

Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth

Annual Progress Report
2025



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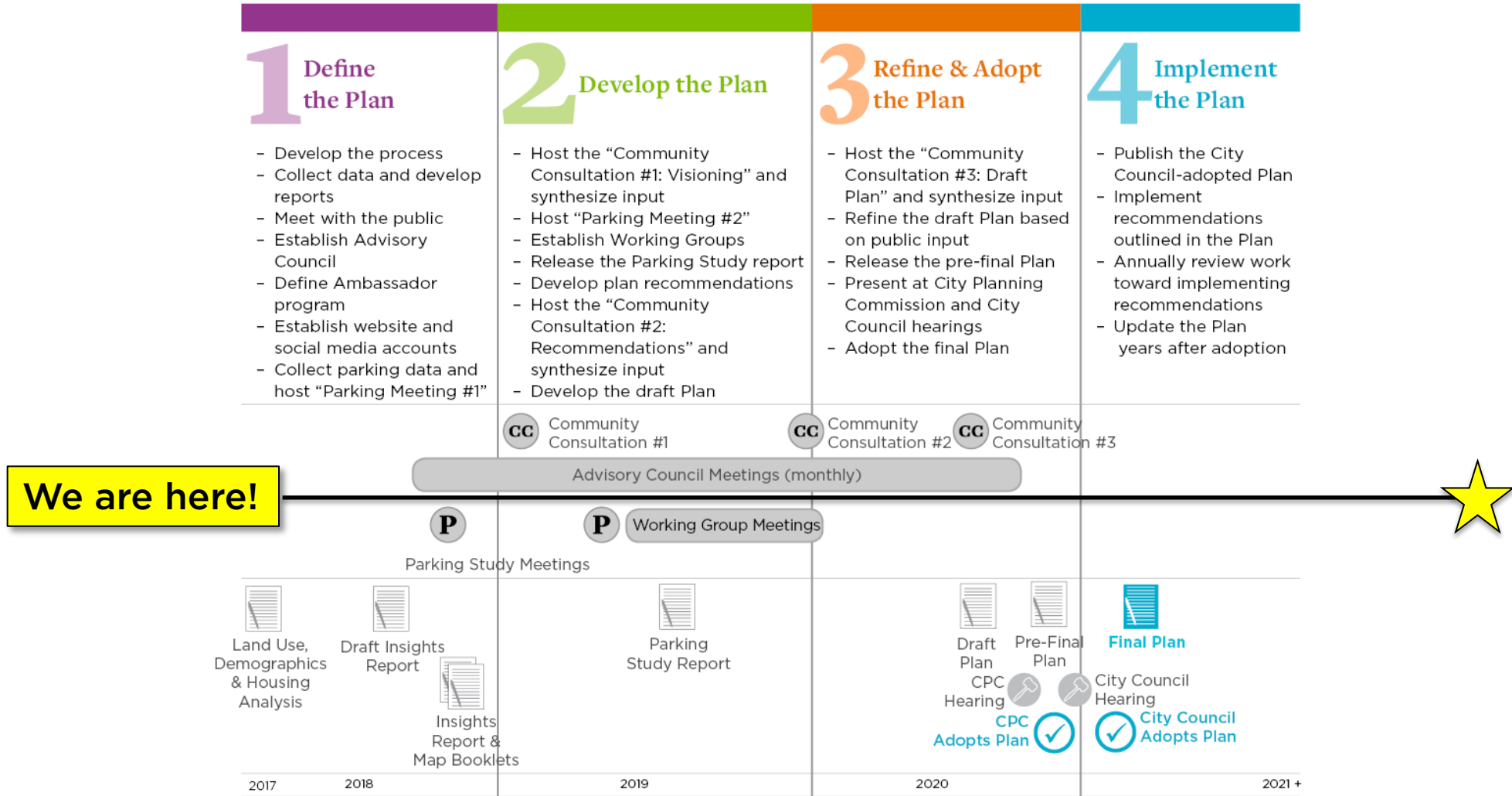


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Process



Engagement in 2024

Hosted/attended **51 community meetings** reaching approximately **1,585 Richmonders** from January to December 2024.

- Oak Grove Hillside Bellemeade Community Plan
- Jackson Ward - 2nd Street
- Diamond District
- Code Refresh
- Six Points



Vision

In 2037, Richmond
is a welcoming, inclusive, diverse,
innovative, sustainable, and equitable
city of thriving neighborhoods;
ensuring a high quality of life for all.

1 City-Wide Vision



4 Maps
to guide Richmond's growth

Nodes Map

Depicts the places where people and jobs are located and the convergence of many uses and multiple modes of transportation.

