

INTRODUCED: March 13, 2017

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R016

To designate certain parcels of City property or portions thereof as City property that may be made available for annual use as community garden sites for periods not to exceed one year at a time.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 27 2017 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 8-396 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, the City Council, upon the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, may, by resolution, designate parcels of City property that may be used as community gardens in accordance with Chapter 8, Article VIII, Division 5 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Administrative Officer has recommended that fourteen additional parcels of City property or portions thereof be designated as City property that may be made available for annual use as community garden sites for periods not to exceed one year at a time;

NOW, THEREFORE,

AYES:            9            NOES:            0            ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:    MAR 27 2017    REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That, pursuant to section 8-396 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, the City Council hereby designates the following parcels of City property or portions thereof, identified with hatching on the corresponding maps attached to this resolution, as City property that may be made available for annual use as community garden sites for periods not to exceed one year at a time:

<i>Council District</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Tax Parcel No.</i>	<i>Square Footage</i>	<i>Attached Map</i>
1 <sup>st</sup>	414 North Thompson Street	W000-1657/004	9,192.57	“Humphrey Calder CG-414 N Thompson St”
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1420 St. Peter Street	N000-0251/017	20,365.397	“1420 St Peter Street”
5 <sup>th</sup>	1907 Texas Avenue	W000-0700/025	4,000.00	“Texas Beach Community Garden-1907 Texas Avenue”
7 <sup>th</sup>	3000 East Grace Street	E000-0636/011	14,400.00	“Chimborazo Playground Community Garden, 3000 E. Grace Street”
7 <sup>th</sup>	1201 ½ North 38 <sup>th</sup> Street	E000-1551/013	3,994.441	“1201 ½ N 38 <sup>th</sup> & R St.”
7 <sup>th</sup>	5051 Northampton Street	E000-2031/002	5,000.00	“Powhatan Hill Park Community Garden”
9 <sup>th</sup>	201 Covington Road	C005-1045/020	13,778.00	“201-313 Covington Road”
9 <sup>th</sup>	209 Covington Road	C005-1045/022	16,000.00	“201-313 Covington Road”
9 <sup>th</sup>	301 Covington Road	C005-1045/024	16,000.00	“201-313 Covington Road”
9 <sup>th</sup>	307 Covington Road	C005-1045/026	16,000.00	“201-313 Covington Road”
9 <sup>th</sup>	313 Covington Road	C005-1045/028	16,000.00	“201-313 Covington Road”
9 <sup>th</sup>	6033 Glenway Drive	C005-0613/080	70,323.00	“6033 Glenway Drive”

9 <sup>th</sup>	4857 Warwick Road	C008-0224/004	62,337.60	“4857 & 4865 Warwick Road”
9 <sup>th</sup>	4865 Warwick Road	C008-0224/002	49,222.80	“4857 & 4865 Warwick Road”

This resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE



4-6073

O&R REQUEST

DATE: January 2, 2017

EDITION: 1

JAN 26 2017

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Lenora Reid, DCAO for Finance

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Debra D. Gardner, Deputy CAO for Human Services

FROM: Deborah Morton, Interim Director of Parks Recreation & Community Facilities

RE: City Properties Proposed for Potential Use as Community Gardens

ORD. OR RES. No. \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE: To add, by Resolution, new garden properties identified and approved by the Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, to the previously approved list of active community gardens approved by Resolution 2011-R20-37 on March 28, 2011.

REASON: Community Gardens build and strengthen neighborhoods, provide health and economic benefits, increase social equity and promote environmental stewardship. Community gardens can also provide environmental benefits including managing storm water runoff by capturing and filtering water in the urban environment.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration.

BACKGROUND Under the leadership of Mayor Dwight C. Jones, the City Administration developed and approved by Ordinance 2011-50-45 on March 28, 2011 a Community Garden Program in the City of Richmond. This program was designed to promote urban agriculture throughout the city.

