### Emancipation Day – Richmond, VA

# APRIL 3, 1905



#### Hickory Hill Preservation Committee Members\*:

Ms. Geneva Austin

Mrs. Gladiola Beech

Rev. Alice Harris

Mr. Herman Carter

Mrs. Marion Vaughan

Ms, Monica Esparza

Mr. Eric Hunter

Mr. Cleveland Taylor,

Ms. Reva Brown

### President Biden Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool

# APRIL 3, 2023

More people die from environmental injustice than wars Redlining history

#### Health challenge rankings:

95th – people told they have Asthma

96th - adults that have Diabetes

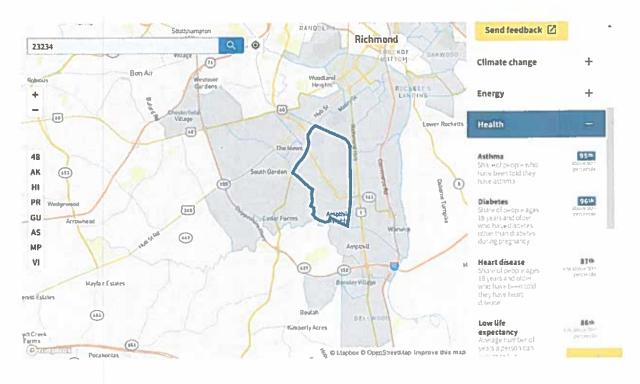
87th – adults with Heart Disease

86<sup>th</sup> – Low life expectancy

90th - Unemployment

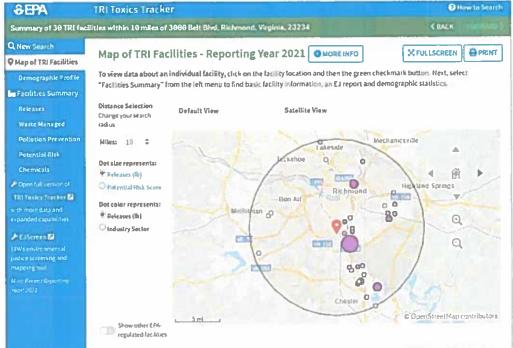
80th - Evictions

99th - Cumulative pollution impact









Not All Greenspace is Equal – Former Landfills at Hickory Hill

## TREES & COMMUNITY

Staff Report – Planning Commission

"Staff was unable to locate any programs or official designations from the State that would legally protect that property to a greater degree than other properties"

§ 2.2-235. Environmental Justice Act. To promote environmental justice and ensure that it is carried out throughout the Commonwealth, with a focus on environmental justice communities and fenceline communities

§ 9VAC5-130-40 State Air Control Permit required for temporary facility (containers) and the present supervision of a designated official for permissible open burning.

Resolution No. 2021-R049 "where as Council is of the opinion that environmental racism is a systematic structure that undermines the health of Black residents of the City of Richmond – and declares the existence of a climate and ecological emergency"

#### § 2.2-3707 (2021). Virginia Open Meeting Law

All meetings of public bodies shall be open. E. Any person may annually file a written request for notification with a public body. The request shall include the requester's name, address, zip code, daytime telephone number, electronic mail address, if available, and organization, if any. The public body receiving such request shall provide notice of all meetings directly to each such person.



## **ENGAGEMENT**

- The RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030
- 2/10/23: Planning Commission Meeting Chair tasks Planning Commission representative from city administration to engage with concerned residents, the Wildlife Sanctuary as well as the broader community about potential site use. Unresponsive to concerned residents.
- Councilperson meetings with Fire Chief invitations withheld
- Communication attempts with the Mayors Office and FOIA requests unanswered
- Visits to Hickory Hill Community Center limiting







Children and Adult Mental, Physical & Social Health

## PLACEMAKING

Largest voting precinct Investment of volunteer hours Mitigation of environmental challenges Lifelong learning opportunities RVA Climate Equity Action Plan 2030

Serene Wildlife Sanctuary
Southside ReLeaf 100+ trees
Hickory Hill Trail
Southside Eco Corridor
Historic preservation record
Southside Joint Civic Association