Priority Neighborhoods Map

Depicts public housing communities that are primary focuses for City and RRHA investment

Future Land Use Map

Depicts how an area should look and feel in the future; not necessarily what the area is like today.

Future Connections Map

Depicts infrastructure improvements needed to support the envisioned development pattern.

5 Topic Visions
with goals, objectives, and strategies



HIGH-QUALITY
PLACES



EQUITABLE
TRANSPORTATION



DIVERSE
ECONOMY



INCLUSIVE
HOUSING

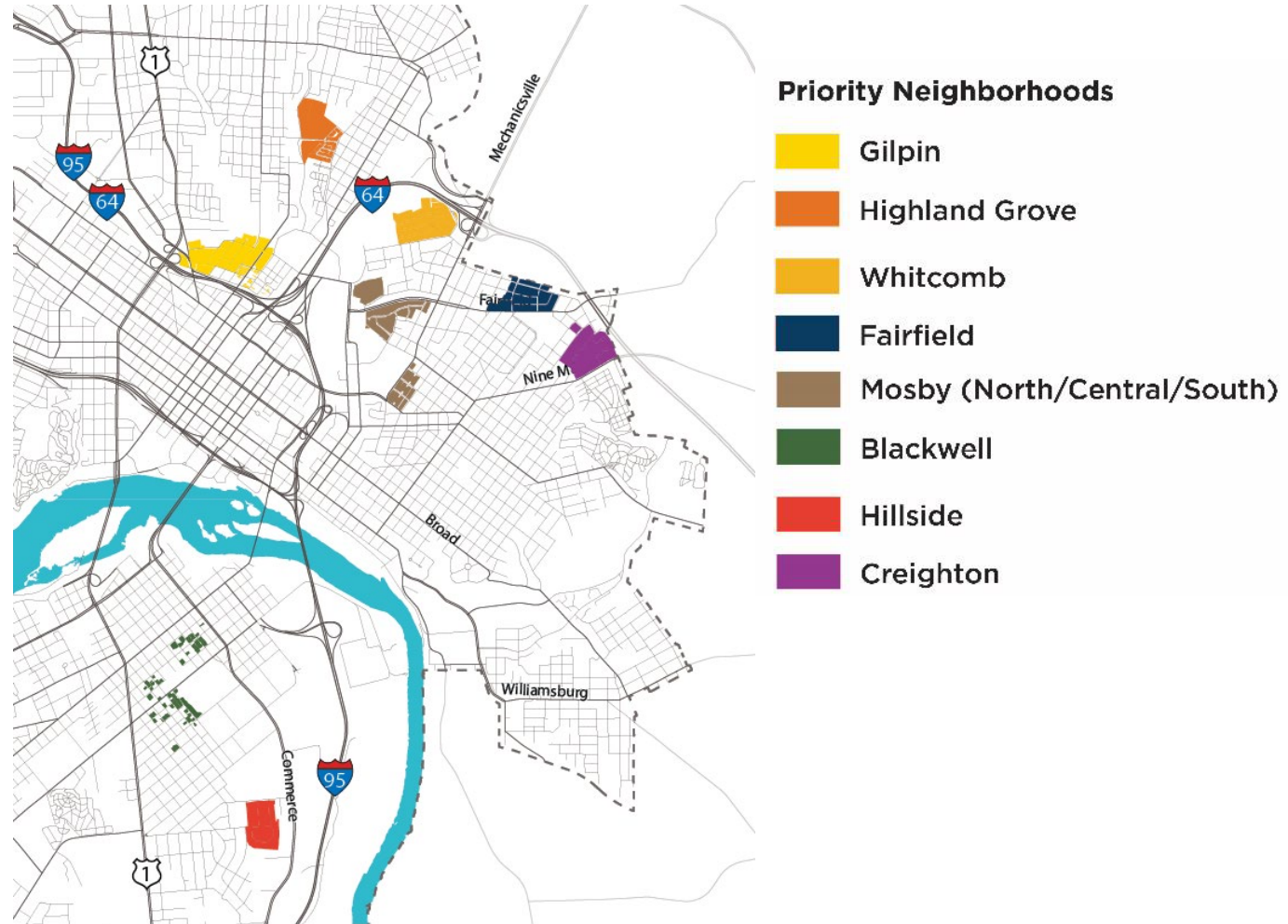


THRIVING
ENVIRONMENT

Priority Neighborhoods

Priority Neighborhoods are a primary focus of investment for the City and RRHA with shared characteristics:

1. Large public housing developments and/or
2. Land owned or recently transferred by RRHA



Future land use designations are visionary and include language about how the area should look and feel in the future, but do not specify what an owner can or cannot legally do with their property.



