

# Oak Grove Hillside Bellemead

Visioning Community Meeting  
April 13, 2024



DEPARTMENT OF  
**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT  
REVIEW**



# Room Orientation

- Staff and Planning Team
- Restrooms and Exits
- Refreshments
- Parking Board
- Public Comment and Meeting Evaluation Forms

# Group Agreement

1. Every idea is worthwhile!
2. Titles left outside the door.
3. Suspend judgement – not to evaluate others' ideas or our own.
4. ELMO – Enough, Let's Move On!
5. Keep it relevant; off-topic ideas can be revisited later (parking board).
6. Not use technology when in discussion to allow everyone the respect to be heard.

# Process

Jan. - Apr. 2023

## Prepare

1a. Process Development

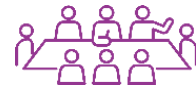
1b. Data Collection +  
Special Analysis

1c. Community Outreach

May - Sept. 2023

## Learn

2a. Process Kick-off



2b. Office Hours

2c. Community Tours



2d. Small Groups



Jan. 2024 - May 2024

## Draft



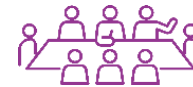
3a. Vision Workshop



3b. Design Workshop



3c. Draft Plan Review



May 2024 - Dec. 2024

## Adopt

4a. Final Plan  
Development

4b. Plan Celebration



4c. Plan Adoption

4d. Implementation

# Meeting Objectives

- Confirm community values set during the Learn Phase
- Develop vision and principles for the Community Plan
- Collect ideas to advance at Design Workshop
- Set initial priorities for the Community Plan
- Share details of next opportunities for engagement

# Agenda

1. Overview background presentation (20 minutes)
2. Group visioning activity (45 minutes)
3. Breakout discussions on opportunities (30 minutes)
4. Reporting back and meeting wrap up (15 minutes)

<https://www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/oghb>

# What is the OGHB Community Plan?

**Community's goals and strategies** for improving the quality of life and experience of people living, working, and visiting the **community**

# Plan Area





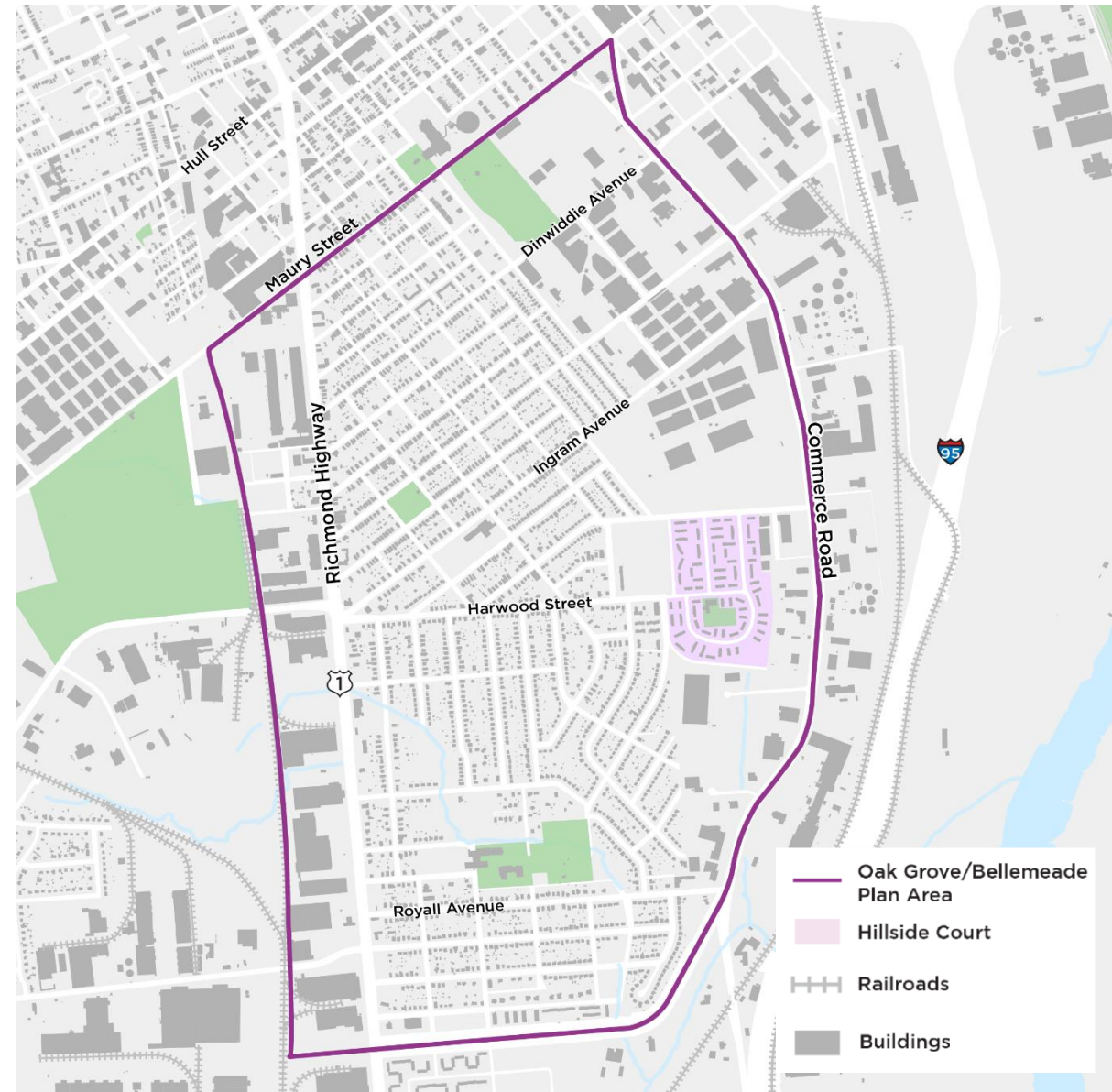
# Plan Boundaries

**North:** Maury Street

**South:** Bellemeade Road

**West:** CSX Railroad

**East:** Commerce Road



# Richmond 300

# RICHMOND 300 A GUIDE FOR GROWTH



# Learn Phase: What We Heard

July 2023 Meetings  
Office Hours  
Community Tours  
Small Group Meetings



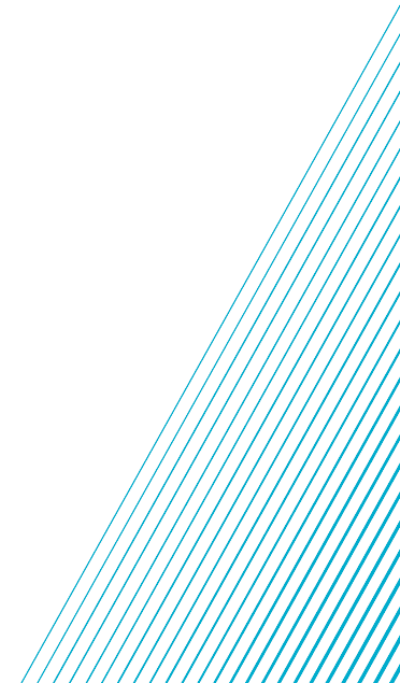
# Insights Report

Existing conditions report that examined *some* of the following topics:

- Abbreviated History
- Demographics
- Urban Design & Land Use
- Housing
- Hillside Court
- Transportation
- Environment & Climate
- Community Assets
- Public Safety
- Future Development

## Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade Insights Report

Background information in preparation  
for the Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade small area plan  
Draft Report | 2023



# What stood out **most** from the Insights Report?

# Safety

- Traffic
  - High Injury Network
- Pedestrian
  - Sidewalks
  - Crosswalks
  - Bus stops

// TABLE 7. Crash Data, 2018-2022

Source: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), 2023

	Total
Total Crashes	879
Fatalities	3
Severe Injuries	54
Pedestrian-Involved	23
Speed-Related	68
Within School Zone	14

# Housing

- New neighbors
- Renters/owners
- Affordability

// TABLE 4. Tenure, 2000, 2010, 2016

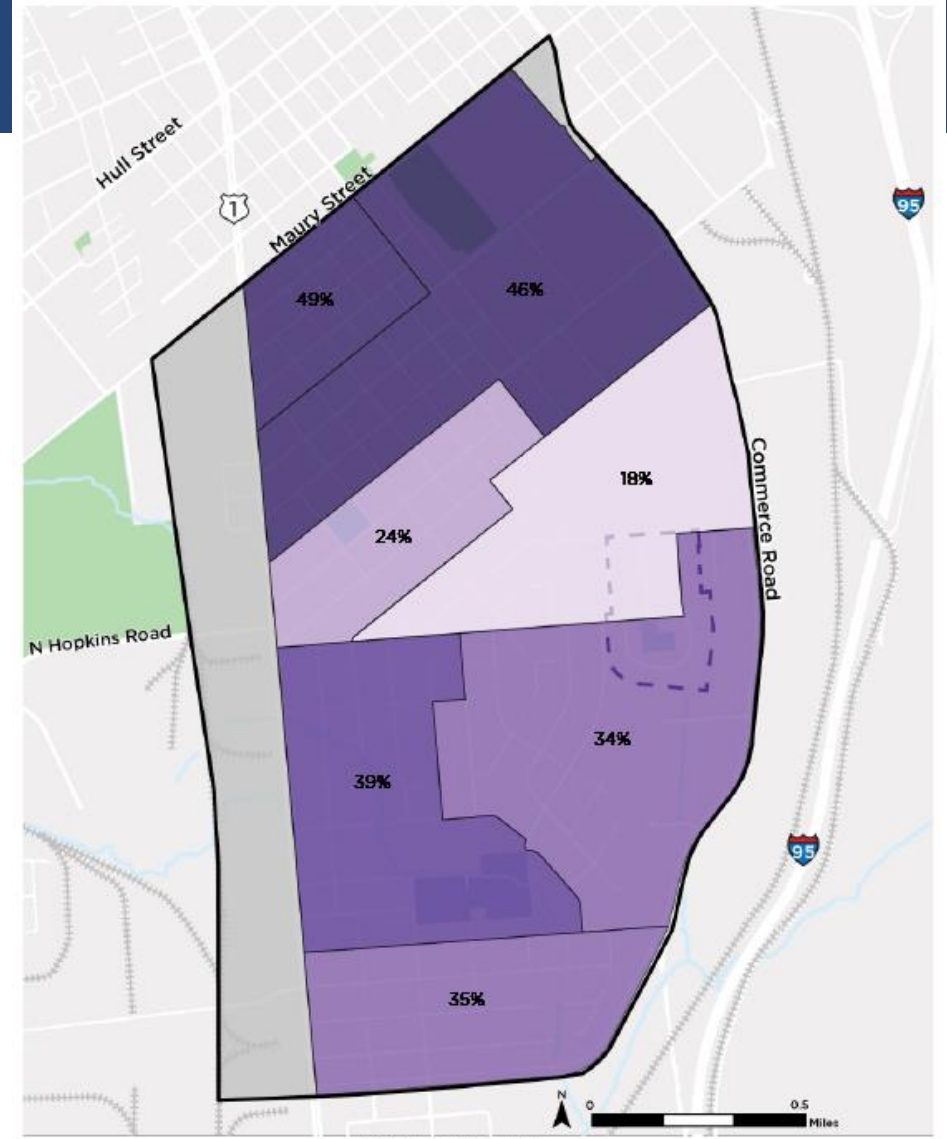
Tenure is a term used to describe if a housing unit is occupied by a tenant or an owner.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 Censuses, 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates

	Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade, 2010		Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade, 2020		City of Richmond, 2020	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Owner-occupied	897	37%	870	33%	39,801	44%
Renter-occupied	1,542	63%	1,795	67%	51,204	56%
<b>Total units</b>	<b>2,439</b>		<b>2,665</b>		<b>91,005</b>	

// FIGURE 16. Percent Homeownership in OGHB by Census Block Group

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: ACS 5-year Estimates (2016-2020)





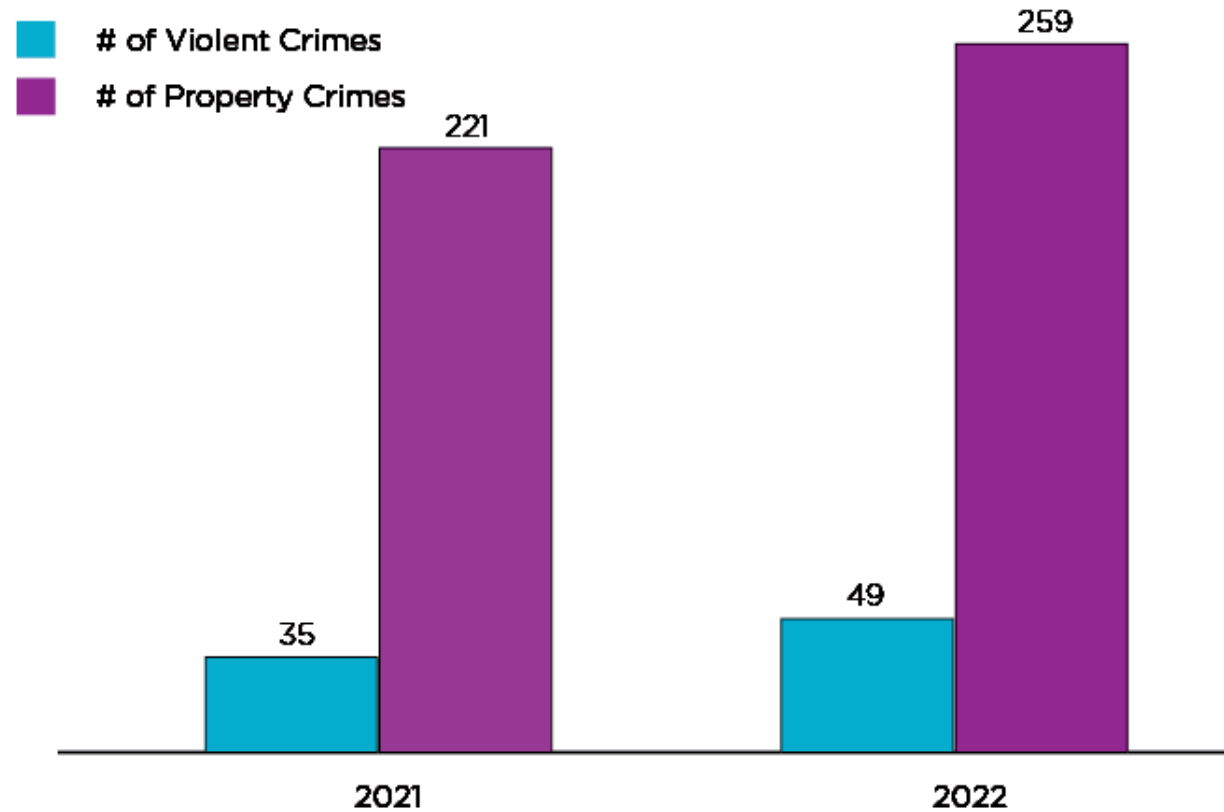
# Crime

## Emergency calls in the area are increasing.

Data from the Richmond Police Department show that both violent and property crimes have increased in Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade from 2021 to 2022.

// FIGURE 40. Crime Statistics for Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade

Source: Richmond Police Department, 2021-2022



# Health

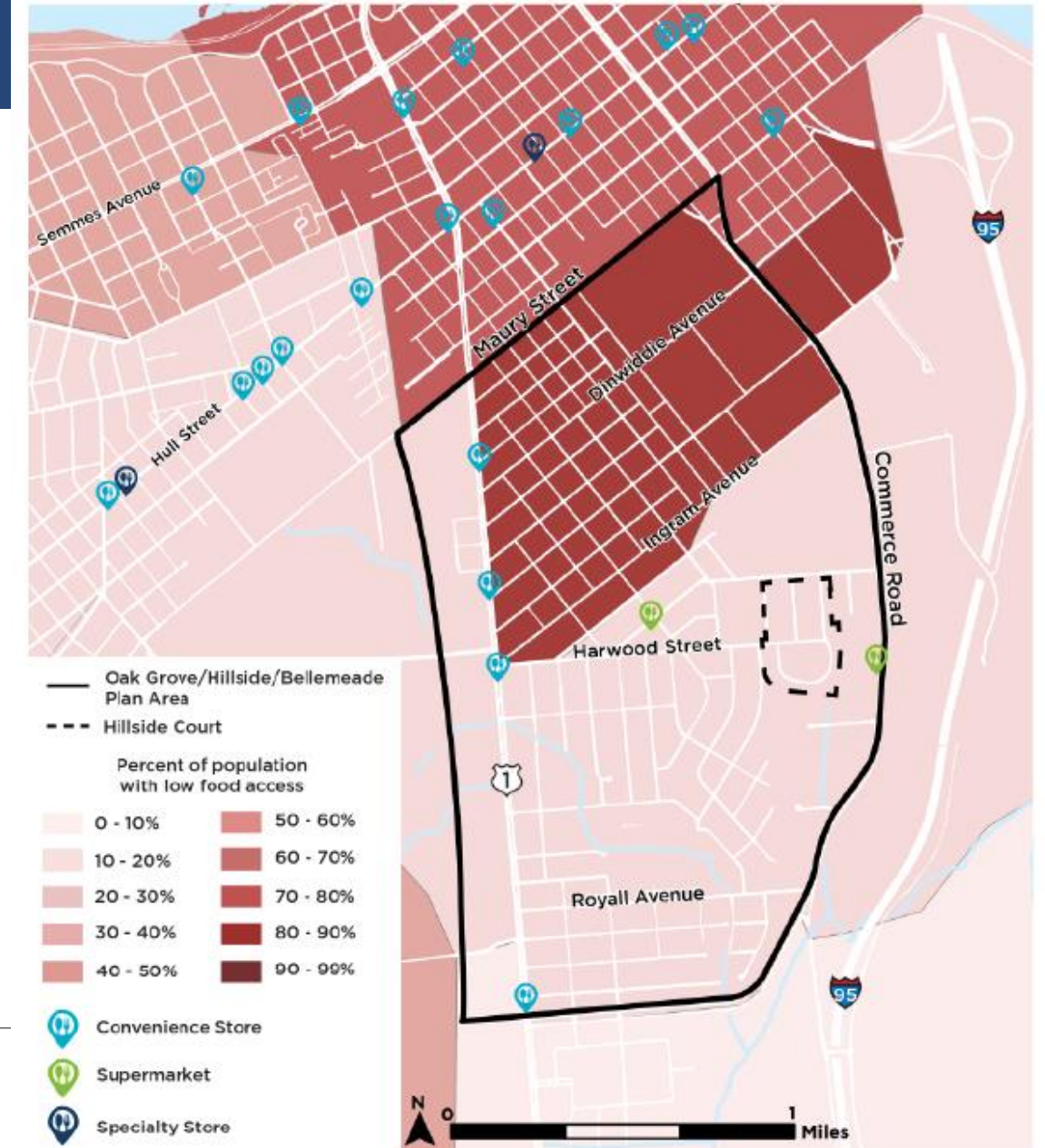
// TABLE 3. Health

Source: City of Richmond Office of Sustainability, Climate Equity Index

Topic	Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade	City of Richmond
Asthma	11.8%	9.8%
COPD	9.3%	6.6%
Coronary Heart Disease	7.5%	5.6%
Diabetes	18.1%	12.3%
High Blood Pressure	45.9%	34.3%
Obesity	43.2%	32.6%
Poor Mental Health	16.4%	12.9%
Poor Physical Health	17.6%	12.3%
Disabilities	19.7%	15.3%
Uninsured	22%	14.6%

// FIGURE 8. Food Access in Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade

Source: Climate Equity Index, City of Richmond Office of Sustainability



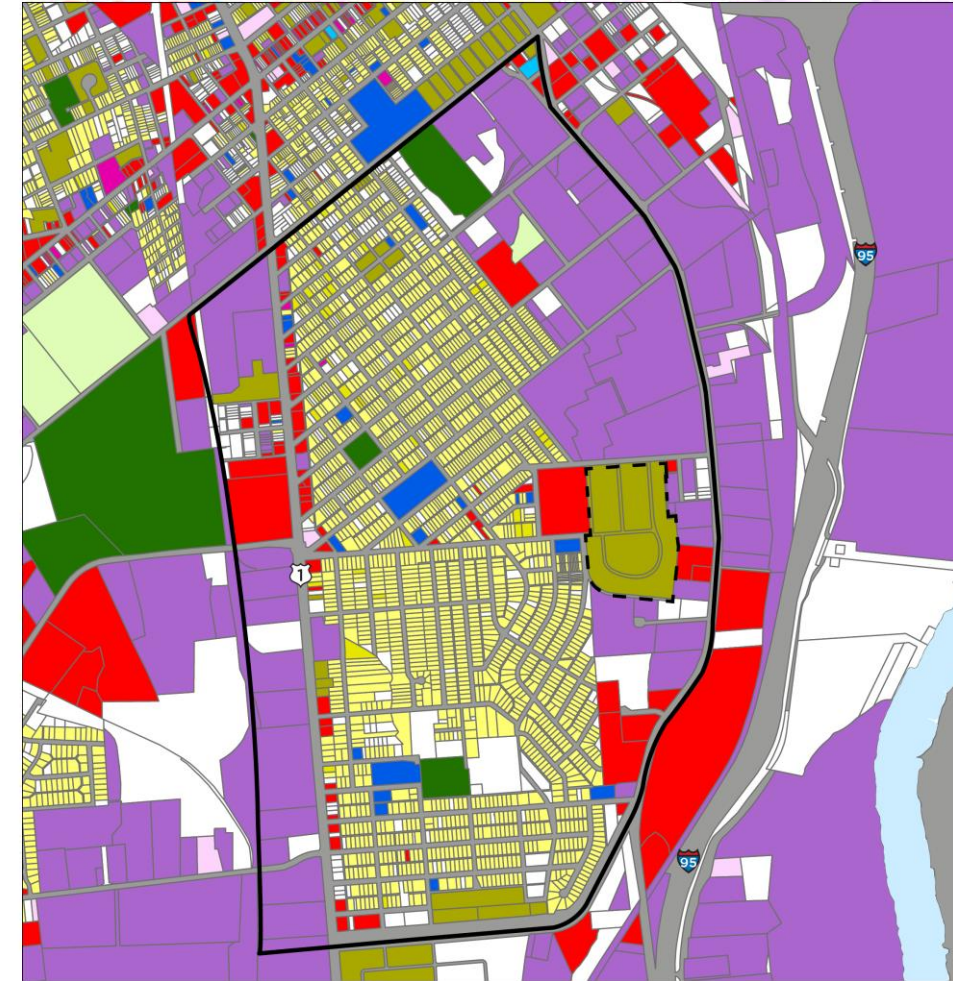
# Property

- Vacant property
- New development
- Redevelopment



// FIGURE 9. Existing Land Use

Source: City of Richmond: Assessor's Office, 2023



Existing Land Use			
— OGHB Plan Area	Single-Family	Commercial	Industrial
- - - Hillside Court	Duplex (Two-Family)	Office	Public Open Space
— Roads	Multi-Family	Government	Vacant
	Mixed-Use	Institutional	

# Resident Survey

## Included:

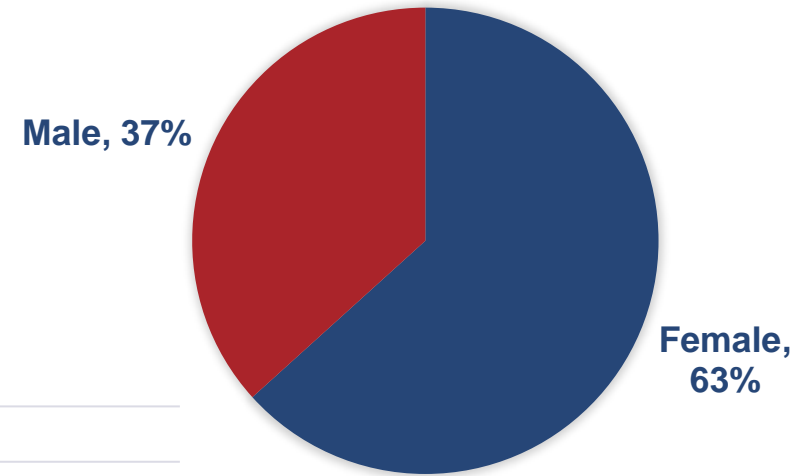
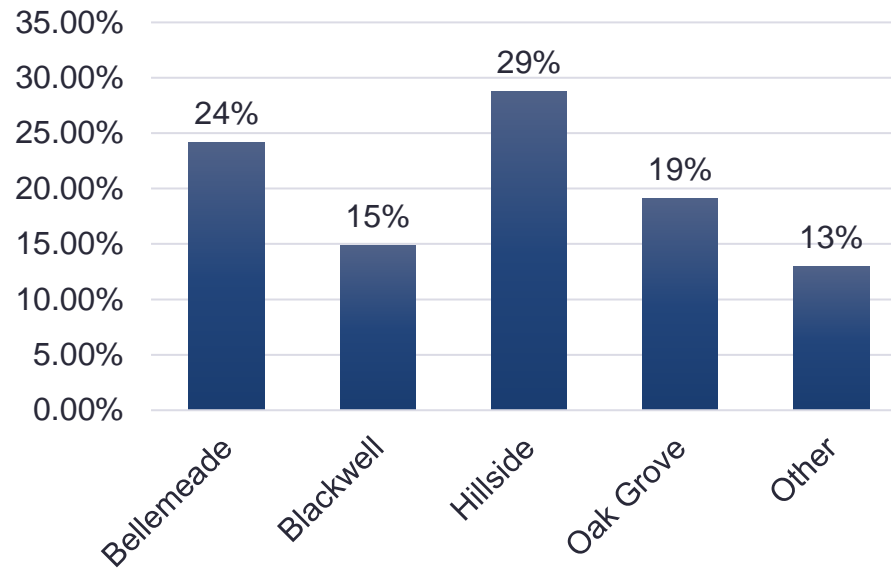
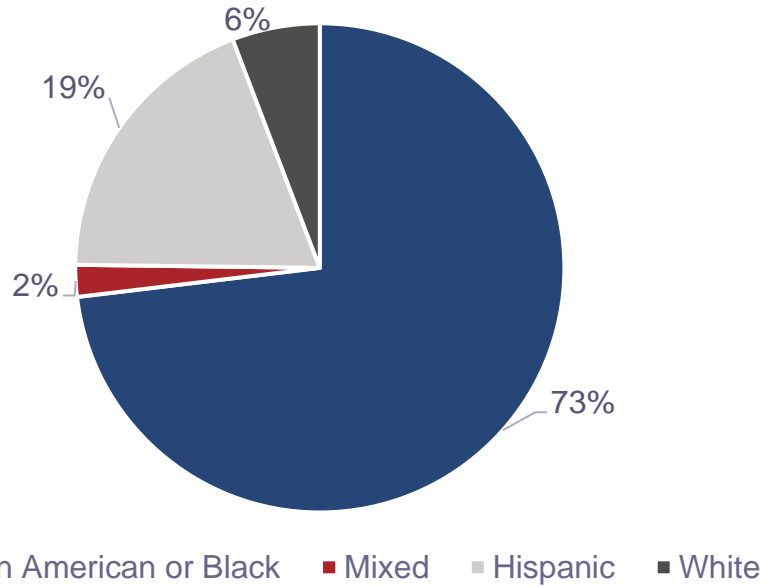
- Demographic information
- 4 open-ended questions
- Contact information

## Methods of Distribution:

- Online In-Person meetings
- Office Hours
- Drop-off locations
- Canvassing (Ambassadors)

*\*English and Spanish versions made available*

# Who have we heard from?



# Q1: What do you like about your neighborhood?

- People, neighbors
- Location
  - Downtown
  - Amenities
- Green spaces
- Housing type
  - Compact homes
  - Front porch homes
- Neighborhood itself
  - Quiet
  - Small size
  - Events
  - Resources

# Q2: What do you dislike about your neighborhood?

- Crime
- Lack of meaningful programs
- Lack of destinations, things to do
- Lack of jobs
- Transportation
- No neighborhood scale amenities
- Trash
- City response to maintenance, code enforcement

# Q3: What's missing from your neighborhood?

- Neighborhood scale amenities
- Meaningful programs for all ages
- General safety for everyone
- Cleanliness, code enforcement, maintenance
- Job opportunities



