



Virginia School for the Deaf & Blind

Project Update

Hampton City Council
Feb 12, 2025

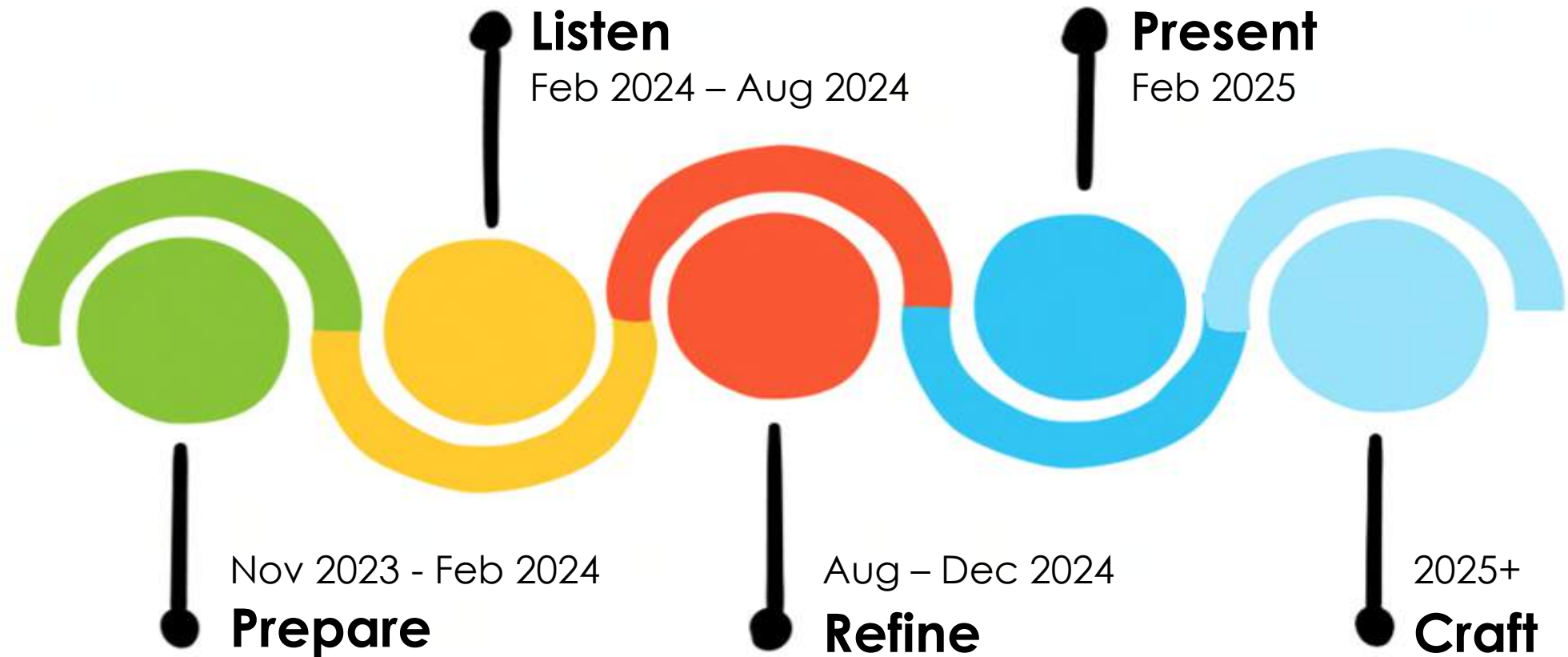


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