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Office of the Chief Administrative Officer RECEIVED JAN 26 2017

Budget & Strategic Planning

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** The Code of the City of Richmond Code Section 26-496 states the City will charge an initial \$50 application fee and a \$25 annual fee per parcel to off-set the costs to process the application and issue the permit.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** This resolution is beneficial as it will enable vacant and underutilized city-owned parcels to be developed into productive gardens that will be maintained by the community providing excellent leisure experiences, in addition to lowering the City's operational and maintenance costs for the parcels.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** None

**REVENUE TO CITY:** None

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** February 13, 2017

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** February 27, 2017

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Land Use, Housing and Transportation

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** None

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** Resolution No. 2011-R20-37

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Attachment A – Resolution 2011-R20-37  
Attachment B – Proposed Community Gardens  
Attachment C – Aerial Maps of Proposed Community Gardens

**STAFF:** Deborah Morton, Interim Director  
Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, 646-5733

**Proposed sites to add to the City of Richmond - Richmond Grows Gardens Program**

*Council District 3 – Chris Hilbert*

**\*\*1420 St Peter Street** Parcel ID: N0000-251-017 – **This site is owned by DPR** in Gilpin Court. (Calhoun Recreation Center) So far we've had limited success trying to establish a garden in RRHA communities so this is an excellent option. The back of the site where it's wooded does contain fill and dump material. Site will be tested for lead and directly farmed. For aesthetic reasons and to delineate beds for each family involved, we recommend raised beds. Gilpin Court Tenant Council has signed a letter of support for the Northside Safety Initiative that includes a community garden for civic engagement (St. Peter's property). The Northside Safety Initiative is comprised of a collection of individuals and organizations, VCU Engage Richmond, LISC, RRHA, the police department, Economic Development and Storefront for Community Design.  
Parcel Sq. Ft.: 55034.81 Acreage:1.263 **(DPR property)**

The garden group is organized and already working at the site based on a previous agreement. They are taking over Renew Richmond's previous agreement.

*Council District 5 – Parker Agelasto*

**\*\*1907 Texas Avenue** (Texas Beach next to proposed skate park) DPR has been working with the neighborhood association for a year to develop the site for a playground, community garden and skate park with funding from neighborhood businesses and associations. Site will be tested for lead and directly farmed. However, for aesthetic reasons and to delineate beds for each family that is involved, our recommendation is that this site require raised beds. No current water supply (tanks). Maymont Civic Association has approved the site in a letter of support.  
Recommended site 80x50 ft. (4,000 Sq. Ft.) **(DPR property)**

*Council District 7 – Cynthia Newbille*

**\*\*5051 Northampton Street** – Powhatan Recreation Center playground/athletic field – The garden site is adjacent to the baseball diamond. The nonprofit organization Committed2Serve has been working the site since Renew Richmond bowed out. They intend on including the children at the recreation center in the project; teaching gardening skills.  
50ft x 100 ft. site 5,000 Sq. Ft. **(DPR property)**

**\*\*1201 1/2 N 38th Street** – Councilwoman Newbille has suggested this site as a possible location. Hydrant on site. Because of the age of the neighborhood, raised beds will be required. 45ft x 140 ft. 6,300 Sq. Ft. **(DPR property)**

*Council District 9 – Michael Jones*

**\*\*201-313 Covington Road** – This site was researched and submitted to the Food Policy Task Force Coordinator as a possible urban farm site. A local consulting firm has completed a preliminary plan for the urban farm. Direct farming would be permissible depending upon lead and arsenic tests results. This location would need a water source.  
Parcel Sq. Ft. 72,400 Acreage: 1.66 **(DPR property)**

**\*\*6033 Glenway Road** – This parcel is completely surrounded by neighbors’ backyards. Initial query as to whether the neighborhood would be in support and willing to participate in a community garden was positively received. Lead testing is recommended by the Brownfield Specialist. Excellent urban farm potential.  
Parcel Sq. Ft.: 70,323 Acreage: 1.614 **(DPR property)**

**\*\*4847 Warwick Road** – Broad Rock Park – The site is fenced. There is a great deal of interest from the Latino community to start a community garden at Broad Rock Park. Excellent commercial urban farming site as well. The groups that participate in the farmers market and some individuals from the Broad Rock library would be interested in farming the site. This site appears to have had houses on it at one point and is very wet. In an area that is considered a food desert. Soil testing is recommended as well as raised beds.  
Parcel Sq. Ft.: 111,559 Acreage: 2.6 **(DPR property)**