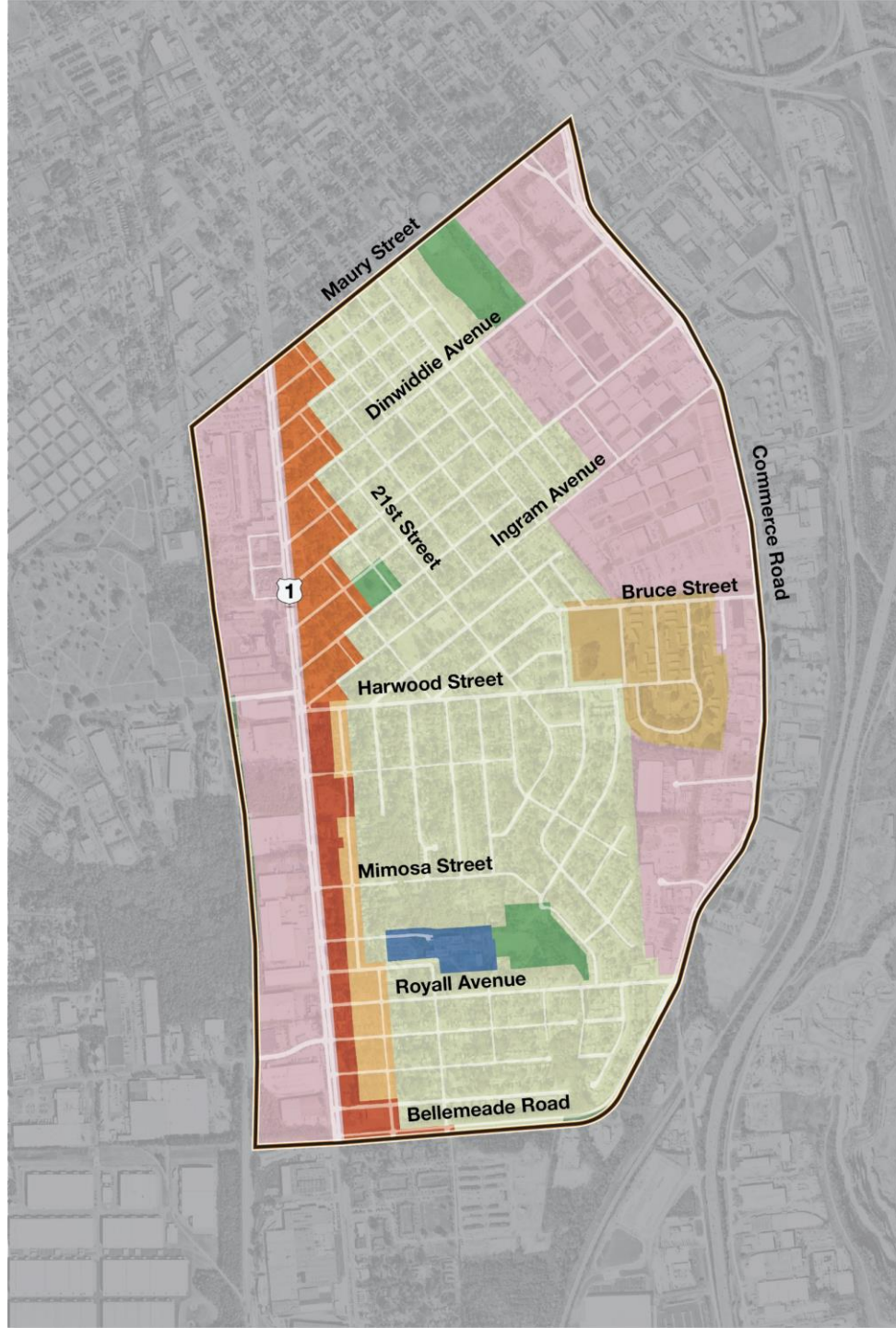
# Q4: In 20 years, I want my neighborhood to be...

- Residential
- Safe
- Quiet
- Walkable
- Neighborhood amenities, programs

# Planning Context

## Existing and Future Redevelopment

# Future Land Use Policy



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# Future Land Use Policy

Community Mixed-Use



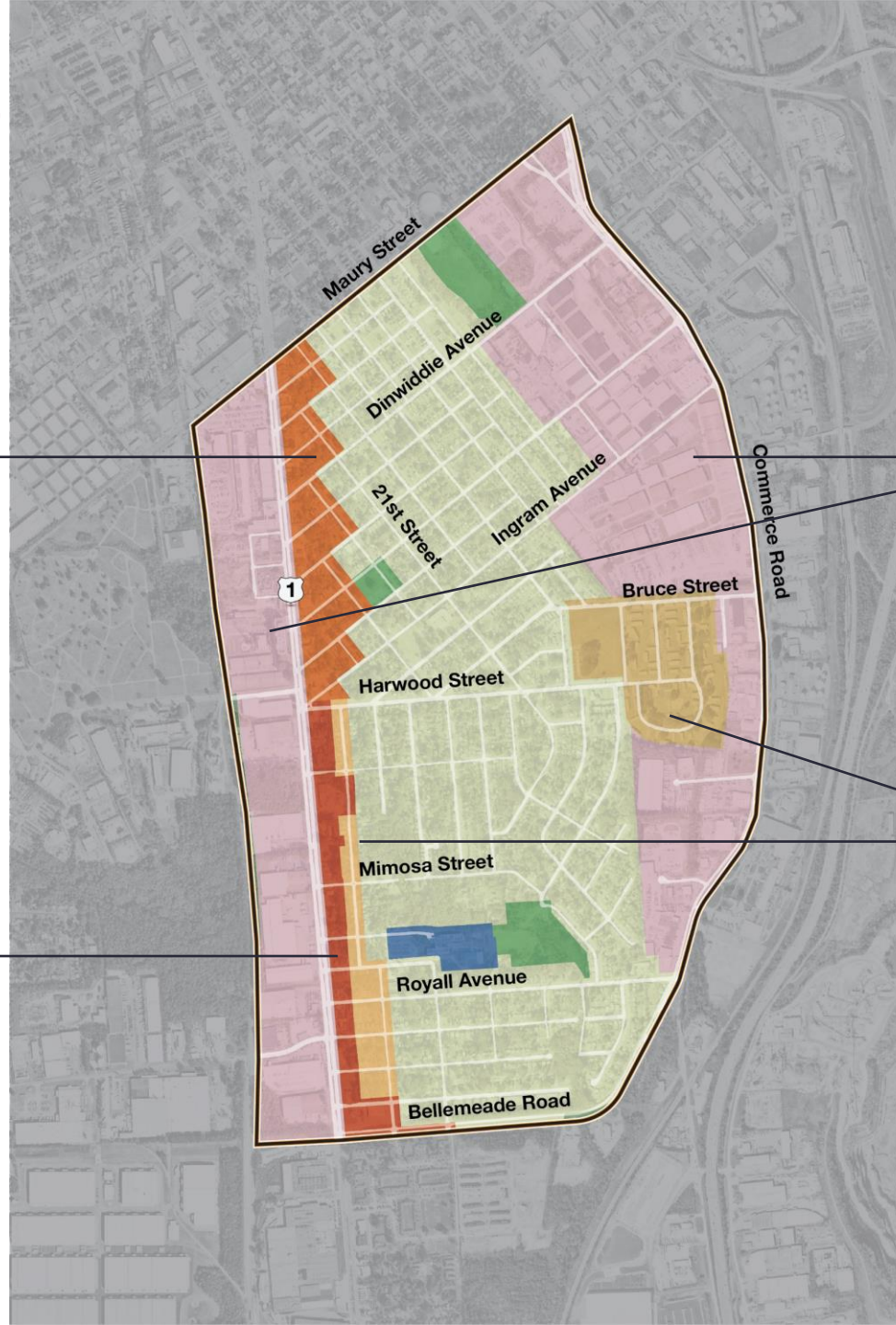
Corridor Mixed-Use



Industrial Mixed-Use

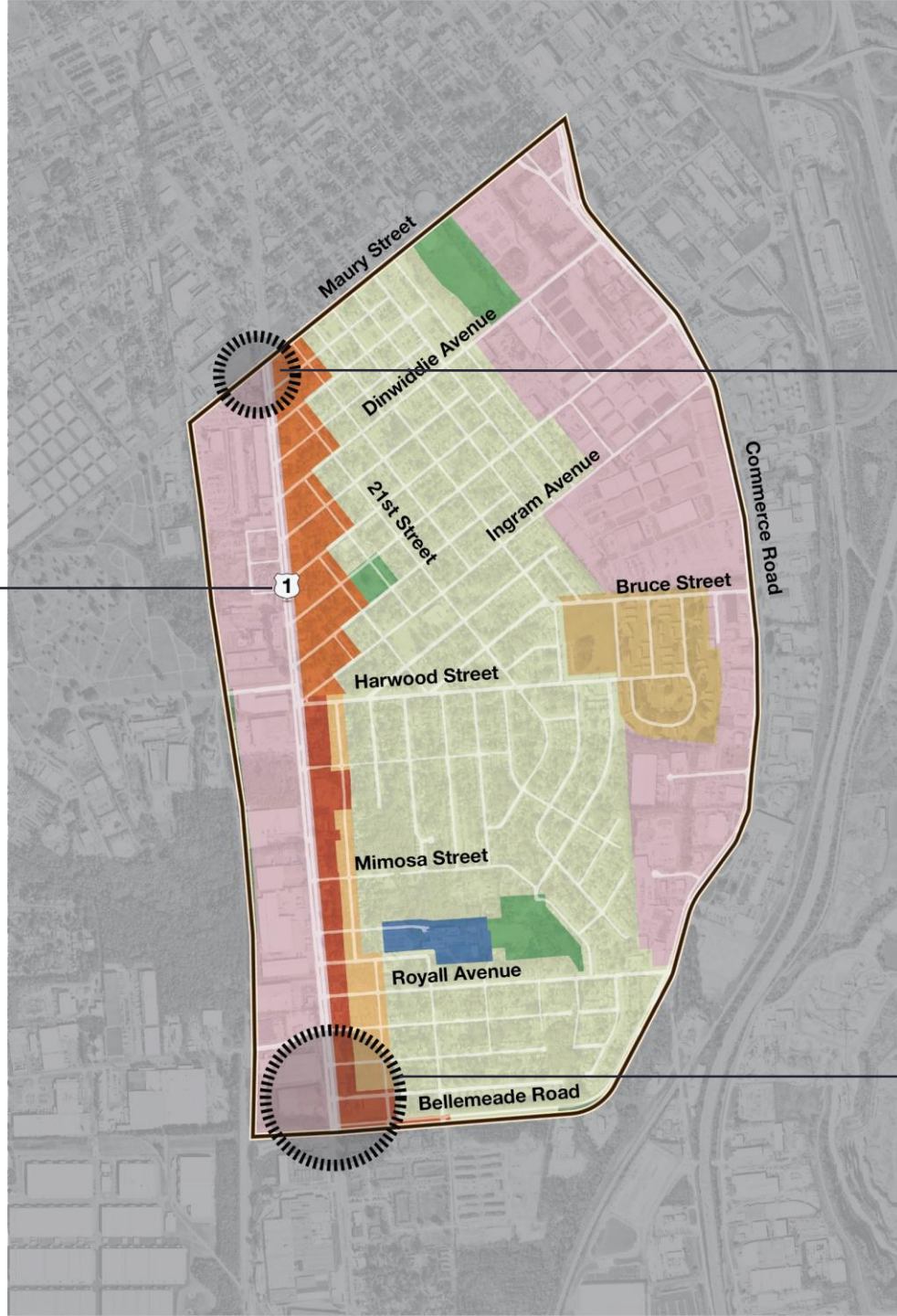
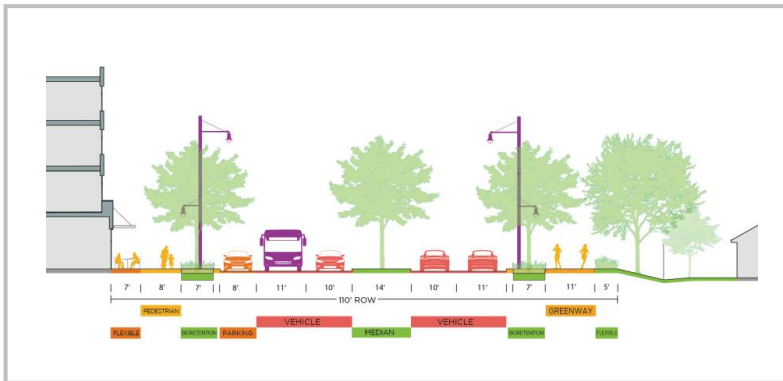