Future Connections

The Future Connections provide equitable access to and among Nodes.

- Great Streets
- Street Typologies
- Bike Facilities
- Greenways
- Enhanced Transit
- Street Grids
- Bridges
- Interchanges

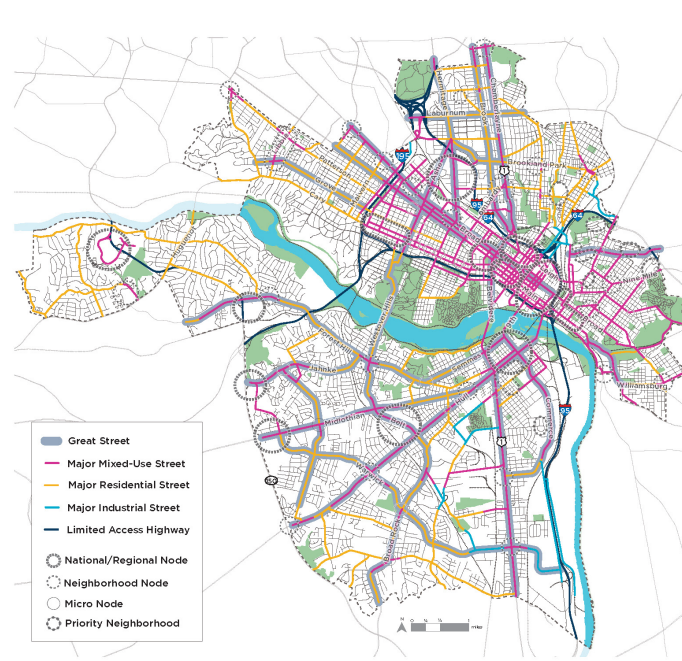


FIGURE 15 // Great Streets and Street Typologies Map

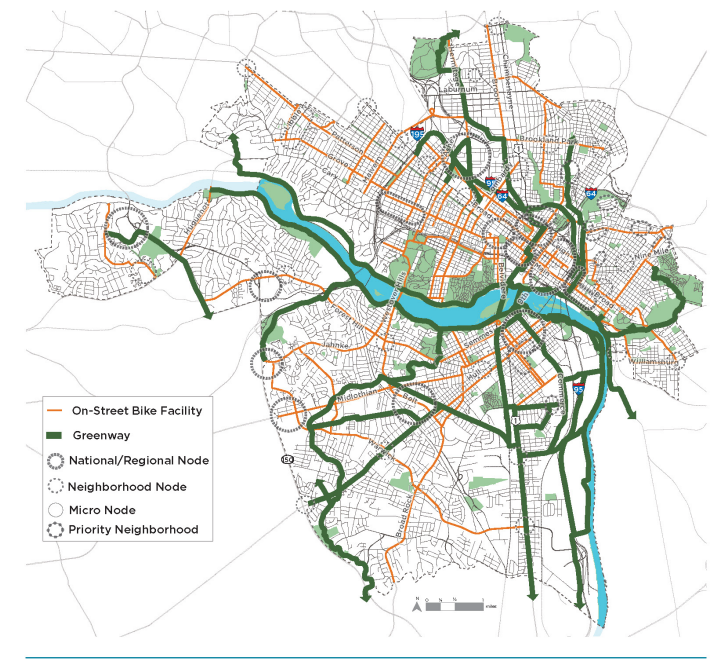


FIGURE 16 // Greenways & On-Street Bike Facilities Map

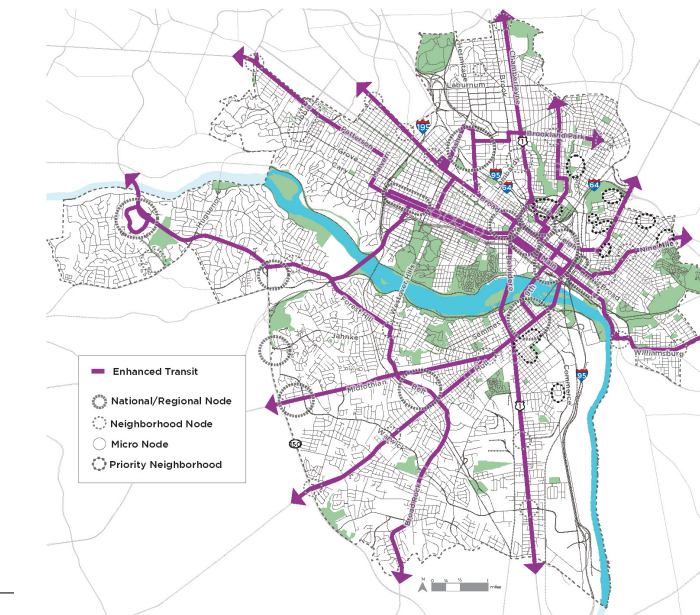


FIGURE 17 // Enhanced Transit Map

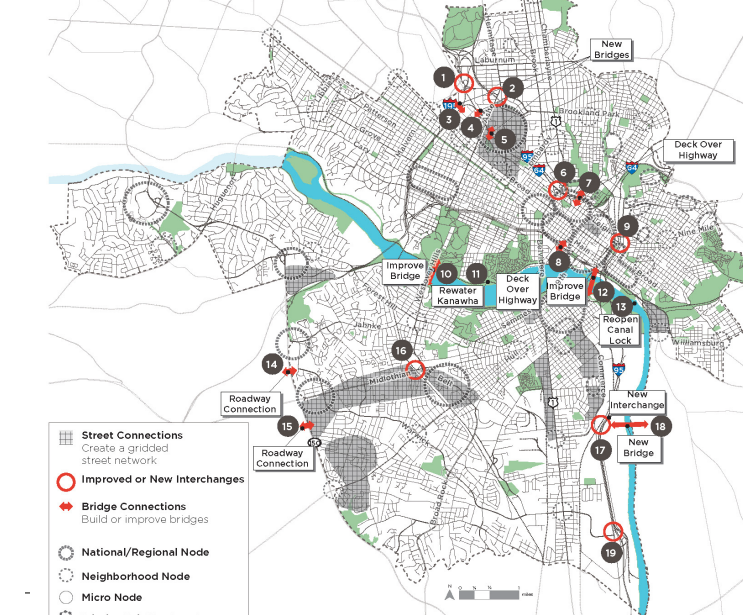


FIGURE 18 // Connections, Interchanges, and Bridges Map

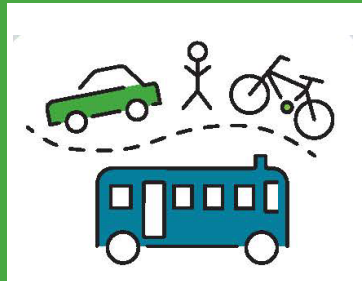
5 Topic Visions

High-Quality Places



Richmond is a well-designed city of communities interconnected by a network of Nodes, public facilities, and open spaces providing services to residents, businesses, and visitors.

Equitable Transportation