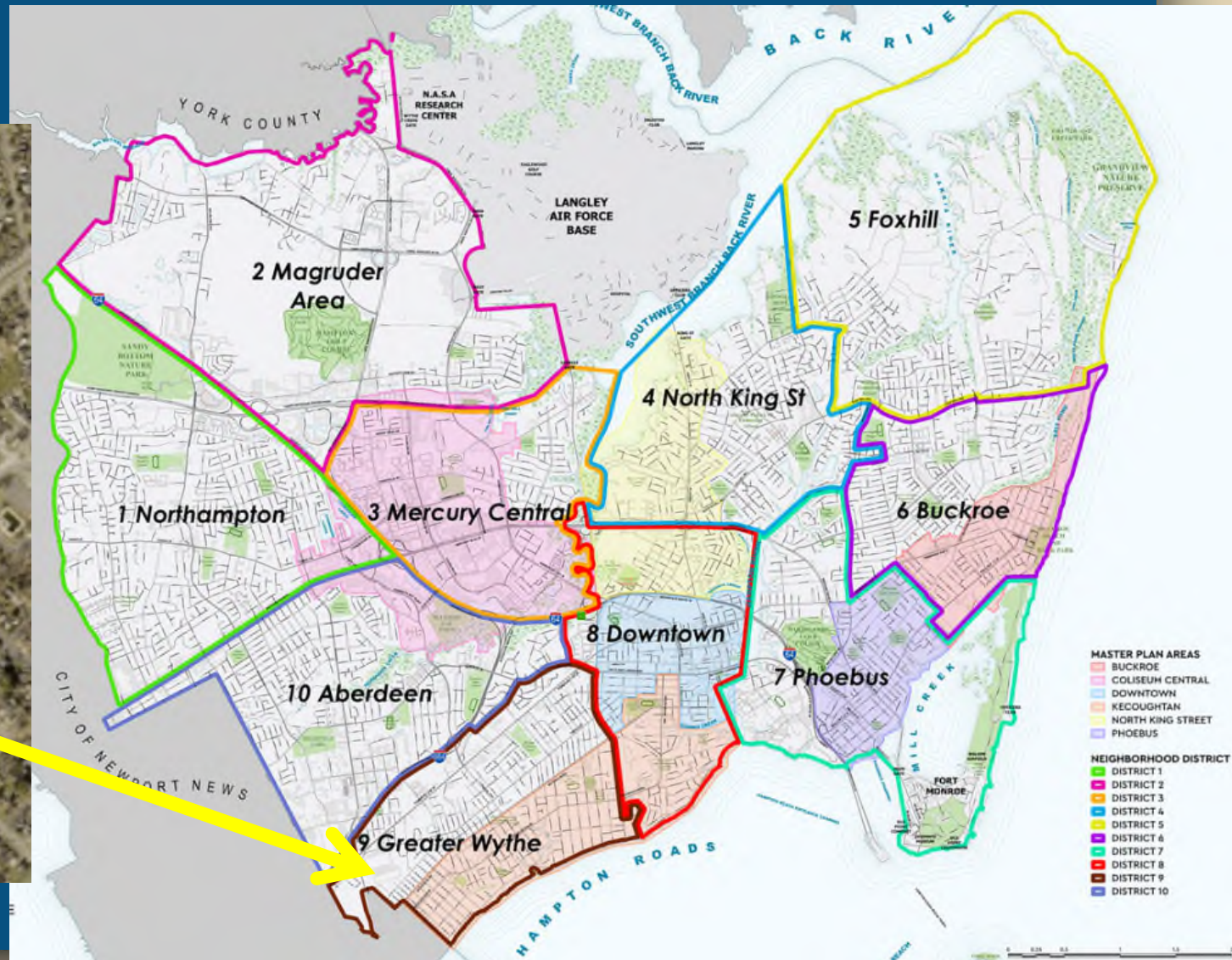
- 2024 VA School for Deaf & Blind Overview
- Review Community Insights & Results
- Provide Short-, Mid- and Long-Term Plans