Neighborhood Mixed-Use



# Growth Nodes

Proposed Vision for Route 1

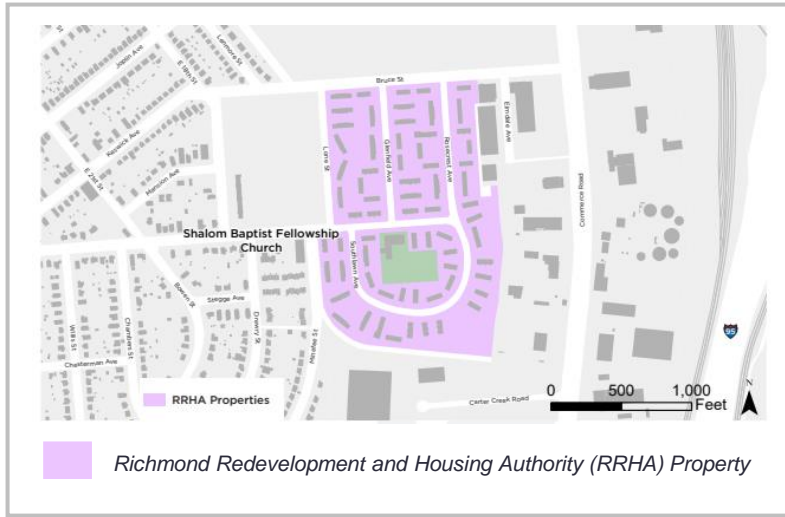


Rt. 1/ Maury  
Intersection Micro  
Node

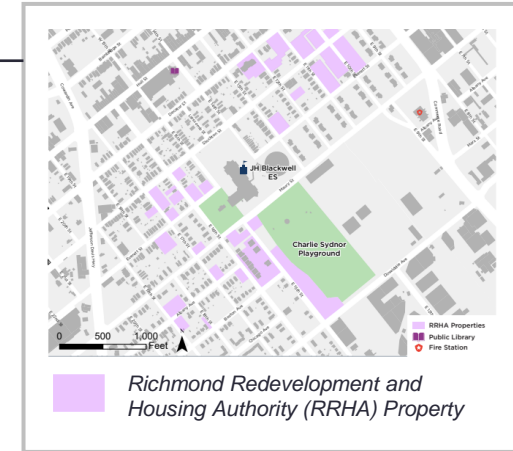
Rt. 1/ Bellemeade  
Intersection Priority  
Growth Node