Richmond prioritizes the movement of people over the movement of vehicles through a safe, reliable, equitable, and sustainable transportation network.

Diverse Economy



Richmond is home to a variety of businesses and industries that offer opportunities for quality employment and capital investment.

Inclusive Housing



Richmond is a city where all people can access quality housing choices.

Thriving Environment

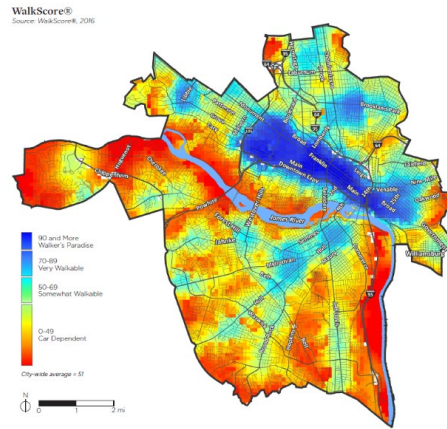


Richmond is a sustainable and resilient city with healthy air, clean water, and a flourishing ecosystem.

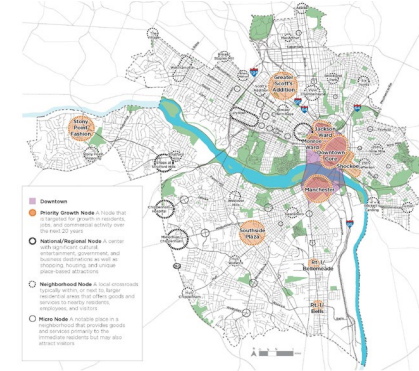
Implementation: Big Moves

- Priority actions for Richmond to work toward in the next 5 years to set the city up for success in the next 20 years.
- The Big Moves intentionally seek to **expand equity, increase the sustainability, and beautify** of our city.
- Chapter 7 includes key benefits, vision/goal alignment, and action steps for each Big Move.

