

## **Diamond District: Request for Interest**

2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT JOINT MEETING January 19, 2022

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## Introduction

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## **Diamond District Site Map**





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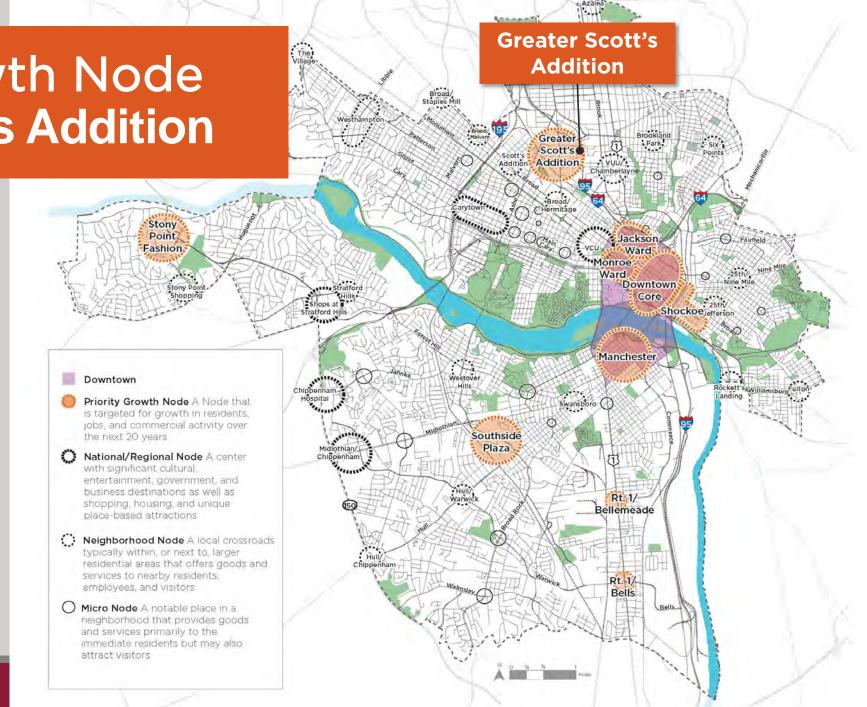






## Priority Growth Node Greater Scott's Addition

- Hosted three meetings in July 2019, December 2019, and February 2020
- Collected nearly 1,000 surveys on the elements to include in Greater Scott's Addition
- Collected nearly 150 comments on the first version of the Framework Plan



## **Learning from Other Neighborhoods**

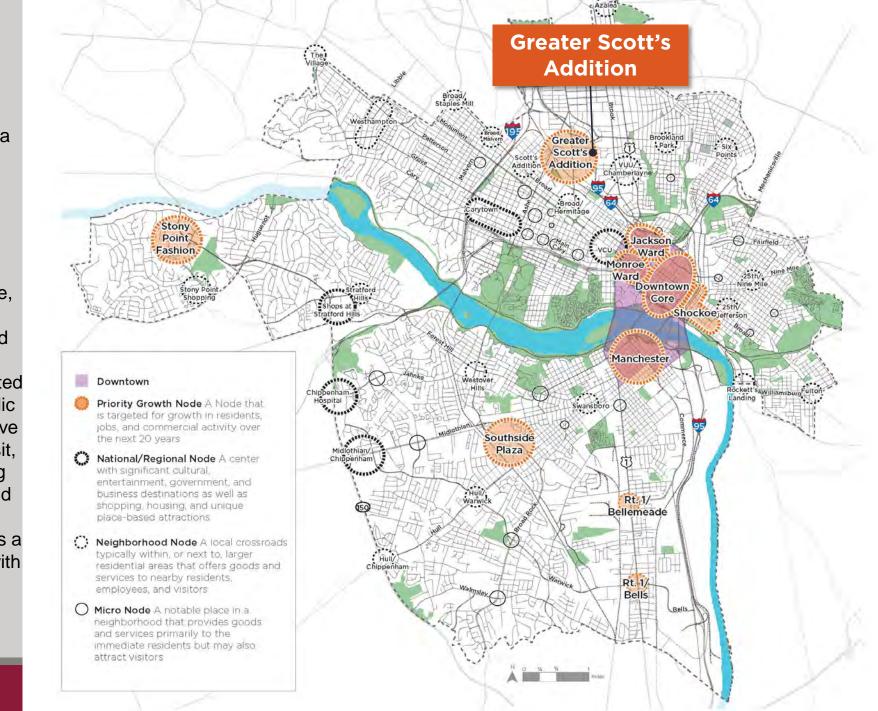
- Extroverted
- Housing Variety
- Open Space
- Gathering Places
- Local and Regional
- Destination and Livable