# RRHA's Priority Neighborhoods

## Hillside Court Priority Neighborhood



## Blackwell Priority Neighborhood



# Approved Redevelopment

Oak Grove School Redevelopment Site



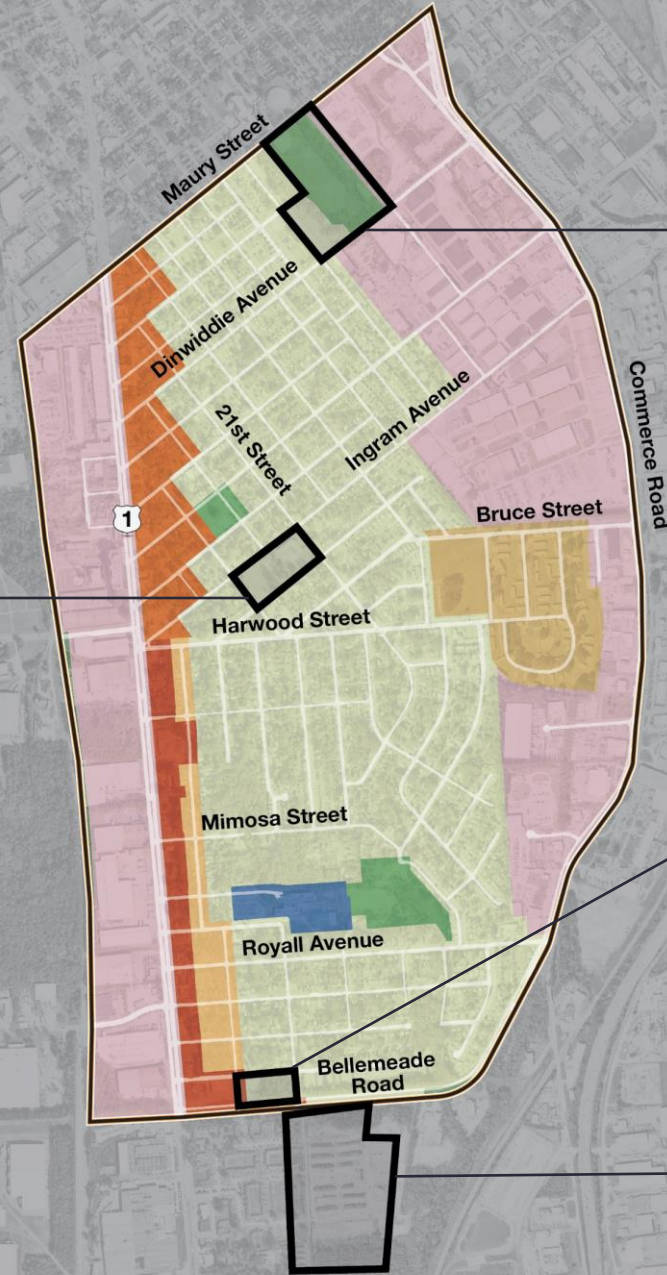
Blackwell Park Redesign



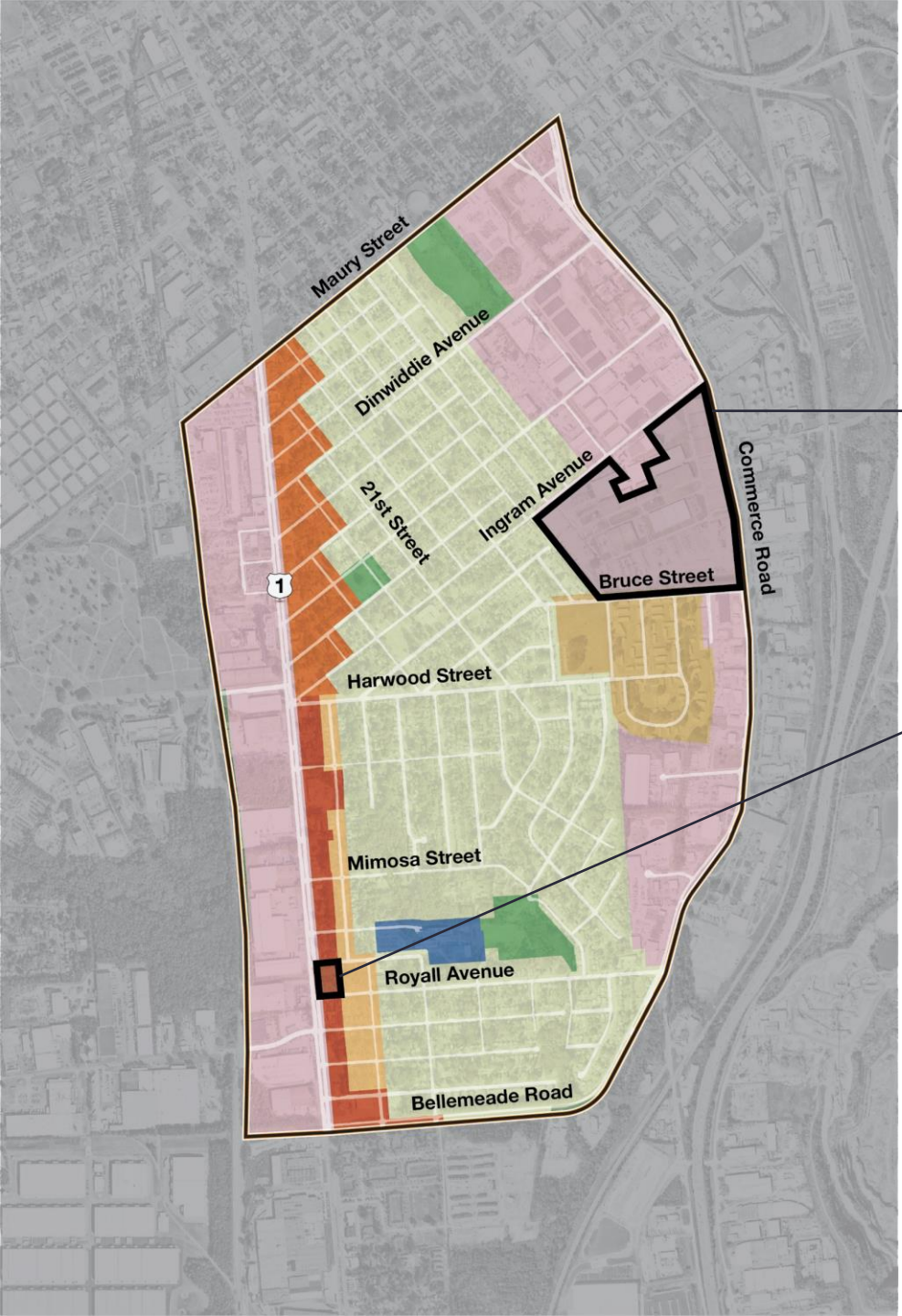
Afton Avenue Apartments



The Heights at Brady Square



# Redevelopment On the Horizon



Maury Street

Dinwiddie Avenue

21st Street

Ingram Avenue

Bruce Street

Harwood Street

Mimosa Street

Royall Avenue

Bellemeade Road

1

Commerce Road

Application for Mixed-use Development

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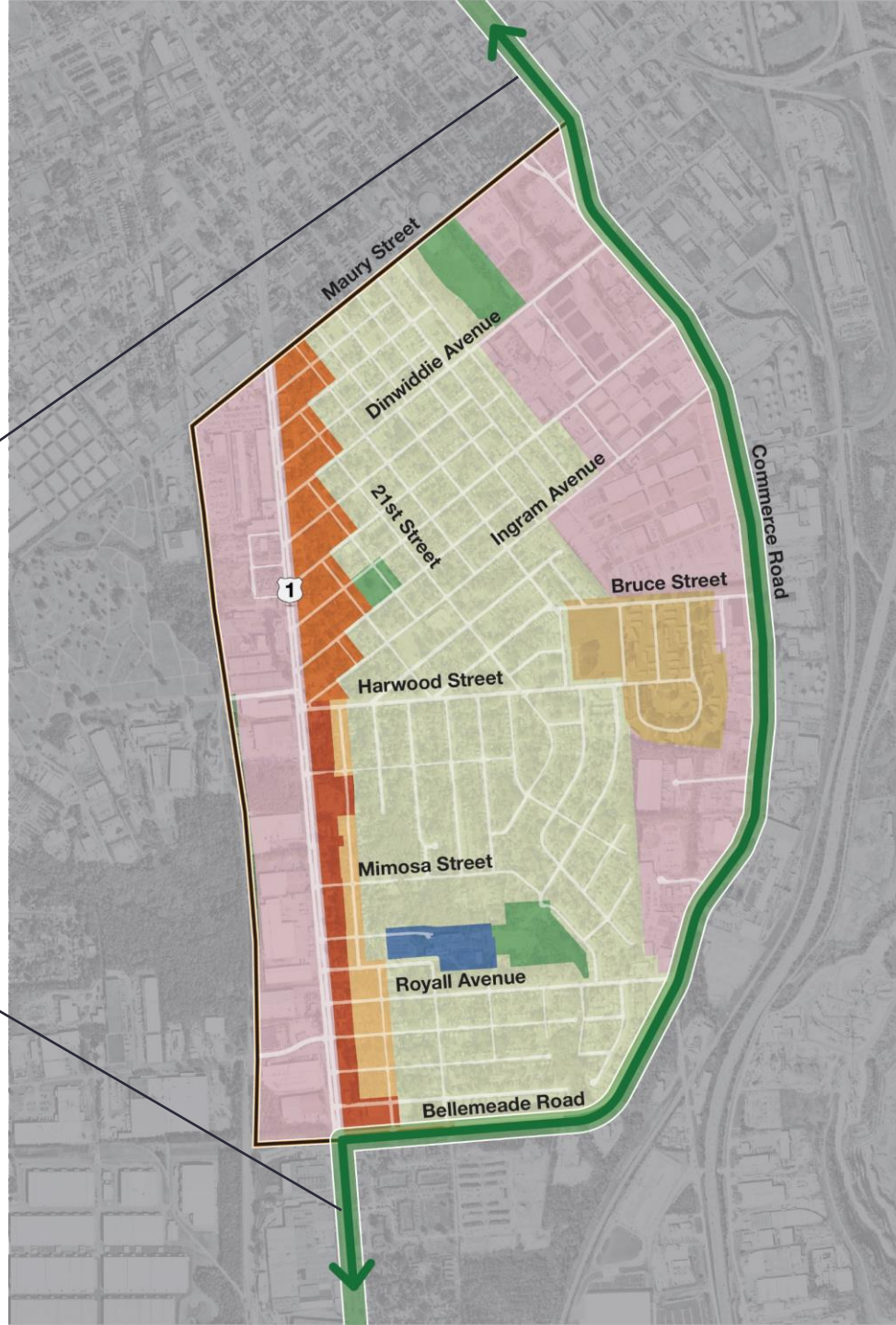


# Infrastructure Investments

## Fall Line Trail



43-mile trail connecting Ashland, Richmond, and Petersburg



# Visioning

## Graphic Recording

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**What neighborhood do you live in?**

# Vision

- High-Quality Places
- Equitable Transportation
- Diverse Economy
- Inclusive Housing
- Thriving Environment



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**High-Quality Places: What is most important to you?**

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**Equitable Transportation: What is most important to you?**



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**Diverse Economy: What is most important to you?**

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**Inclusive Housing: What is most important to you?**



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**Thriving Environment: What is most important to you?**

# Opportunities

## Focus Area Breakouts

# Breakout Activity

Please share your responses to OGHB's big questions and report back

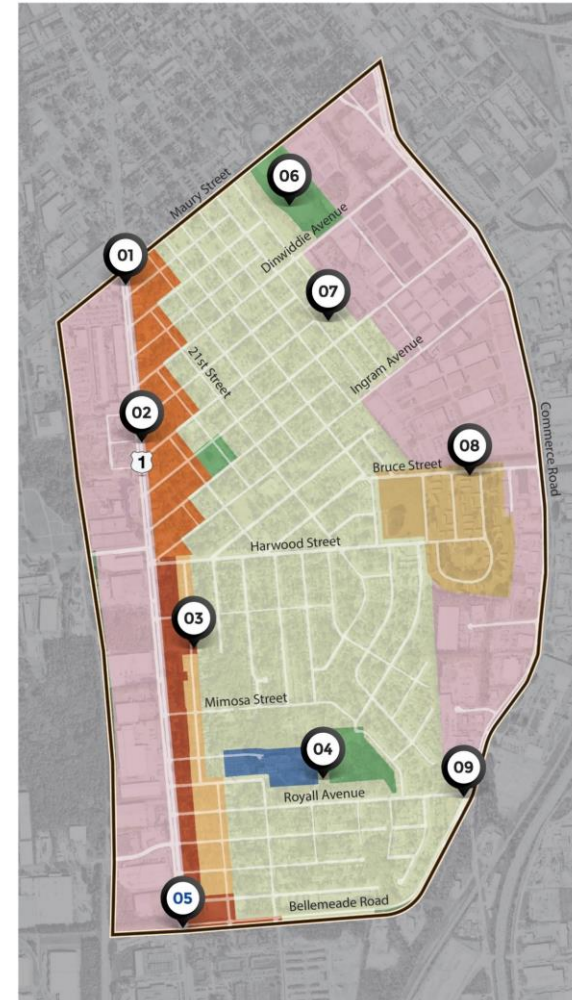
01 What is the most important change that needs to be made at the Rt. 1/ Maury St. intersection?

02 What is missing along the Rt. 1 corridor through the OGHB study area?

03 What types of homes should be provided in the residential transition zone behind Rt. 1?

04 Who or what needs to be better connected to the Bellemeade Community Center and Park and how?

05 What is the most important change that needs to be made at the Rt. 1/ Bellemeade Rd. intersection?



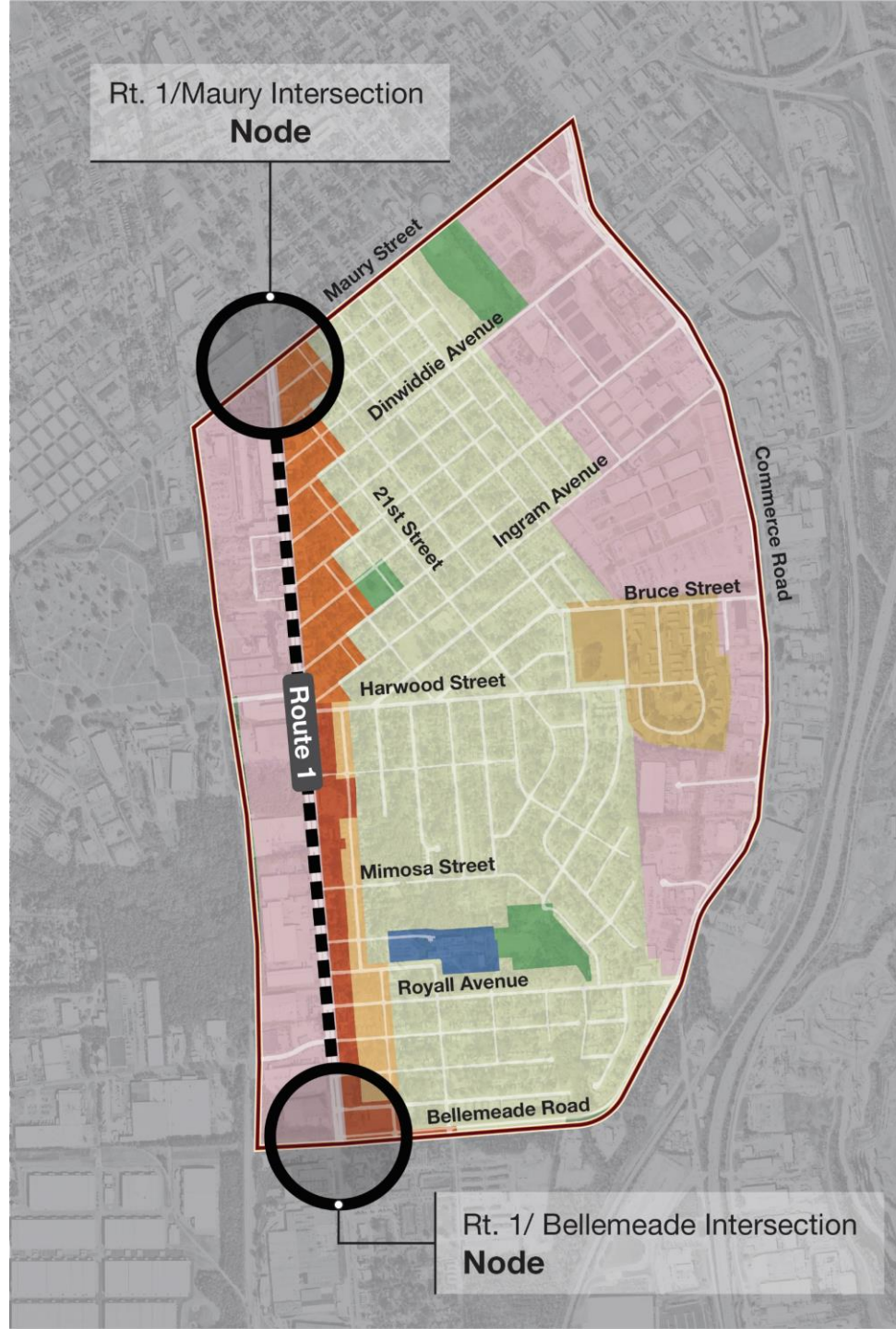
06 Who or what needs to be better connected to Blackwell Park and how?