Re-Write the Zoning Ordinance



Re-Imagine Priority Growth Nodes



Expand Housing Opportunities



Provide Greenways & Parks for All



Reconnect the City



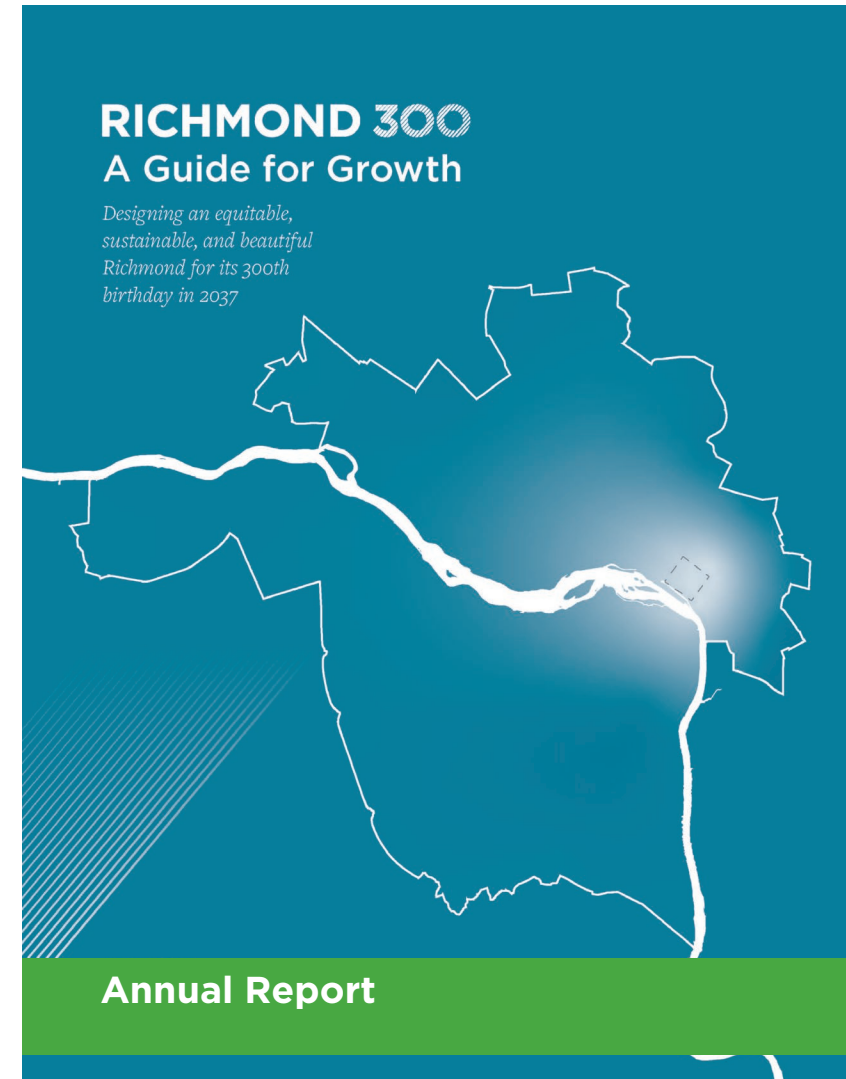
Realign City Facilities



Implementation: Reporting

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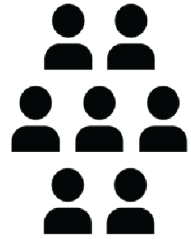
- **Metrics:** Updated every other year, this section includes new statistics for the metrics.
- **Big Moves:** A summary of the actions that have transpired to advance each Big Move since the last Annual Report was published. The actions may include, but are not limited to, the action steps outlined in Chapter 7.
- **Other Goals:** A summary of any other actions undertaken in an effort to advance any of the 17 Goals outlined in Chapters 2 through 6 of that have transpired since the last Annual Report was published.



Metrics

R300 calls for updating the metrics every other year

Some of the metric shifts are due to trends outside the City's control



Total Population

2021: 226,604
2023: 229,247
2024: 233,039 (Weldon Cooper Center Estimate)



Total Jobs

2021: 218,727
2024: 216,026



Median Income (Families)

2021: \$75,062
2023: \$95,853

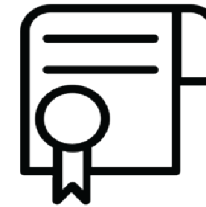
Median Income (Households)