Process Overview



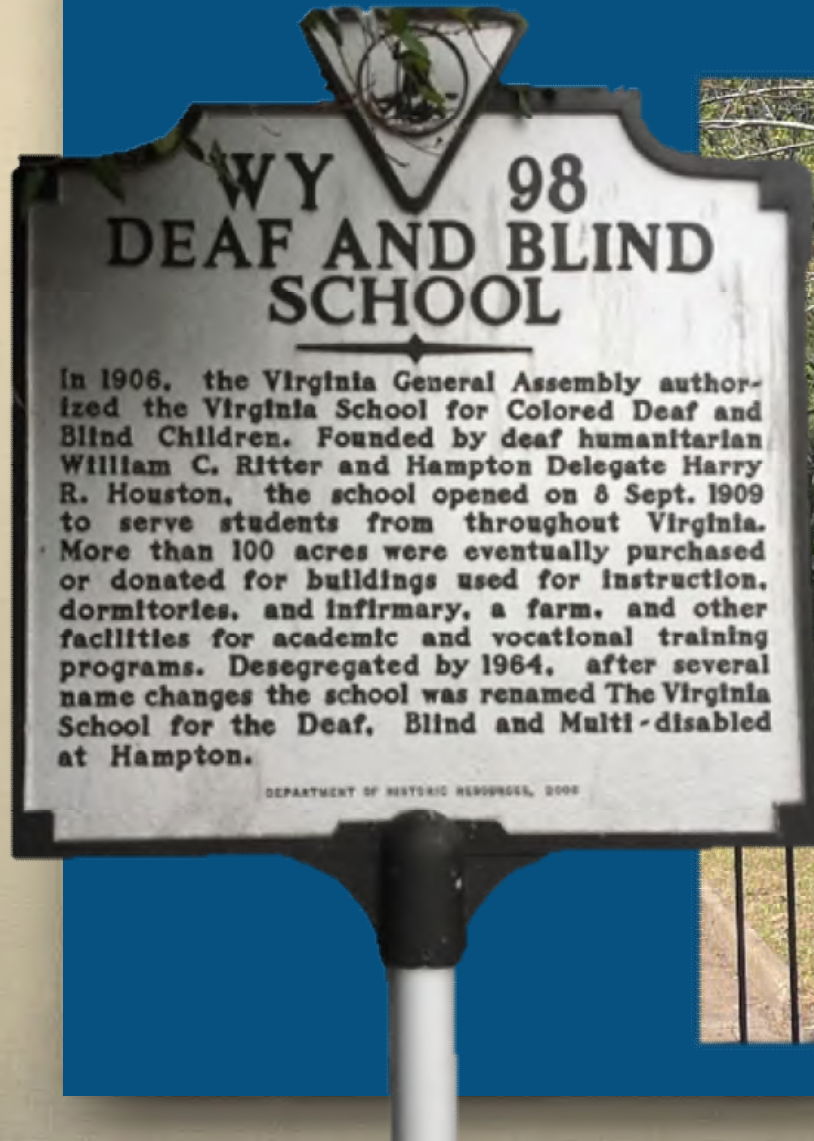
Prepare

(Nov 2023 to Feb 2024)



Prepare to Engage

(November 2023 to February 2024)



Listen to Understand

(February 2024 to August 2024)