***Existing Gardens for inclusion in the Richmond Grows Gardens program***

**\*\*3000 E Grace Street – Chimborazo Community Garden** – This site is an established garden. Tricycle Gardens has asked that we assume responsibility for two of their community gardens on city park properties because they are no longer in the business of creating community gardens. They are focusing their efforts on food production for their outreach to food desert communities.  
Parcel Sq. Ft.: 11,900 Acreage: 0.27 **(DPR property)**

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**\*\*414 N Thompson Street – Humphrey Calder Community Garden** – This site is an established garden. Tricycle Gardens has asked that we assume responsibility for this garden on this park property as well. Garden coordinator Kelly Davis is in full support of moving the garden into the Richmond Grows Gardens program. Vast improvements have been made and the garden is currently the standard by which all gardens should be measured. Tricycle Gardens will have to pay annual permit fees and acquire liability insurance that is required for all community gardens in the program.  
Parcel Sq. Ft.: 15,000 Acreage: 0.35 **(DPR property)**

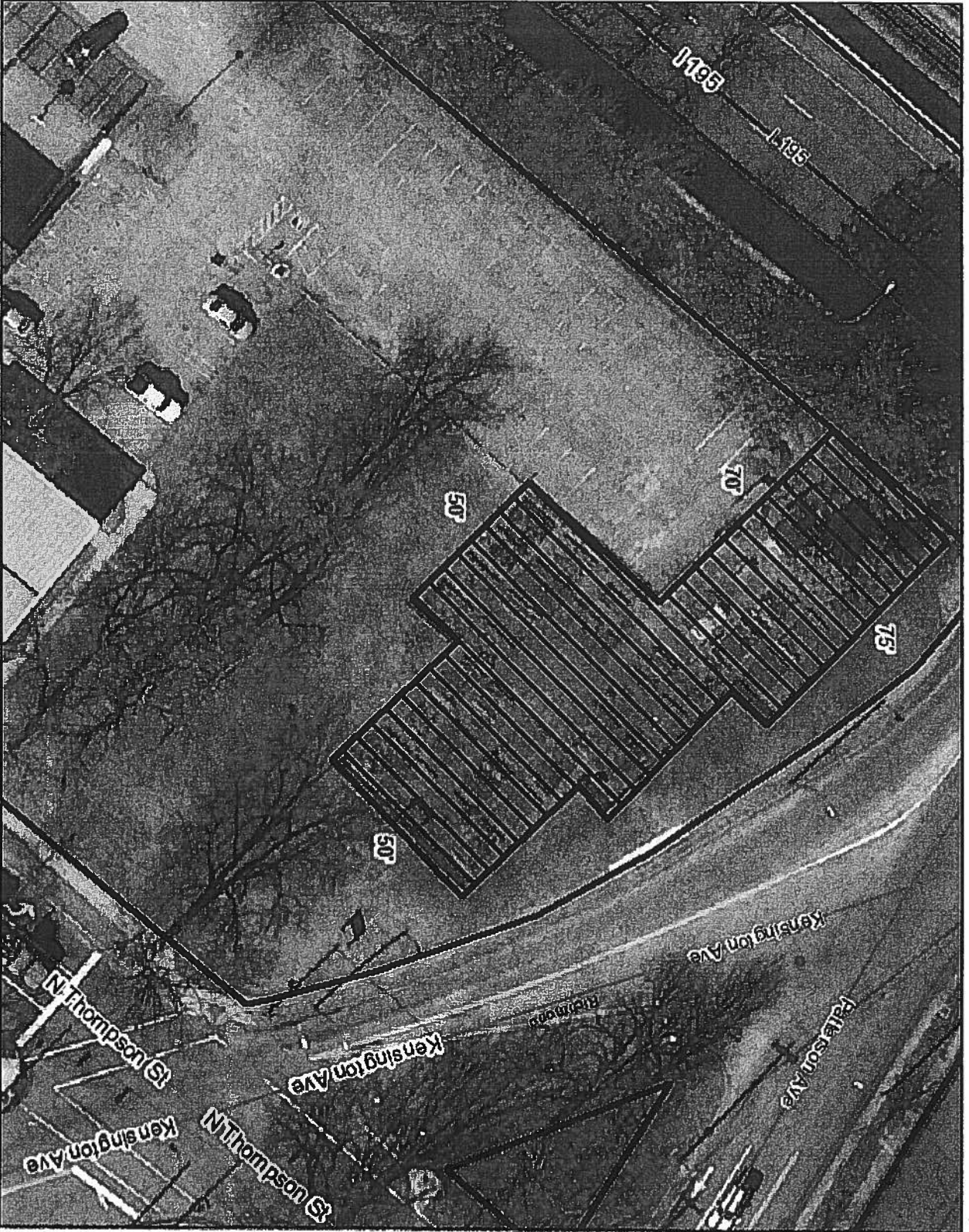
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# Humphrey Calder CG - 414 N Thompson St