2021: \$51,770
2023: \$65,650



% Population in Poverty

2021: 21.1%
2023: 17.1%



% Population w/ Post-Secondary Degree

2021: 43.7%
2023: 46.7%



% Population w/ High School Degree

2021: 88.1%
2023: 90.5%



Metrics



Walk Score

2021: 51
2023: 51



Miles of Bike Lanes

2020: 49
2022: 61
2024: 85



Miles of Sidewalks

2024: 880



Number of Deaths & Severe Injuries due to Transportation Crashes

2022: 214
2023: 268
2024: 240



% of Jobs within 1/2 Mile of High-Frequency Transit

2020: 77.7%



% Population Living 1/2 Mile of High-Frequency Transit

2014-2018: 51.7%
2024: 60%



% of Workers who Bike, Walk, Take Transit to Work

2021: 12.1%
2023: 7.2%



Metrics



% of Homes Occupied by a Homeowner

2021: 45.01%
2023: 45.01%



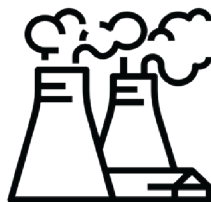
% of Blacks who are Homeowners

2021: 31.9%
2023: 33.2%



% Population that is Housing-Cost Burdened

2013-2017: 74.8%
2015-2019: 75.2%
2023: 75.9%



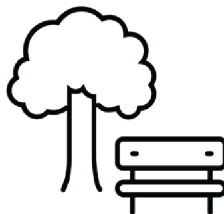
Annual per capita Greenhouse Gas Emissions

2008 - 2022: -32%



Daily per capita Residential Water Usage

2019: 34.12 GALLONS
2024: 29.4 GALLONS



% of Population Living within a 10-minute Walk of a Park

2021: 80%
2024: 80%



% of Urban Tree Canopy

2010: 42%
2023: 32%



Big Moves: Rewrite the Zoning Ordinance

Project	Status	Lead (City partners)
Zoning Ordinance Re-Write	Ongoing; Ordinance to be adopted early 2026	PDR



RICHMOND 300: Code Refresh

MODULE 1: DISTRICTS, USES & MAPS



Full zoning districts, use matrix and zoning maps

MODULE 2: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS



Landscaping, transitions, signs, vehicle access, and other city-wide standards

MODULE 3: ADMINISTRATION & OTHER PROVISIONS



Processes for review of applications, and how to allow amendments or relief



Big Moves: Reimagine Priority Growth Nodes

Project	Status	Lead (City partners)
City Center Innovation District	In negotiations	PDR, EDA, GRCCA, DED, DCAO
Jackson Ward Community Plan/2 nd Street Initiative	2 nd Street Strategies currently under review by the community	PDR, DED
Façade Improvement Programs	Ongoing	PDR (EDA)
Shockoe Project	Contracts released for MSS build out, slave trail improvements; 1 st phase of design complete for 10-acre site.	PDR (DPW, DPU, DED)
Oak Grove Hillside Bellemeade Community Plan	Complete; To be presented for CPC for review Spring 2025	PDR (PRCF, DPW, DED)
Six Points Neighborhood Node	ULI Technical Assistance Panel completed; Developing a neighborhood node implementation plan	PDR, DED, HCD, DPW



Big Moves: Expand Housing Opportunities

	FY2023 Performance Result	FY2024 Performance Result	FY2025 Performance Target	FY2026 Performance Target
Affordable Rental, Homeownership, and Permanent Supportive Housing Units Completed	107	143	500	800
Total Development Cost	\$131,988,513.00	\$131,202,708.00	\$941,000,000.00	\$725,000,000.00
Number of households receiving housing related services or critical home repair	11,983	10,929	10,500	3,200*

*The decline in persons expected to receive services in FY2026 is due to the end of one-time funding received from COVID-19 related funding sources (ARPA, CDBG-CV, and ESG-CV).

