

HICKORY HILL COMMUNITY CENTER

FOUNDED 1915

HISTORIC COMMUNITY BUILDING, ROADS & NEIGHBORHOODS



SPACE

BROAD ROCK NEIGHBORHOODS & CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

- Environmental strides and service for ecological and economic equity
- Greater park space in the district after 25+ years of planning
- Lower industrial and transportation emissions to reduce greenhouse gas
- Recreation, civic, cultural, fitness programs and sports activities (see handout)
- Serene Wildlife Sanctuary
- Double Dutch 40+ recently in the news
- 100+ trees by Southside ReLeaf
- Walking trails, inventive and healing spaces
- Voting locations
- Library restoration
- Artists residency
- RVA Green Equity & Sustainability Roundtable
- Image Church land stewardship counseling
- Southside Eco Corridor Initiative



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LIFE AT RISK

MORE PEOPLE DIE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE THAN WARS

Southside Experience:

- Second highest rate of asthma in the country
- Highest cumulatively impacted by pollution in the state
- Least community facilities in the city
- Infrastructurally challenged
- Near former landfill
- Respiratory, heat related and cancer illnesses leading to death
- Lead poisoning
- Southside has more EPA regulated facilities than most of the city
- Highest eviction rates in the city
- Only park space that is not operating as a school greater than 1 acre on this side of Hull Street / Jefferson Davis except Maury Cemetery



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SAFETY

PLANS FOR EXPANDING FIRE SERVICES AT THIS TIME?

Resident concerns are:

- 911 calls not being answered
- Diminishing property values due to industrial infringement
- Intrinsic activities and programs for youth and to address despondency and violence
- Pollution and noise burdens and impacts
- Threats to the preservation and expansion of greenspace





CONVENIENCE

AS MUCH AS 50% of SOUTHSIDE LIVES IN POVERTY and WITHOUT A CAR
\$38,132 Neighborhood income

\$51,000 Firefighter starter income

Men and women with cars will impede on already burdened families and children for work convenience

Space enough for adequate parking and condemned Henrico facility restoration





FOIA

- **NO RESPONSE** from the City of Richmond / Fire Department regarding the consideration of alternate locations
- **NO RESPONSE** from the Fire Department per Planning Commission recommendation for community engagement
- MEDIA SPOTLIGHT, without community
- **What other sites have been considered?**
- **What prevents collaboration in Henrico or other counties?**
- **Why does Southside have more stations than the rest of the City?**
- **How can this not be considered another land grab?**