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# 1420 St Peter Street

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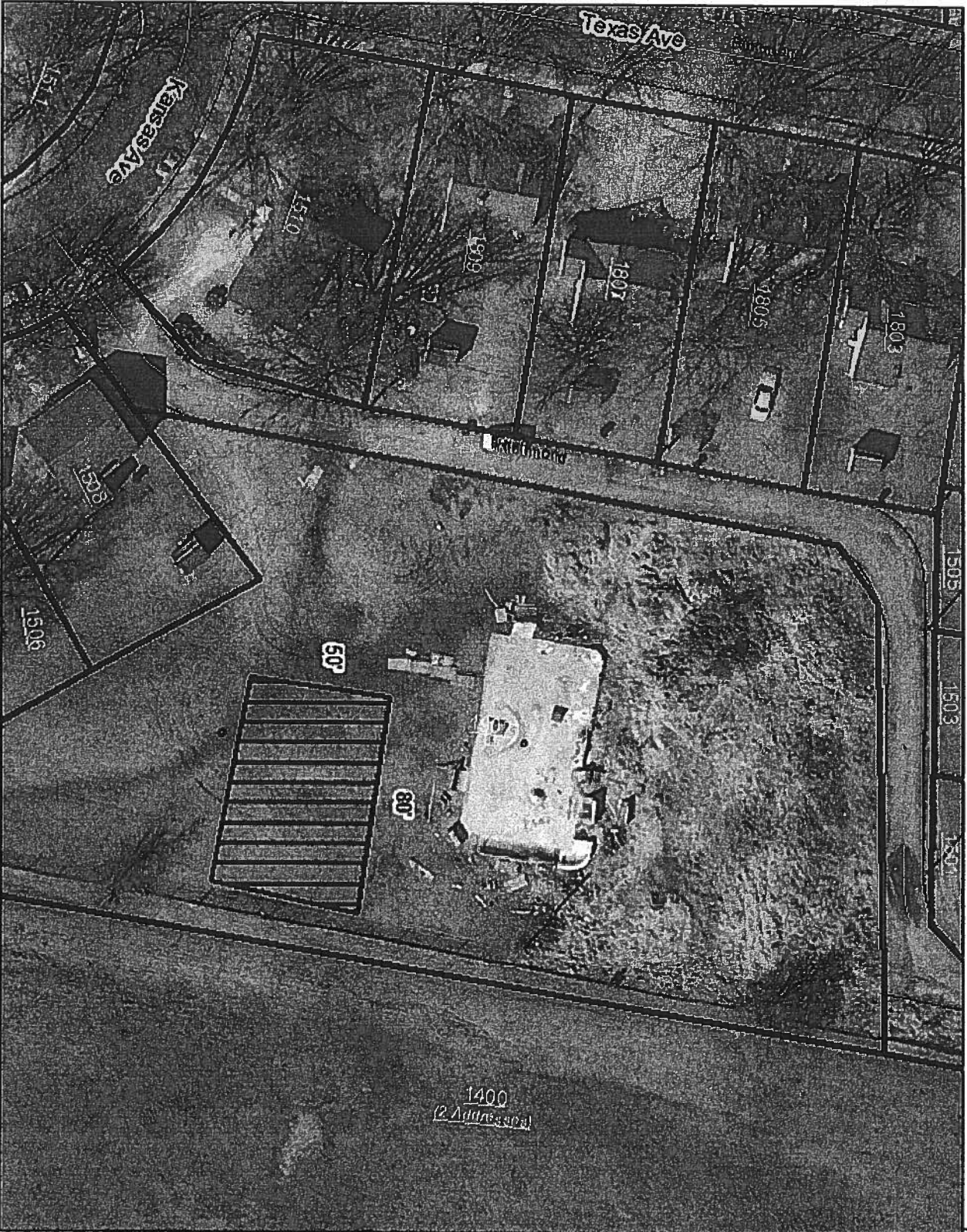
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# Texas Beach Community Garden - 1907 Texas Avenue

