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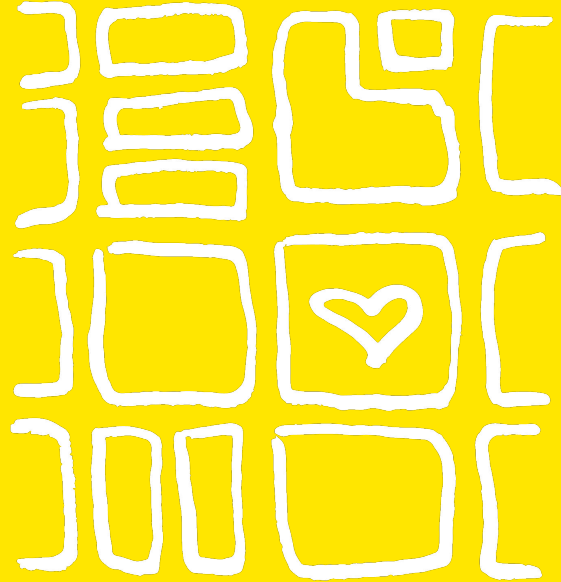


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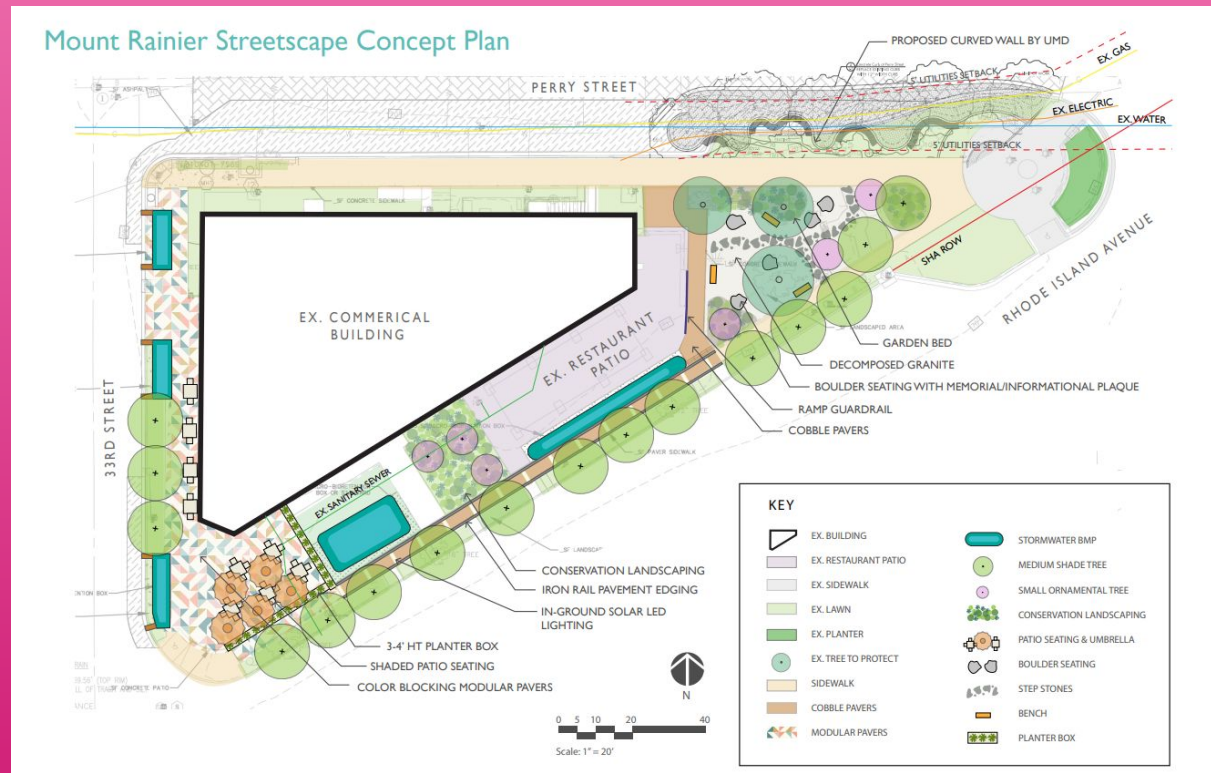
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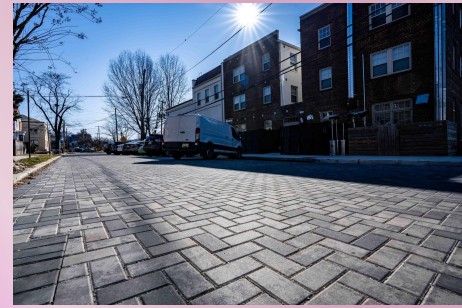