07 What is the most important change that needs to be made between residential and industrial areas?

08 What publicly accessible amenities and connections are needed in future mixed-use redevelopment areas and the future Hillside Court Redevelopment Site?

09 Where do future connections need to be made between the community and the Fall Line Trail?

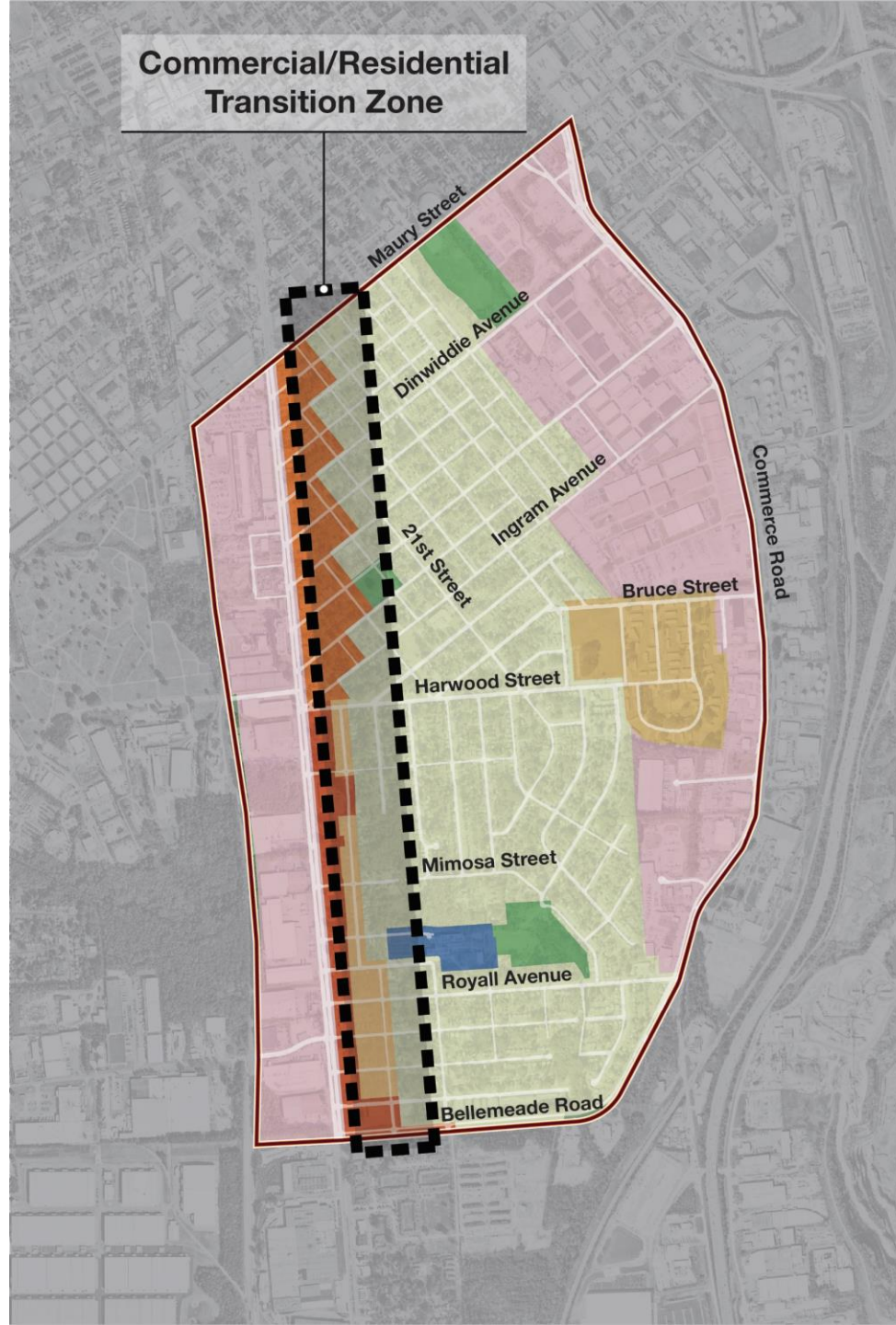
What is the most important change that needs to be made along Route 1?



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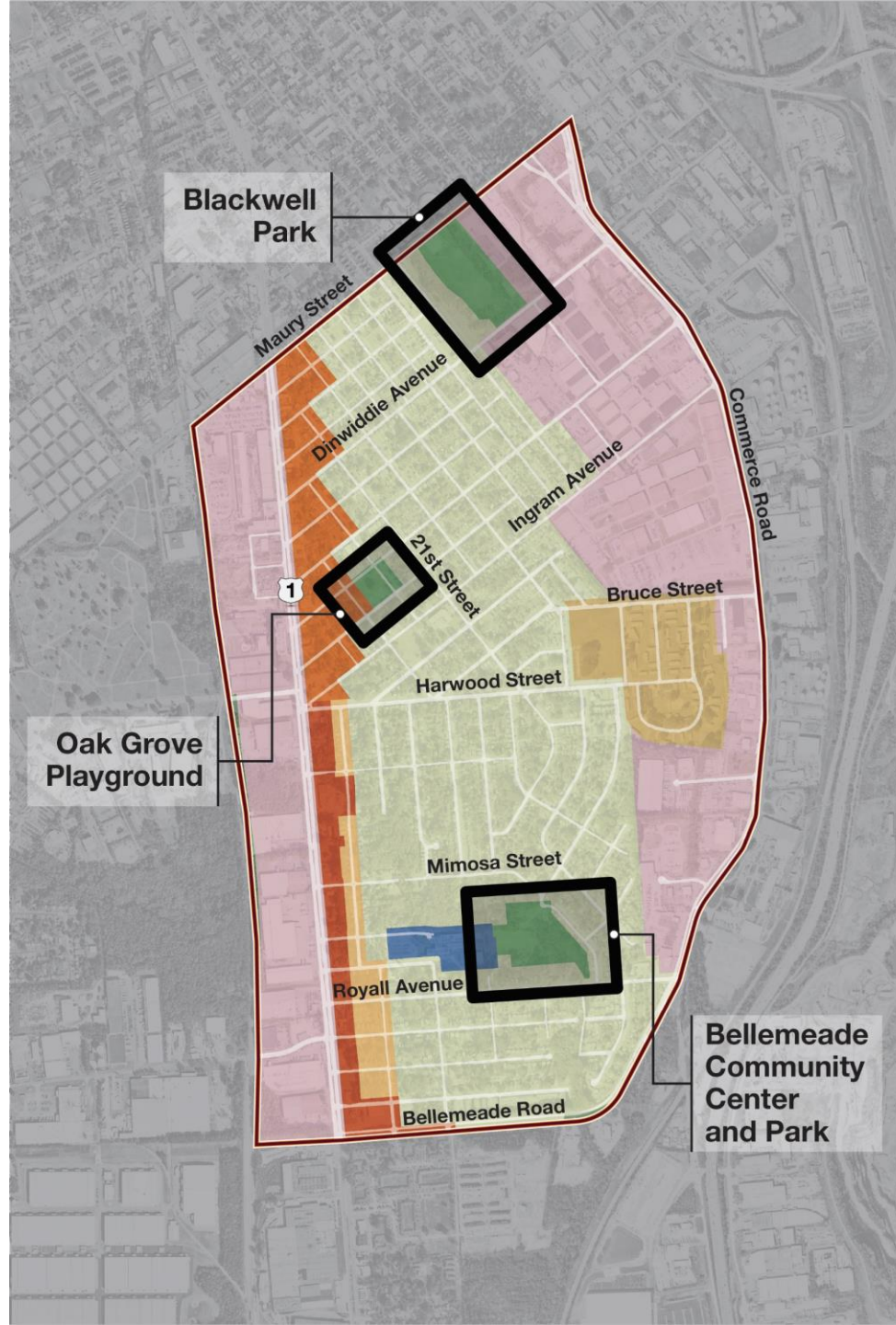
What types of homes should be provided in the residential transition zone behind the Rt. 1 commercial corridor?