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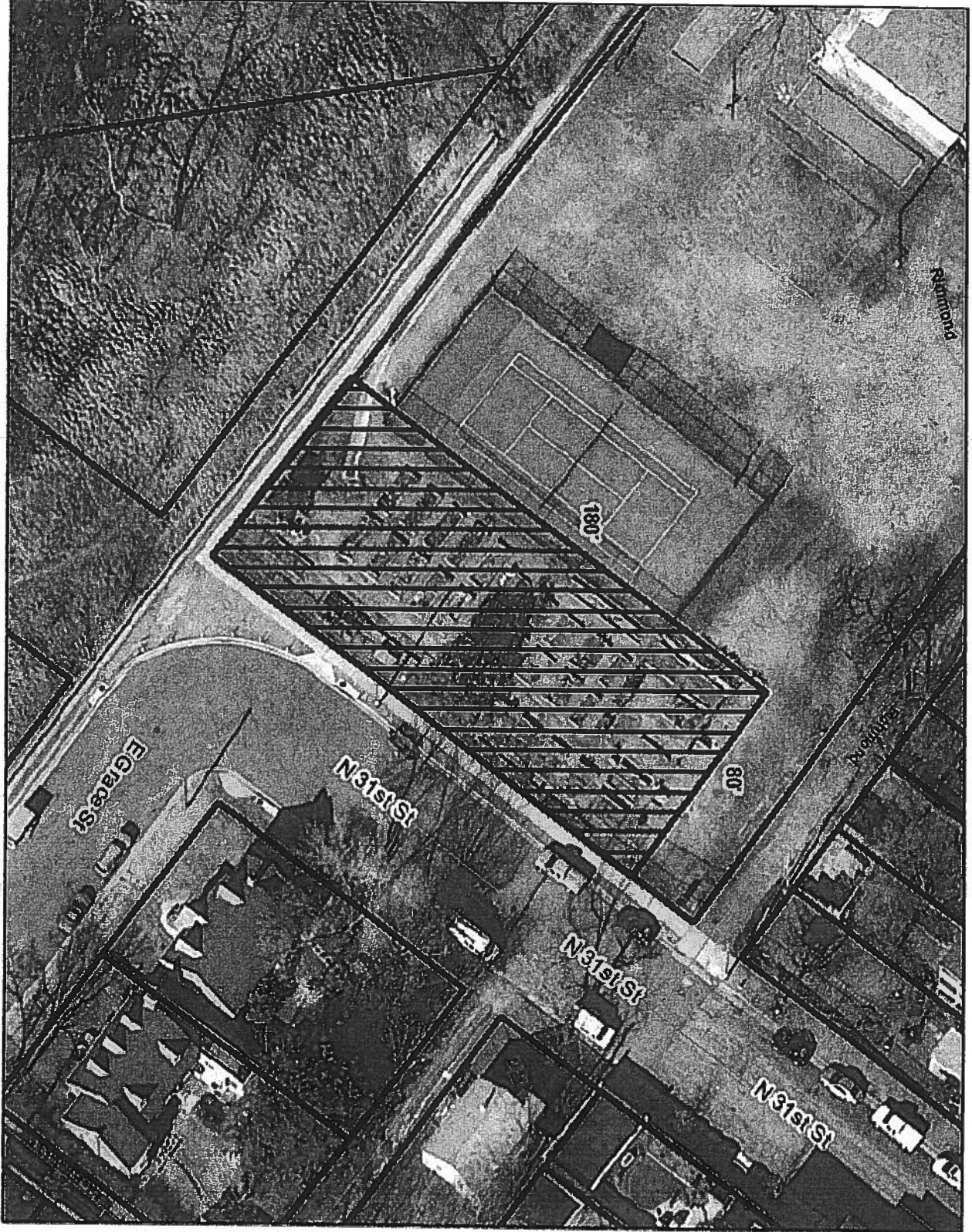


# Chimborazo Playground Community Garden, 3000 E. Grace Street

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# 1201 1/2 N 38th St - 38th & R St.

