

# Virginia LISC News

*Helping Neighbors Build Strong Communities*

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*Nonprofit and for profit developers toured Greater Fulton April 25.*  
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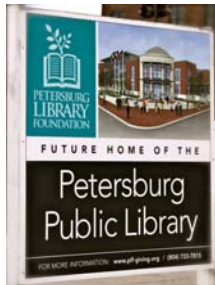
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## Greater Fulton's Future Housing Committee Gives Tour of Neighborhoods

Since the completion of the Greater Fulton's Future neighborhood plan, Rosa Coleman, B. T. Clark, Robin Gahan, Keith Grady, Reginald Mebane, Rose Pollard, Colleen Patten, Juliellen Sarver and Inga Sassnick – all members of the Housing Work Team from the neighborhood – have been busy.

At the beginning of the year, the committee worked with VCU students to take a door to door survey of housing conditions in the Greater Fulton area. The information was compiled and Virginia LISC entered the data into the GIS, along with the City of Richmond's parcel database, and mapped it to get a clearer

picture of the housing stock in the area.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the housing committee and Virginia LISC hosted a tour of the Greater Fulton neighborhood for nonprofit and for-profit developers. Meetings are now being held with each of the participating developers to talk about projects in the area.



## Virginia LISC's Neighborhoods Rising (Sustainable Communities) Goals

Goal 1: Expanding Investment in Housing and Other Real Estate

Goal 2: Increasing Family Income & Wealth

Goal 3: Stimulating Economic Development

Goal 4: Improving Access to Quality Education

Goal 5: Supporting Healthy Environments and Lifestyles



*Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words  
— A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, 1943*

On April 30, 2012 hundreds gathered including Senator Mark Warner, Congressman Bobby Scott, Delegate Rosayln Dance, Mayor Moore and Petersburg City Council for Petersburg's Library groundbreaking. The day's ceremony was lead by Actress Daphne Reid, who also serves on the Library Foundation Board. The new 45,000 square foot library will feature a café, wireless access, a large computer area, improved accessibility and a parking lot. The new facility will also include training centers for businesses and adult literacy.

LISC provided a \$100,000 predevelopment loan and a \$2 million bridge loan to the project. The new library will be located on Washington Street at the former site of Petersburg Motors, just three blocks from the Halifax neighborhood (one of our sustainable communities) and several blocks from the Virginia State University gateway. This gateway is adjacent to the Battersea neighborhood (a second sustainable community) on one side and downtown Petersburg on the other. This vibrant new building should serve as a catalyst to development as well as an economic driver along this important roadway.



**Congressman Scott and Councilman Coleman**



View From Washington Street  
Petersburg Public Library



**Senator Warner and Delegate Dance with shovels**



**Daphne Reid and Wayne Crocker, Petersburg Library**

## UPDATES

**Hull Street Corridor** - Virginia LISC staff is back on the streets meeting with residents with staff from the City of Richmond and Chesterfield in preparation for the hiring of the Revitalization Plan consultant. Currently the City of Richmond has posted its Intent to Award Notice listing Rhodeside & Harwell out of Alexandria, Virginia. For further information visit [www.richmondgov.com/procurement/documents/bids/RFP\\_H12001-1\\_Intent\\_to\\_Award.pdf](http://www.richmondgov.com/procurement/documents/bids/RFP_H12001-1_Intent_to_Award.pdf)

**Richmond Neighborhood Stabilization Loan Fund** - There are 2,814 properties listed on the City of Richmond's Vacant Properties Registry of which nearly 90 percent are residential properties.

LISC and the City of Richmond are joining forces to provide a loan fund of \$1.5 million. This initial investment will allow capital to flow into the underserved communities of the City of Richmond changing blighted properties into neighborhood assets. For further information visit our website [www.virginialisc.org](http://www.virginialisc.org) or contact John Bolton at 804.358.7602 ext. 16.

**LISC/NFL Grassroots Initiative** -The Enrichmond Foundation has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the NFL grassroots program to assist with the installation of field amenities at Gillies Creek Park. The Gillies Creek Park is located in the Greater Fulton community and is a field site for the City of Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities. Despite the lack of field equipment, Gillies Creek hosted over 30 games during the last few football seasons. A lighted scoreboard, removable team benches, removable goalposts and fixed, handicap-accessible bleachers that seat 400 spectators will be installed at the field. These field upgrades will allow DPRCF to expand the programming at Gillies Creek, while making the facility more accessible and attractive to the community at large.

The City now has NFL fields at Blackwell, Hotchkiss, and Oakwood.

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## Arts in the Alley- Along Government & Williamsburg Road

More than 325 volunteers, spent anywhere from two to 26 hours transforming the "commercial corridor" in Greater Fulton into an outdoor art gallery. Buildings and walls were cleaned and primed and painted on Saturday, April 13, and murals were painted on Sunday, April 14.



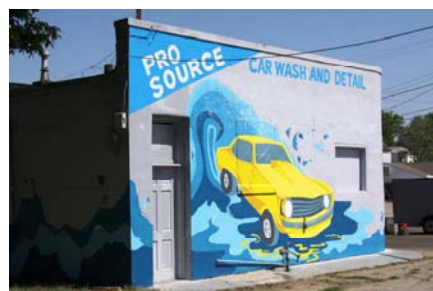
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## Affordable Housing Preservation Opportunities in Richmond and Petersburg

On April 3, Virginia LISC hosted staff from LISC's Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative (AHPI) and local nonprofit developers for a interactive discussion of multifamily affordable housing preservation opportunities and challenges in the Richmond and Petersburg areas. AHPI staff provided mapping and an analysis of available housing stock in both cities. In addition, AHPI staff provided an overview of affordable housing preservation tools that can be used to refinance and rehab properties in need of significant revitalization and provided an overview of how affordable housing bills are proceeding through congress.



For more information about AHPI's work, visit [www.lisc.org/section/ourwork/national/preservation](http://www.lisc.org/section/ourwork/national/preservation)



After

## Local Advisory Committee

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### Updates Continued

**Petersburg Housing Summit-** On June 27th, 2012 the 2nd annual Housing and Community Development Summit will be held. For more information visit

[www.connectsouthside.org/PetersburgHousingCommunityDevelopmentSummitt/tabid/993/default.aspx](http://www.connectsouthside.org/PetersburgHousingCommunityDevelopmentSummitt/tabid/993/default.aspx)

**SEED** -This program provides \$50,000 in funding to promising East End entrepreneurs through an annual business plan competition. This is an initiative of Bon Secours Richmond Health System and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). For more information and an application, visit [www.EastEndVision.org](http://www.EastEndVision.org) or [www.virginialisc.org](http://www.virginialisc.org)

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## Greater Fulton is working with City Councilwoman Cynthia Newbille

Greater Fulton is the recipient of City dollars from last years budget and from this years budget with the help of Councilwoman Newbille. In total, \$125,000 will be spent along the commercial corridor as part of a beautification plan and \$100,000 is dedicated for a memorial park to honor those and the community that lost its housing during a flood and the urban renewal that followed.

Design work is currently being done on banners for the area and for the Memorial Park.

Coming soon to Williamsburg Avenue  
**FULTON MEMORIAL PARK**  
 In recognition of the historic Fulton neighborhood.

