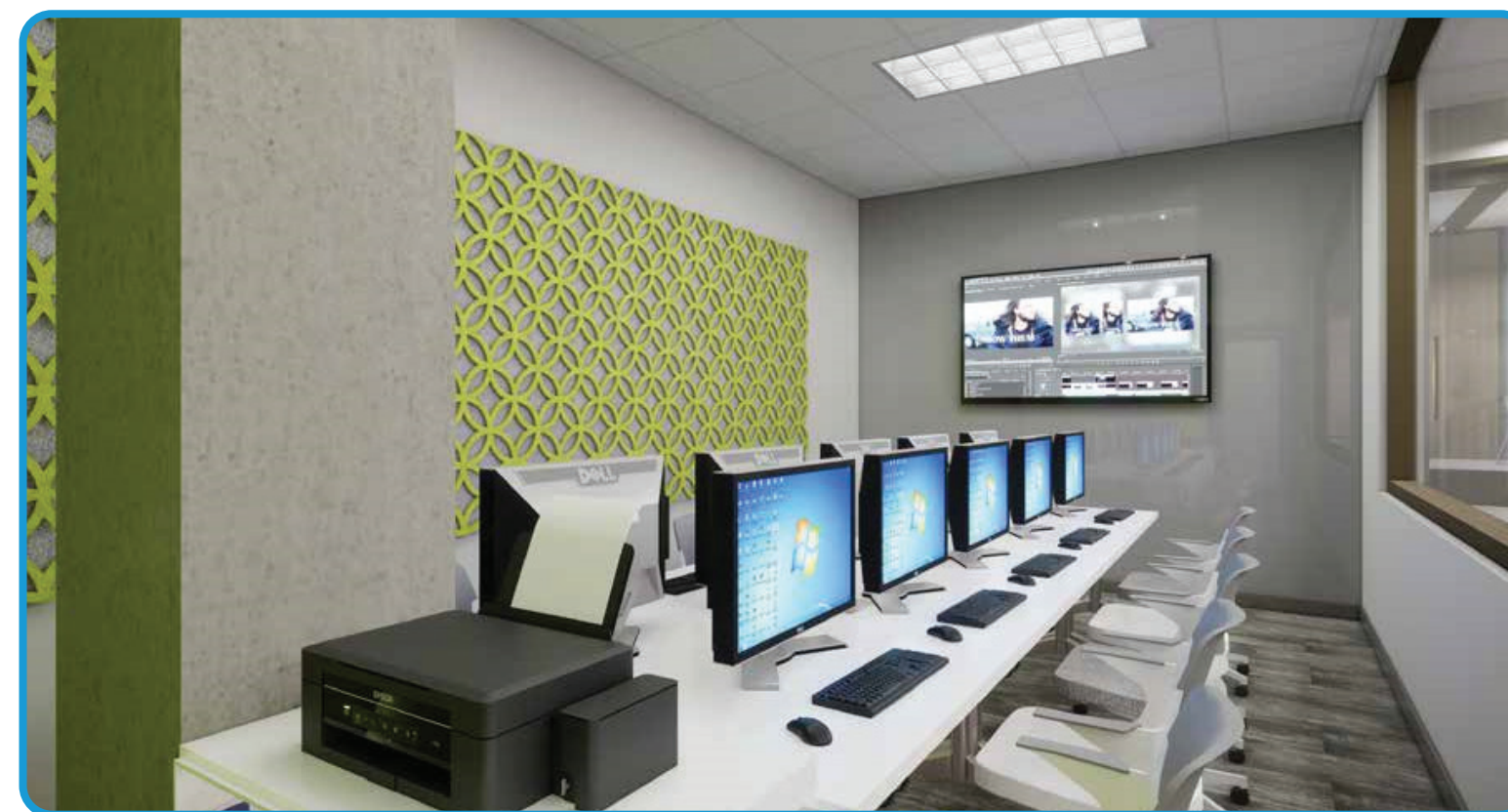
In addition to receiving a HUD Choice Implementation Grant, other projects identified in the transformation plan have **received over 50 micro-grants totaling almost \$200,000** that are being disbursed to neighborhood residents to build community organizations and local businesses as well as a scholarship fund for local youth.

Through implementation, the plan will improve neighborhood gateways, connectivity, build more affordable and market-rate housing, revitalize neighborhood commerce, and improve quality of life through education and access to employment opportunities for residents.



ROOSEVELT HALL ADAPTIVE REUSE

The last remaining building from University Homes, renovations to Roosevelt Hall is almost complete. The building will be a community center with a library, study space, event spaces, and design scheme that honors the history of the neighborhood.



THE INDIANAPOLIS CANAL WALK



ABOUT:

Constructed in the late 1800s, the Indian Central Canal was once an important commercial waterway to facilitate trade in the region. Commercial use of the canal ended in the 1980s and it was repurposed as a public space in the 1990s. Today, the canal runs through the heart of Indianapolis, where it hosts a variety of public uses, supports native wildlife, and makes vital connections across the city.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT IT?

Just like the Augusta Canal, this canal preserves a vital piece of history to the city and region. Now it functions as a linear park lined by housing, restaurants, and museums in the city's urban core, that is both a public amenity and economic driver.

WHAT DID IT ACHIEVE?

New bike trails, running paths, adjacent amphitheatres, housing, gathering areas, and green spaces were built to serve residents. Located in the central commercial district, the canal supports economic vitality of the city, promotes tourism, and provides access and connectivity to museums and other amenities.



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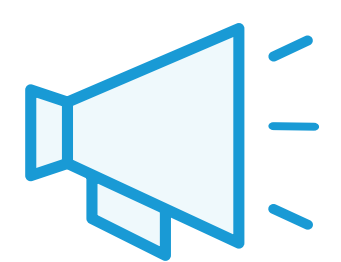
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