

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







# 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?**

