

INTRODUCED: December 12, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-362

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept two parcels of real property from Sauer Properties, Inc., and known as 1220 North 7th Street and 1241 North 7th Street for the purpose of a connector between the Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District and the proposed Enslaved African Heritage Campus in the city of Richmond.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 9 2023 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Council of the City of Richmond, a public necessity exists for the acquisition of two parcels of real property known as 1220 North 7th Street and 1241 North 7th Street, and identified as Tax Parcel Nos. E000-0452/022 and E000-0452/027, respectively, in the 2022 records of the City Assessor, and for the acceptance of the dedication by gift of such parcels, consisting of approximately 1.526 acres, as shown on the documents entitled “Richmond Parcel Map,” dated July 28, 2022, and “Figure 12: Full Extent of the African Burying Ground (44HE1203), within Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District, City of Richmond, VA; DHR No. 127-7231,” copies of which are attached to this ordinance, from Sauer Properties,

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: JAN 9 2023 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

Inc., for the purpose of a connector between the Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District and the proposed Enslaved African Heritage Campus in the city of Richmond;

NOW, THEREFORE,

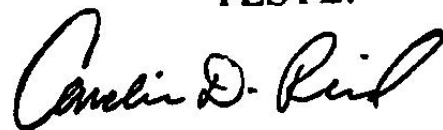
THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That a public necessity exists for the acquisition of two parcels of real property known as 1220 North 7th Street and 1241 North 7th Street, and identified as Tax Parcel Nos. E000-0452/022 and E000-0452/027, respectively, in the 2022 records of the City Assessor, and for the acceptance of the dedication by gift of such parcels, consisting of approximately 1.526 acres, as shown on the documents entitled “Richmond Parcel Map,” dated July 28, 2022, and “Figure 12: Full Extent of the African Burying Ground (44HE1203), within Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District, City of Richmond, VA; DHR No. 127-7231,” copies of which are attached to this ordinance, from Sauer Properties, Inc., for the purpose of a connector between the Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District and the proposed Enslaved African Heritage Campus in the city of Richmond.

§ 2. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept the dedication by gift of the properties described in section 1 of this ordinance and to execute the deeds and other documents necessary to complete the dedication and acceptance of such properties described in section 1 of this ordinance, provided that all such deeds and other documents first must be approved as to form by the City Attorney or the designee thereof.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**

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City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O&R REQUEST

DATE: November 14, 2022

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

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THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

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THROUGH: Robert C. Steidel, DCAO - Operations Portfolio

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THROUGH: Sharon L. Ebert, DCAO – Planning & Economic Development Portfolio

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FROM: Matthew A. Welch, Senior Policy Advisor (Planning & Economic Development Portfolio)

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RE: Acquisition of Real Estate via Gift/Dedication from Sauer Properties, Inc.

ORD. OR RES. No.

PURPOSE: To authorize the City's acquisition of the following two (2) parcels of real estate (collectively, the "Property") via gift/dedication from Sauer Properties Inc. for the purpose of a future trail/connector between the Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District and the future Enslaved African Heritage Campus in Shockoe Bottom.

Address	Tax Parcel No.	Acreage
1220 N. 7 th Street	E0000452022	+/- 0.498
1241 N. 7 th Street	E0000452027	+/- 1.028

REASON: Council approval is necessary for the City's acquisition/acceptance of privately-owned real estate.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Administration recommends approval.

BACKGROUND: The Property is currently owned by Sauer Properties Inc. and is located in the vicinity of E. Cannon Branch/Shockoe Creek in between the N. 7th Street (to the West) and the CSX Railway (to the East). A portion of the Property is located within the Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District (National Register of Historic Places), which historic

district also includes 1305 N. 5th Street (acquired by the City in 2021). See attached maps.

Due to the location of the Property, it could serve as an important link in a future trail/connector between the Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District and the historic sites/future Enslaved African Heritage Campus in Shockoe Bottom.

Sauer Properties, Inc. has generously offered to gift/dedicate the Property to the City at no cost and the Administration recommends that Council authorizes the City's acceptance of the offer/acquisition of the Property.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: No cost to acquire as Sauer has offered to gift the Property to the City.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Based upon the Property's collective 2023 total assessed value of \$62,000 and assuming a tax rate of \$1.20, the City's acquisition of the Property (rendering it tax-exempt) will result in an estimated decrease of \$816 in annual real estate tax revenues.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: None

REVENUE TO CITY: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: December 12, 2022

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Jan. 9, 2023

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: No Committee referral pursuant to Council Rules of Procedure

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: Planning Commission

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Public Works, Economic Development, Planning & Development Review, City Attorney's Office