## Vision

In 2037, Greater Scott's Addition is home to a series of neighborhoods that provide new employment and housing developments connected by a series of open spaces and a transportation network that support families and aging-in-place. The variety of housing options and employment in Greater Scott's Addition provide opportunities for low-income, moderate-income, and high-income households. The Diamond is demolished and a new multi-purpose stadium is constructed along Hermitage. The new stadium is activated with active uses along Hermitage and a public plaza. Visitors to Greater Scott's Addition have the option to safely arrive by foot, bike, transit, or car. Parking is centralized in a few parking garages to encourage users to park once and visit multiple destinations. A signature public park between Ashe and Hermitage serves as a central convening space and is connected with greenways to multiple smaller public parks.



## Current

Growth Potential: High In 2019 there were approximately 458 acres of vacant/underdeveloped land in Greater Scott's Addition representing 60% of Greater Scott's Addition's total land area

# Future

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## **The Diamond Site – Current**

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## The Diamond Site - Future



## **Arthur Ashe Boulevard - Future**

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## **Prototypical Complete Street**

Large trees to provide shade, reduce heat island, and dampen street noise

Large connected soil volumes

produce large trees

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Stormwater infrastructure in public open space

**Protected Bike Lane** 

Safe pedestrian crossings 🖿 Wide sidewalks

**Permeable Pavement** 

**Bioretention planters** to filter storm water

Infiltration where applicable **Centralized utilities** 

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Local small businesses

## **Changes to the Plan**

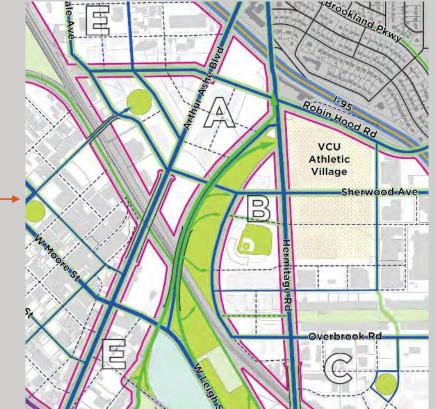
- New baseball
  stadium west of
  Hermitage Rd
  surrounded by
  mixed-use
  development
- Sports Backers
  Stadium replaced
  east of Hermitage Rd

#### February 2020 Plan



### Revised Plan

### (in final R300 Plan)





## **Framework Plan - Districts**

### **A** Gateway District

Regional destination for offices, shopping, and entertainment with landmark architecture

#### Ballpark & Entertainment District

Lively community integrated with entertainment and a new sports venue

### Cownby District

A core of dense mixed-use development employing the latest in sustainable practices relating to energy and water on a district scale

### Allison District

Dense, compact transit-oriented mixed-use development anchored by a reconnected street grid

### Industrial Mixed-Use

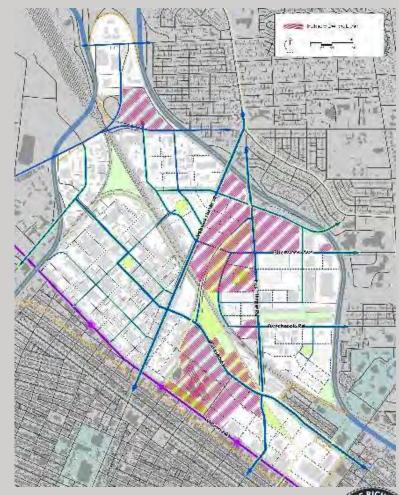
 Continued evolution of Scott's Addition combining entertainment, residential, office and industrial uses

Coffice Park Secure office park

### **Framework Plan**



### **Public Land**



## Framework Plan – Open Space Network

#### Ballpark and Plaza

Vibrant outdoor space activated by the baseball stadium

#### 2 Northern Park

Urban public space with passive lawns and a relaxing atmosphere with integrated green infrastructure to support water quality

#### 3 Landmark Bridge

Bridge over the CSX tracks connecting the parks and development on the north side to the Pulse Corridor