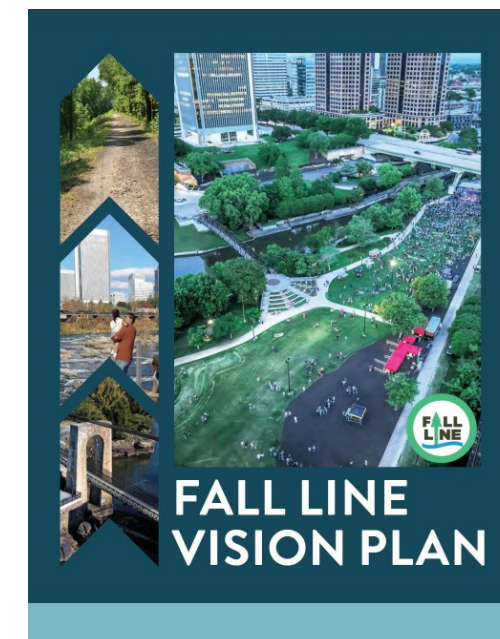
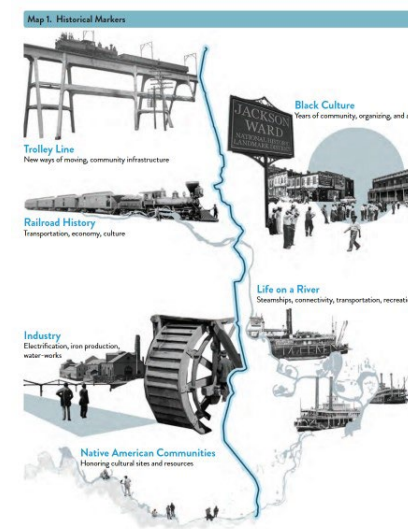
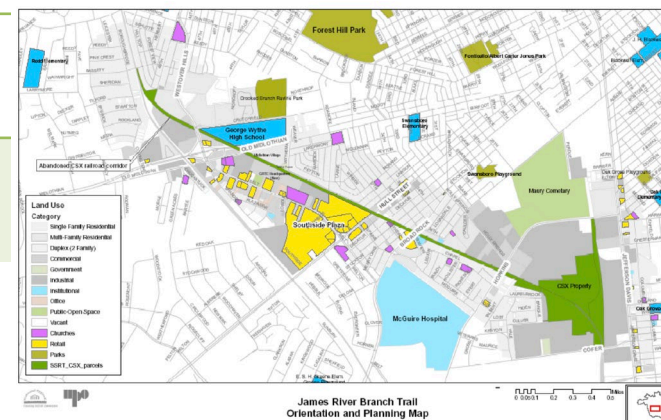
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An **Equitable** Affordable Housing Plan



Big Moves: Provide Greenways and Parks for All

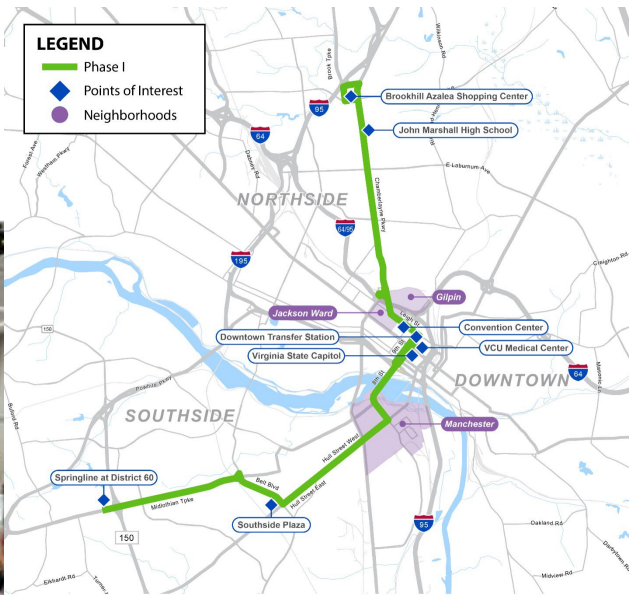
Project	Status	Lead (City partners)
Fall Line Trail	Bryan Park segment under development.	OETM (DPW, PDR, PCRF)
James River Branch Trail	Under construction.	DPW (PDR, PCRF)
Richmond Parks Master Plan	Plan at 50%; expected adoption in May 2025	PCRF (PDR, DPW)
5 Parks in Southside	3 of 5 parks are natural area parks; 2 under development.	PCRF (DPW, PDR)
Urban Forestry Master Plan	In final negotiations	DPW (PCRF, OOS, DPU, PDR)
Calhoun Splash Pad	Groundbreaking in Dec 2024; Construction ongoing	PCRF



Big Moves: Reconnect the City

Project	Status	Lead (City partners)
Reconnect Jackson Ward	Grant executed; issuing RFP	PDR (DPW, DPU)
Arthur Ashe Bridge Replacement	30% design will be submitted in March 2025.	DPW
North South BRT	Project ongoing; Evaluating Station Locations	GRTC
Mayo Bridge Replacement	Project ongoing	VDOT (DPW)

RECONNECT JACKSON WARD



Big Moves: Realign City Facilities

Project	Status	Lead (City partners)
Diamond District	Ongoing	PDR & DED
City Center Innovation District	Ongoing	PDR & EDA (DPW, DPU, DED)
City Recreation Center Improvements	Southside, TB Smith, Lucks – 70-85% complete; Calhoun transferred to City	Capital Projects (PRCF)
New Public Safety Facilities	Police Precinct 1 and Fire Station 21 under construction	Capital Projects
Sustainable Design Standards	Adopted!	OOS