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: N/A

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

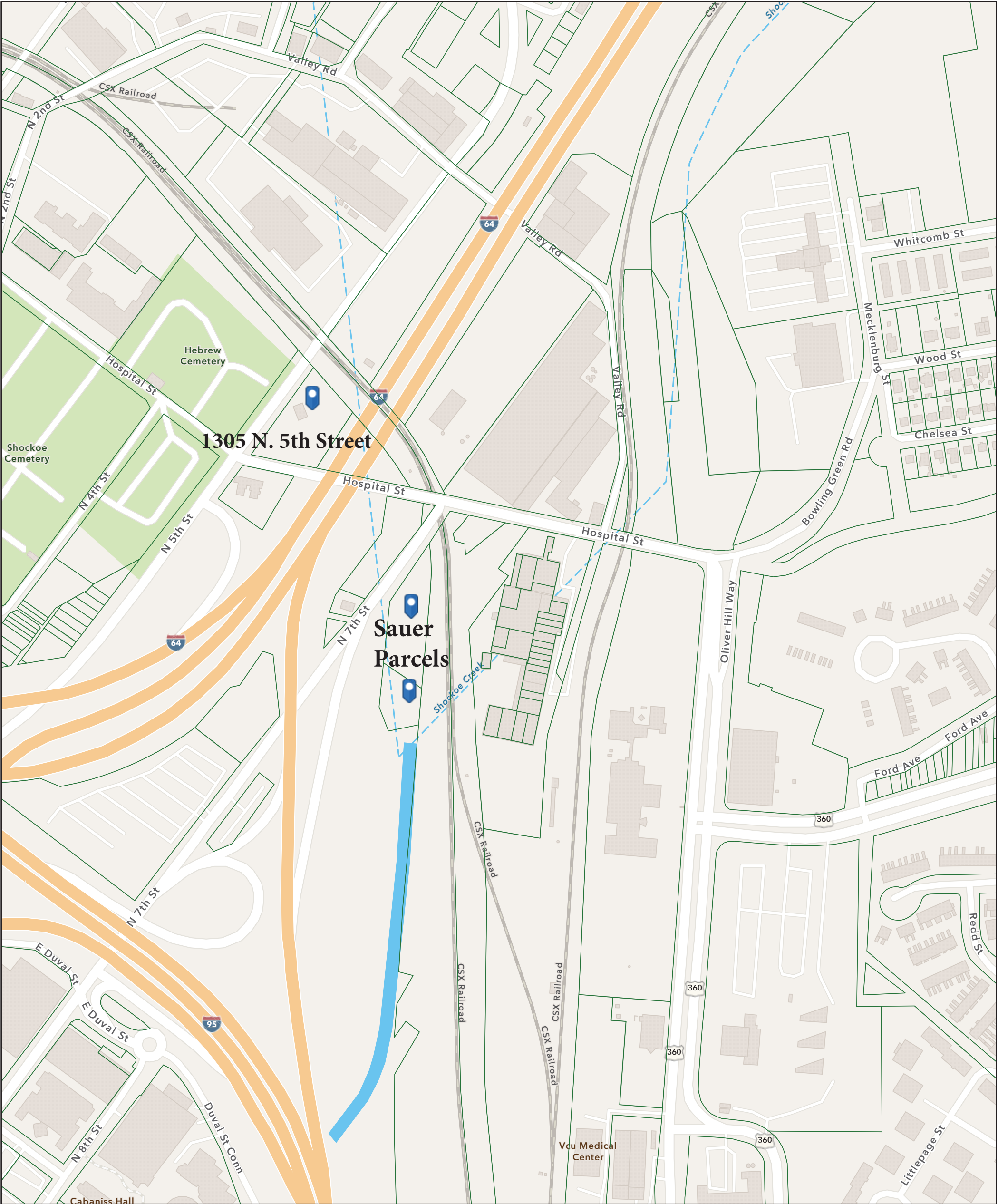
ATTACHMENTS: Parcel Map Showing Location of the Property/Sauer Parcels; Map Showing Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District

STAFF:



Chris Nizamis, Economic Development (Real Estate Strategies)

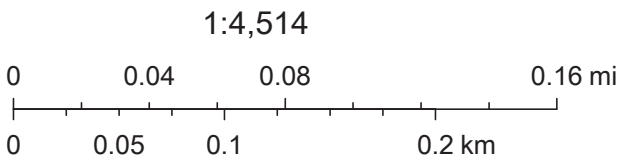
Kim Chen, Senior Manager, Economic Development

Richmond Parcel Map



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-  CityBoundary
-  Parcels



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**Figure 12: Full Extent of the African Burying Ground (44HE1203), within Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Historic District
City of Richmond, VA; DHR No. 127-7231**