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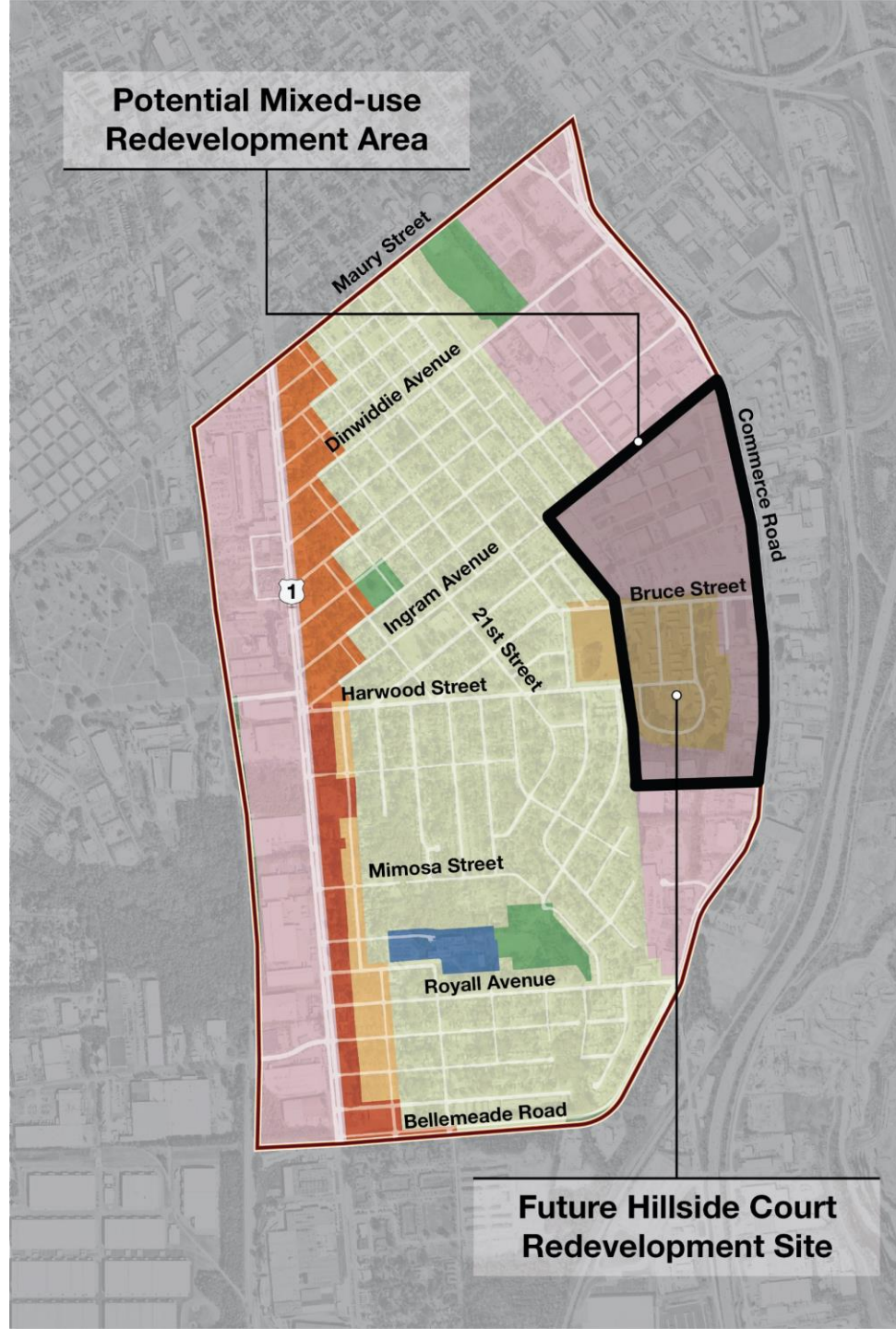
Who or what needs to be better connected to Parks and Community Centers and how?



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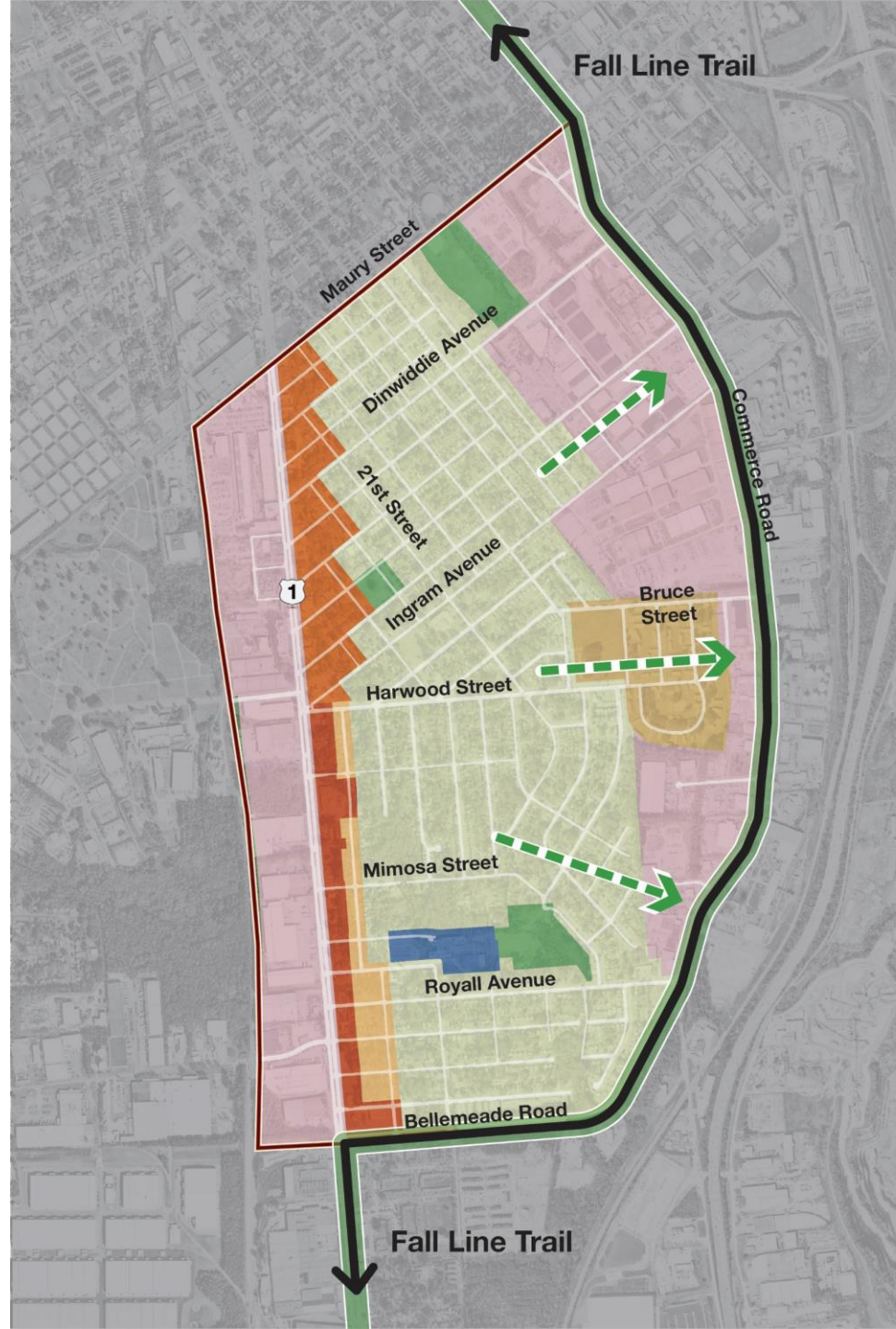


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Where do future Fall Line Trail connections need to be made between the community and Commerce Rd.?



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# Report Back

Share your most exciting ideas!

# Upcoming Design Workshop

Date: May 4, 2024

Location: OGBES

# Design Meeting



Aesthetics | Housing typology | Street & sidewalk layouts | Public spaces | Amenities

# Next Steps

- Complete meeting evaluation form (Today)
- Share and complete the survey (NOW until 4/25)
- Attend the Design Workshop (5/4/2024)
- Visit the website for more information (Anytime)

<https://www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/oghb>

# Thank you!

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# Photos for Poll

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# High-Quality Places

1 Enjoy a meal outside



2 Uplift facades and vacant land



3 Preserve historic buildings



4 Relax in a park with friends



5 Gather with community



6 Support youth activities





# Lugares para mejorar la calidad de vida

**1** Disfrutar de una comida al aire libre



**2** Remodelar fachadas y terrenos disponibles



**3** Preservar edificios históricos



**4** Disfrutar en un parque con amigos



**5** Compartir con la comunidad



**6** Apoyar actividades juveniles



# Equitable Transportation

1 Exercise along a trail



2 Go on a walk at night



3 Bike along commercial street



4 Cross the street safely



5 Save time with transit



6 Take a break in the shade



# Transporte para todos

**1** Practicar ejercicios a lo largo de los senderos



**2** Caminar en la noche



**3** Montar bicicleta por calles comerciales



**4** Cruzar las calles de manera segura



**5** Ahorrar tiempo usando el transporte público



**6** Tomar un descanso a la sombra



# Diverse Economy

**1** Gain high-demand job skills



**2** Buy goods or services



**3** Start a new business



**4** Go to an entertainment area



**5** Activate public spaces



**6** Participate in lifelong learning



# Diversidad económica

**1** Adquirir habilidades laborales de alta demanda



**2** Comprar productos y servicios



**3** Crear nuevos negocios



**4** Disfrutar de las áreas de entretenimiento



**5** Revitalizar espacios públicos



**6** Participar en actividades de crecimiento personal



# Inclusive Housing

1 Enjoy a communal plaza



2 Find nearby childcare



3 Buy a first home



4 Live with extended family



5 Find suitable multifamily home



6 Walk to a nearby store



# Comunidades integradoras

**1** Disfrutar de las áreas comunitarias



**2** Acceder a guarderías cercanas



**3** Comprar la primera casa



**4** Vivir en familia



**5** Encontrar una casa multifamiliar adecuada



**6** Caminar al mercado más cercano



# Thriving Environment

## 1 Install continuous tree canopy



## 2 Tend to a community garden



## 3 Connect to nature



## 4 Work out at a gym



## 5 Conserve energy



## 6 Cleanup debris and litter





# Entorno próspero

## 1 Sembrar árboles que proporcionen áreas de sombra



## 2 Cuidar un huerto comunitario



## 3 Conectar con la naturaleza



## 4 Hacer ejercicios en un gimnasio



## 5 Conservar energía



## 6 Mantener limpia la comunidad