Community Conversations

February 2024 | Boys & Girls Club

April 2024 | VSS Pine Grove Site

Community Walks

May 2024 | Gloucester Street

August 2024 | Greenbriar & Shell Road

Online Survey

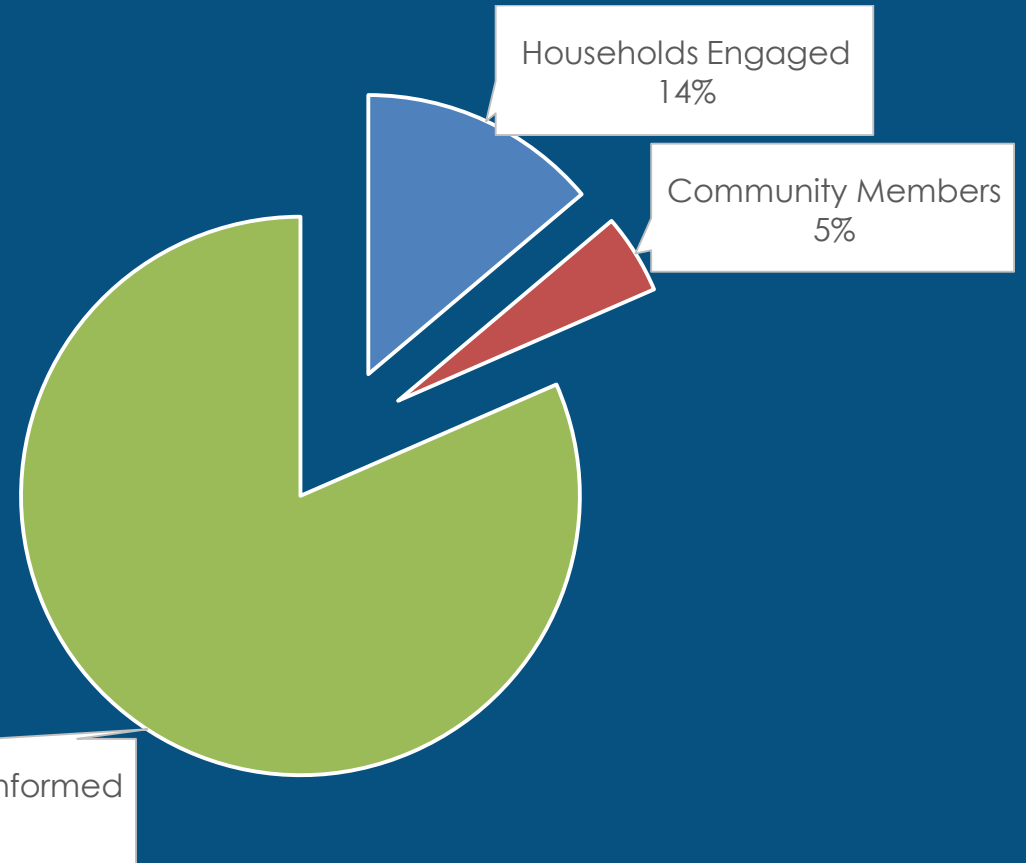
February - August 2024

Results

(August 2024)