#### 4 Southern Park

Public space with sports fields and active-use areas for youth. Integrated green infrastructure to support water quality

#### 5 Municipal Flex Site

Space to meet future community needs including: a school, library, museum, rec center or public space

#### 6 Pedestrian Bridges

Safe and comfortable urban bridges over the train tracks

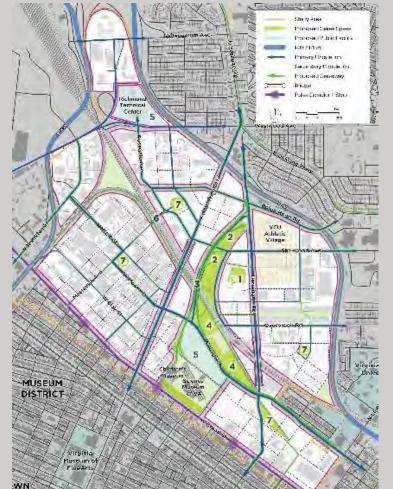
#### Neighborhood Parks

Small nodes of public space in which neighborhood activities are centered

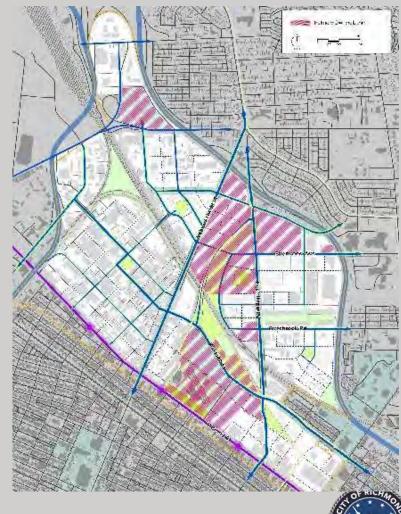
#### **Complete Streets**

Streets for everyone designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders incorporating green infrastructure

### **Framework Plan**



### **Public Land**





## **Priority Next Steps**

#### Rezone

Rezone Greater Scott's Addition in alignment with the Future Land Use Plan (Goal 1)

### **Request for Proposals**

Issue a Request for Proposals to redevelop the City-owned land between Ashe Boulevard and Hermitage Road using the Greater Scott's Addition Framework Plan and including elements such as a grand park and low-income housing (Goal 2, Goal 14, Goal 17)

### **Street Grid**

Break up super blocks to create a street grid with streets that incorporate features that support walking, biking, and transit such as sidewalks, street trees, buildings built to the street, and street furniture (Goal 4, Goal 8, Goal 9)

### **Great Streets**

Transform Arthur Ashe Boulevard and Hermitage Road into Great Streets featuring buildings addressing the street, street trees, lighting, enhanced transit, and other amenities (Goal 9)

### **Bridges**

Increase connectivity and access between neighborhoods in Greater Scott's Addition by create new bridges from Leigh Street to the Diamond, Mactavish Street to Rosedale Avenue, to Norfolk to Hamilton Street (Goal 9)

### Marketing

Market Greater Scott's addition to grow, retain, and attract businesses in the target industries (Goal 11)

### Low-Income Housing

Encourage the creation of housing for low-income households within Greater Scott's Addition (Goal 14)

### **Green Infrastructure**

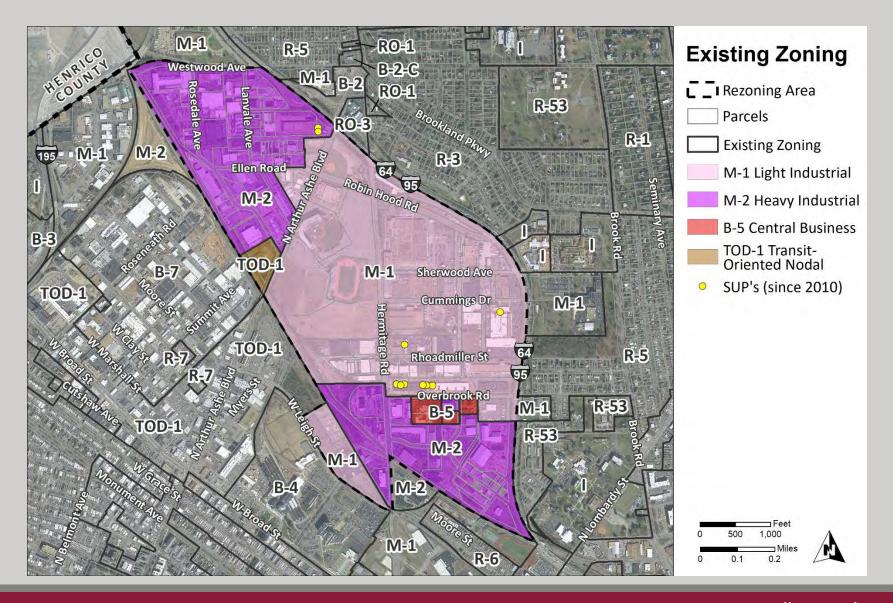
Reduce stormwater runoff by developing district-wide green infrastructure system to reduce flow of stormwater into the Combined Sewage System, reduce the heat-island effect, and increase the tree canopy (Goal 16, Goal 17)