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# Powhatan Hill Park Community Garden

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# 201-313 Covington Road

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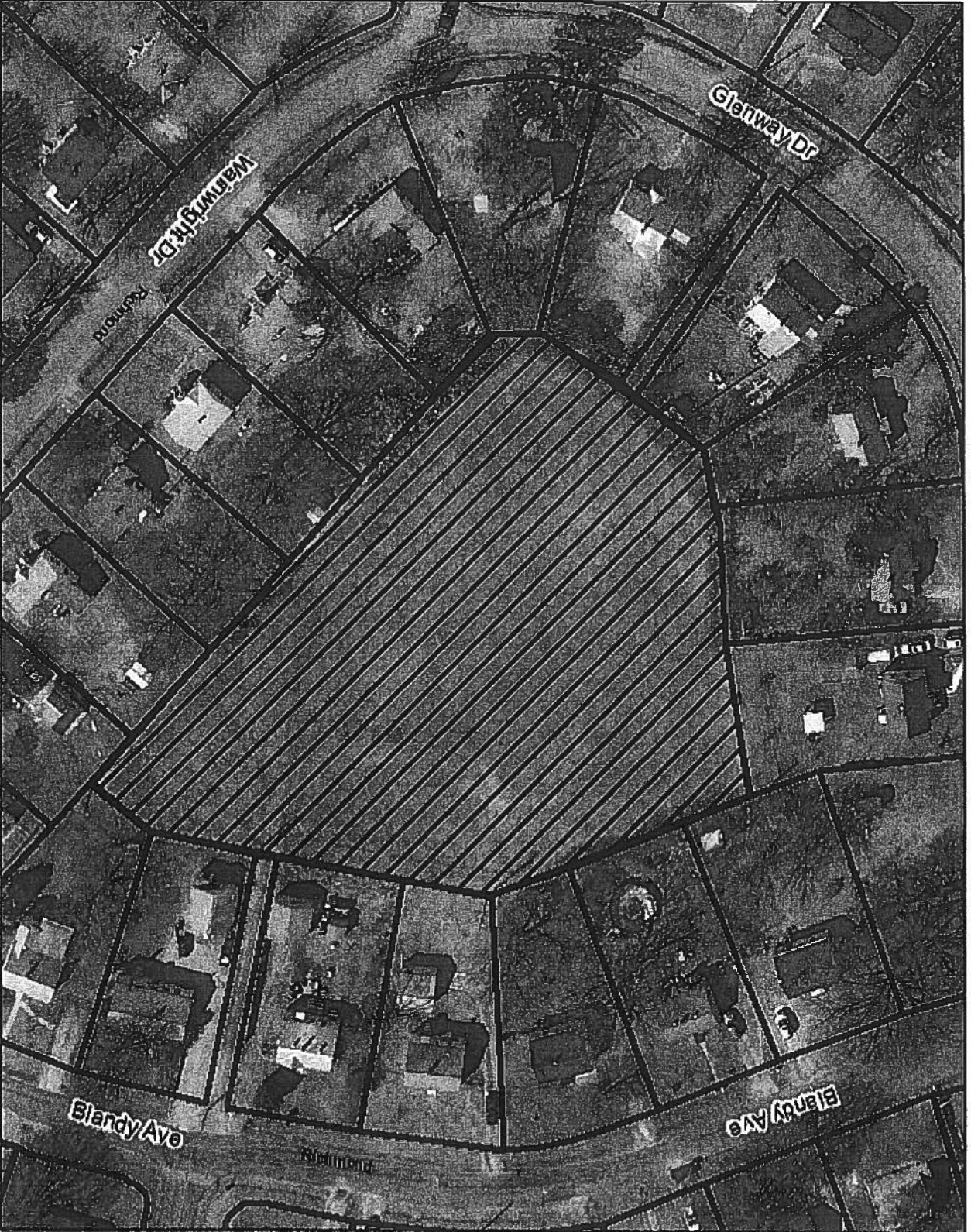


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# 4857 & 4865 Warwick Road

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