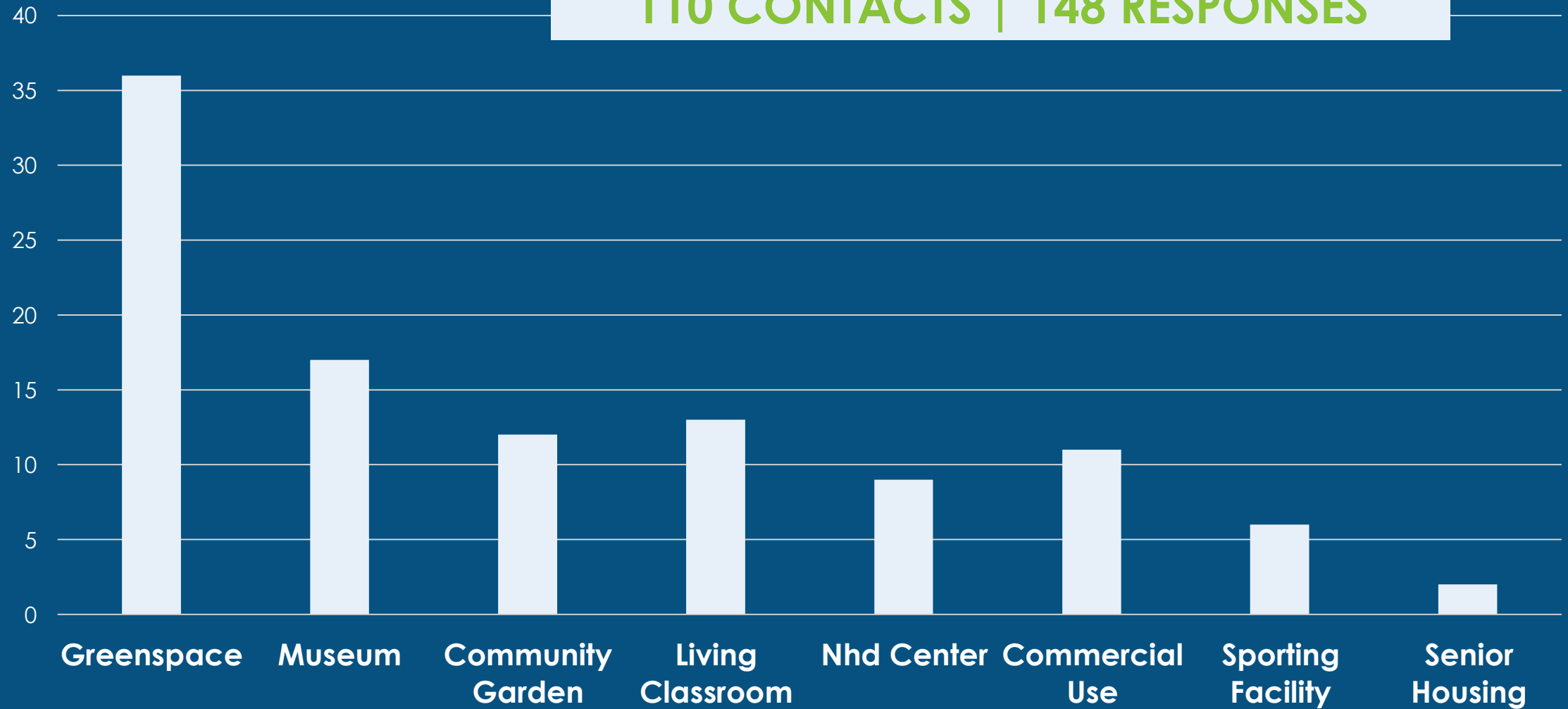


647 HOMES | 110 CONTACTS



Results cont. (August 2024)

110 CONTACTS | 148 RESPONSES



Results

(August 2024)

PROJECT AREA

- Greenspace/Park/Trail
- Museum
- Community Garden
- Living Classroom/Education
- Building/Community Center
- Commercial Use/ Amenities
- Senior/Affordable Housing
- Sporting Facility

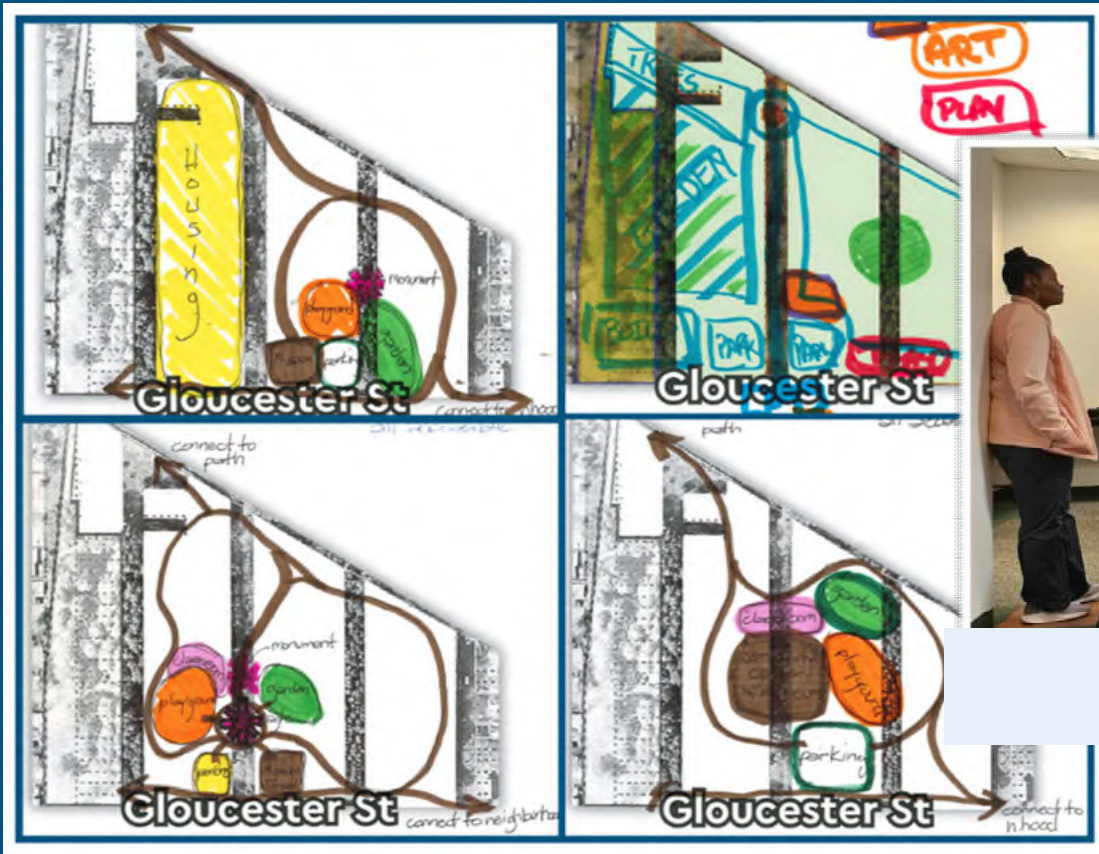
NEIGHBORHOOD

- Public Infrastructure
 - Drainage/ Stormwater
 - Safer Roads
 - Sidewalks
 - Lighting Improvements
- Public Safety