### Parks

Develop a series of parks, including a signature Crescent Park, and investigate a funding source for park creation and maintenance, such a bond or a special park district assessment to fund more parks in the area (Goal 17)

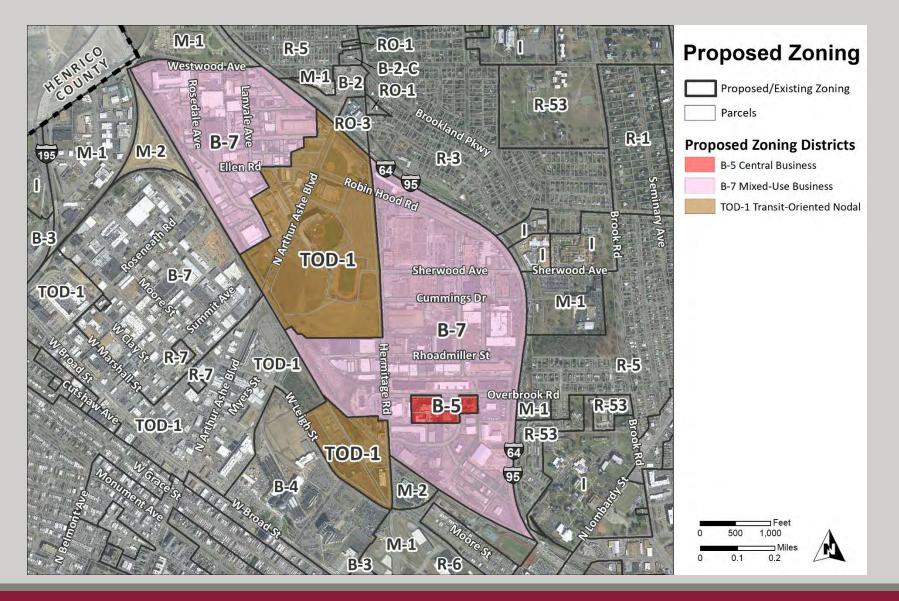


### **Previous Zoning**





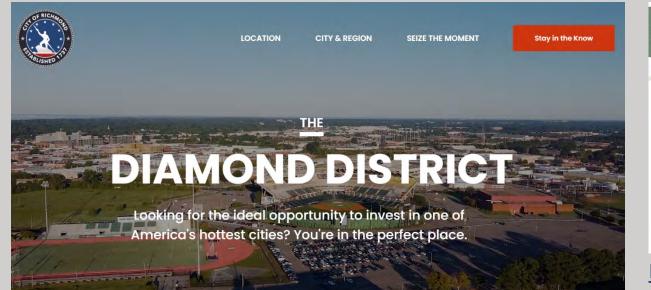
### New Zoning (as of July 2021)





## Marketing

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By the end of 2021, the City of Richmond will be issuing a Request for Interest (RFI) to solicit creative development responses from capable and experienced development teams interested in redeveloping 66.7 acres of under-developed, publicly-owned property along the I-95 east coast corridor into a mixed-use, mixed-income entertainment destination. The City has been preparing for a redevelopment of this strategic site for a number of years and, in the process, has relocated city functions, demolished buildings, and remediated the site with the exception of the baseball stadium and the Arthur Ashe Linor Athletic Center.