Lucks Community Center



TB Smith – West Elevation



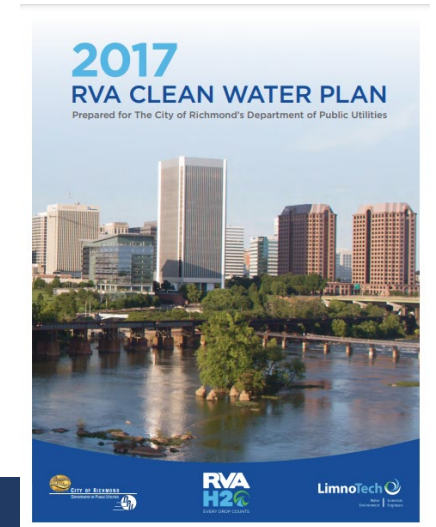
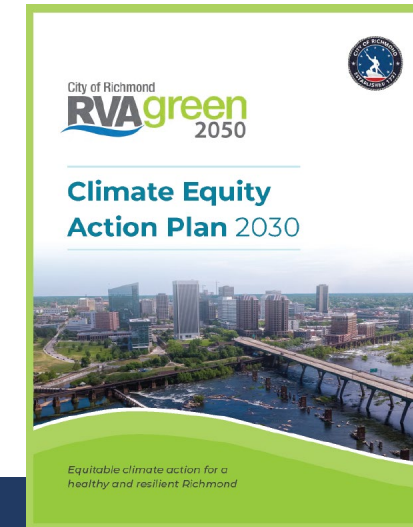
Fire Station 21



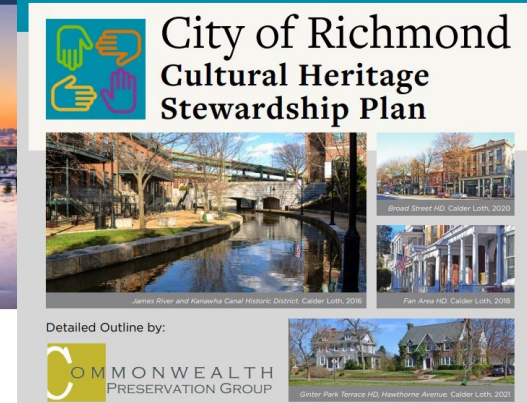
Police Precinct 1

Other Goals

Project	Status	Goal	Lead (partners)
Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan	Final document under internal review	Goal 3	PDR
RVAGreen2050 Implementation	Ongoing, 18% Complete	Goals 15, 16, & 17	OOS (DPW, DPU, PDR, PRCF)
RVAH2O Implementation	Ongoing	Goal 16	DPU
East End Solar Meadow	Ongoing	Goal 16, 17	OOS
Urban Heat Mitigation Plan	Ongoing	Goal 17	OOS (PDR, DPW, PRCF)



**REQUEST FOR INTEREST
EAST END SOLAR FARM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**



Looking At 2025

Major projects the Planning and Policy Division will be leading...

Many other entities are leading projects that implement Richmond 300. PDR staff are included in those project teams. All of those projects are not listed here.

Project	2025 Actions	Big Move
Zoning Code Refresh	Draft ordinance complete and mapped; community engagement	Rezoning
Semmes, Cowardin, Bainbridge Shockoe Project	Begin Plan outline and data collection, community engagement	Nodes
	Complete design; Slave Trail opening; design memorial; finalize construction documents; community engagement	Nodes
City Center Innovation District	Announce partner; begin pre-development	Realign Facilities
Diamond District	Construction of ballpark	Realign Facilities
Reconnect Jackson Ward	Issue RFP, choose a consultant, begin community engagement	Reconnect
Neighborhood Nodes SOP	In progress	Nodes
Broad Street Task Force	In progress	Nodes
2 nd Street	Community review of strategies, incorporate into the Jackson Ward Community Plan	Nodes
Transit-Oriented Development Planning for Pulse North-South Bus Rapid Transit	Plan kick off with GRTC and Office of Equitable Mobility; Community engagement and plan development	Nodes
Six Points Neighborhood Node	Begin plan for implementation, coordinate with City departments	Nodes

Looking At 2025

Updating the Master Plan – 5 Year Review

- Review the list of recommended amendments from 2021
- Incorporate approved/in process plans
 - Richmond Connects
 - Jackson Ward Community Plan/2nd Street
 - Semmes/Cowardin/Bainbridge
 - 6 Points
- Review Nodes, Land Use, and Street Connections

Staff will present the list of recommendations late 2025 for Planning Commission to review

Thank you!