110 Contacts, 148 Responses

Refining Community Ideas

(September 2024 – November 2024)



ADVISORY GROUP

Refine

(November 2024)

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155 Contacts

Values

(November 2024)



1. Honor the *Virginia School for Colored Deaf and Blind Children's* Legacy
2. Safety
3. Region Attraction
4. Resilient Building Standards
5. Funding Allocation

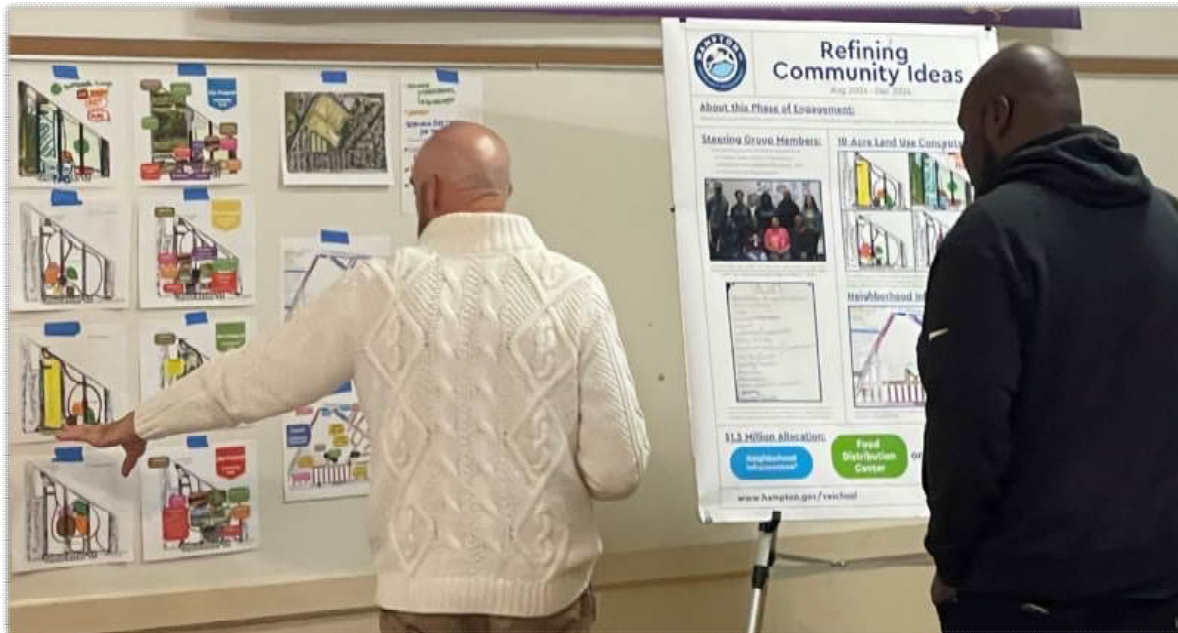
Recommendations

SHORT-TERM

- History
 - Lived History Project
 - Hampton History Museum Panels
- Infrastructure
 - Improve lighting and streetscape
 - Extend sidewalk along Gloucester Street and Greenbriar Avenue
- Maximize the \$1.5 million by applying for additional grant funding opportunities