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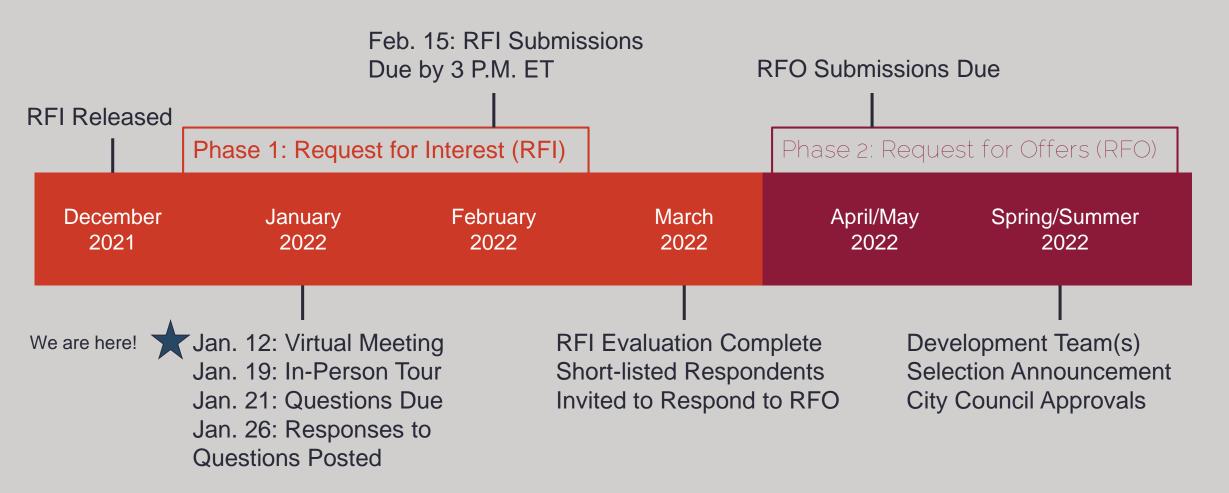
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## **Timeline**





## **RFI Goals**

### **Development components**

- Infrastructure & Public Open Space
- Baseball Stadium
- Sports Backers & Arthur Ashe Jr. Athletic Center
- Office, Residential, Hotel, & Retail
- Parking, Transit, and Bicycle & Pedestrian
- Phasing
- Quality Design & Sustainable
  Development





## **RFI Goals**

### Community

- New Neighborhood
- Families and Children
- Connectivity
- Sustainable District
- Legacy
- Employment
- Diversity
- Minority Business
  Enterprises and Emerging
  Small Businesses







## **RFI Goals**

### **Fiscal components**

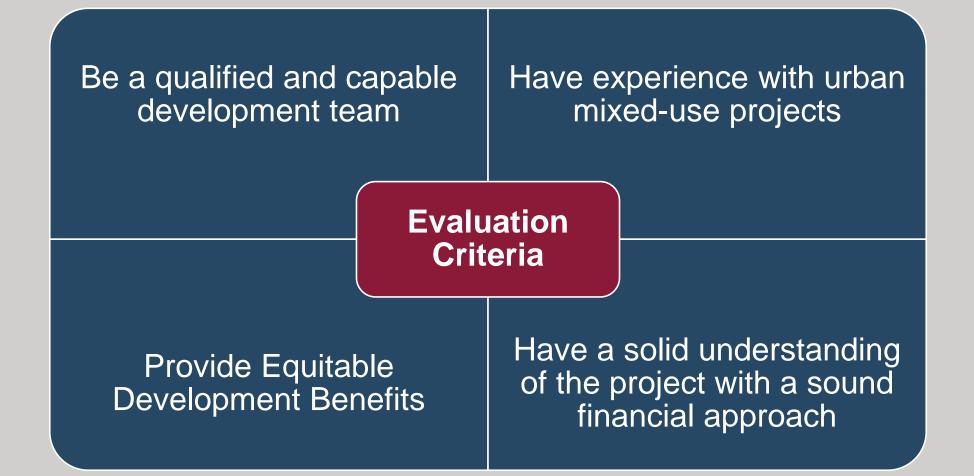
- Revenue
- Financing
- Community Fund







## **RFI Evaluation Criteria**





## **Upcoming Key Dates**

- Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>: Questions from Developers Due by 11:59 P.M.

- Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>: Responses to Questions Posted
- Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: RFI Submissions Due by 3 P.M.



## **Questions?**

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