Recommendations



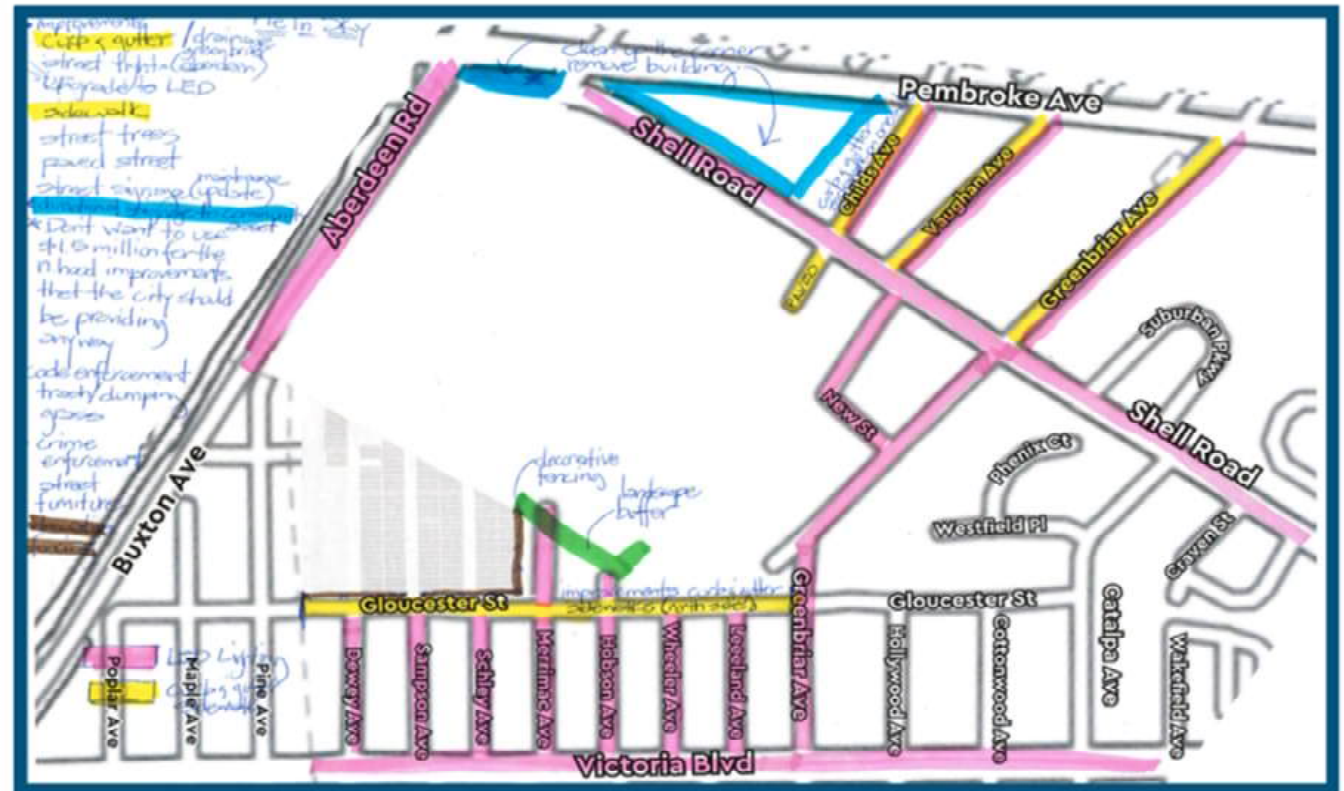
MID-TERM

- Secure additional funding
- VSS Park Plan
 - Historic multi-purpose trail
 - All accessible playground
 - Community garden/ food forest
 - Outdoor/living classroom
 - Partnerships

Recommendations

LONG TERM

- VSS Park Plan
 - Neighborhood Center/Museum
 - Ongoing staffing
- W Shell & Greenbriar Ave Small Area Plan
 - Placemaking
 - Streetscape enhancements
 - Traffic calming measures
 - Address narrow roads/deep ditches
 - Maintenance schedules



Next Steps

- Apply for grants, using the \$1.5 million as a source to match funds, if necessary.
- Unveiling the *Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind's* History
 - Date: **Saturday, March 1st**
 - Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 - Location: Hampton History Museum, 120 Old Hampton Lane Hampton, VA
- Lighting Improvements (estimated completion date: **March 31, 2025**)
- Community Development collaborates with Parks & Rec, Econ Dev and Public Works to begin crafting a comprehensive future development plan(s).
- Maintain ongoing engagement to ensure the project evolves with community needs.



Thank you!

*Virginia State School Hampton Alumni
Association, Faculty & Staff*

Greenbriar/West Shell Community