# Placemaking & Placekeeping

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# Placemaking & Placekeeping







# MUNI Training

- Small municipalities manage with limited resources
- Stormwater management has changed the face of municipal land management; it's not just mowing anymore
- Training for the new (SWM) systems doesn't come free with the requirements to build and maintain the systems
- Expanding training regionally enhances hyper local and regional ecosystems—both environmental and human
- NFWF funded grant



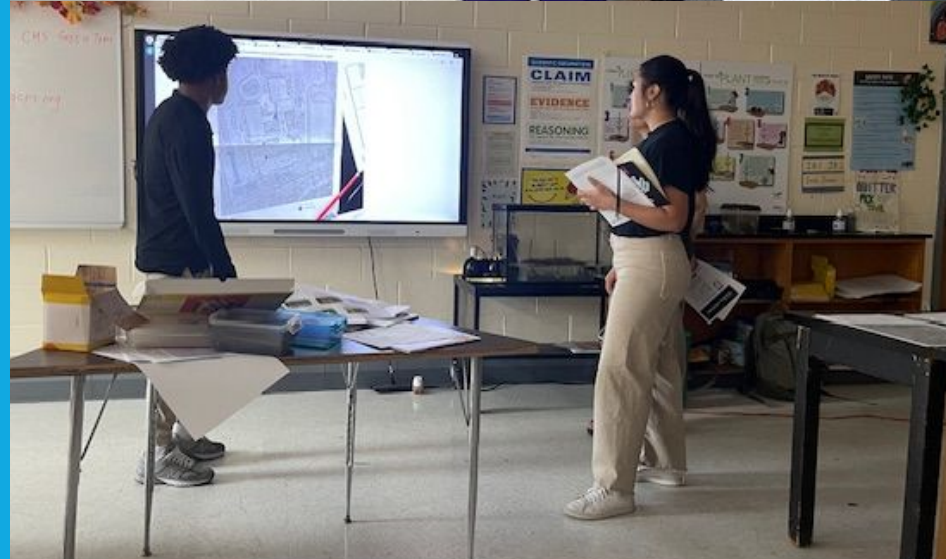


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# Learning Toolkit



Pilot program in the classroom for students to gain exposure to landscape architecture and green careers, plus become familiar with stormwater management on their campus. NFWF funded, NDC led, in support of the PGCPs Climate Change Action Plan.



# Community- Led Effort



Frenchman's Creek Condo Association member initiates a stormwater management concept plan with NDC. On our 2nd and 3rd and preparing for breaking ground this summer. Chesapeake Bay Trust funded efforts.





# Partnership

**Eco City Farms, Edmonston and Bladensburg**

<https://www.ecoffshoots.org/>

**Community Forklift, Edmonston**

<https://www.communityforklift.org/>

**Joe's Movement Emporium** <https://www.joesmovement.org/>

**BCCE Port Town's Collaborative** (Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Edmonston) Website in Development

**Anacostia Watershed Society** <https://www.anacostiaws.org/>

**Nature Forward** <https://natureforward.org/>

**Defensores de la Cuenca** <https://www.tucuenca.org/>

**Operation Arts Foundation** <https://www.operationarts.com/>

**America in Bloom** <https://americainbloom.org/>

# Resources

## Stormwater

Chesapeake Bay Trust <https://cbtrust.org/grants/>

Prince George's County Stormwater Management Program  
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/environment/stormwater-management/rain-check-rebates/stormwater-stewardship-grants>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)  
<https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-program>

## Planning Grants

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Prince George's County Planning Department

Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities (PAMC)  
<https://pgplanning.org/focus-areas/housing-neighborhoods/pamc/>

**Streetscape/Art/Furniture/Placemaking/lighting/Sidewalks**

**State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development**

**Community Health and Safety Works Program**

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/csw/default.aspx>

**Community Legacy**

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/CL.aspx>

**Prince George's County Community Development Block Grant Program**

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/housing-community-development/community-grants-and-programs/community-development-block-grant>

**Maryland State Arts Council** <https://www.msac.org/>

**Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA)**

<https://anacostiatrials.org/>

**Rocket Grants for signage/art/etc.**



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# Enhancing Outdoor Spaces

**Site Analysis #2  
10000 Greenbelt Rd, Clinton, MD**





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**DESIGN DC 2020**

**Creating Strong Foundations:  
Building Equitable Partnerships  
and Fostering Collaboration**

**Allie O'Neill   Katryna Carter   Sophie Morley**

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# Future of LEAFHouse Meeting 1

**Facilitator: Allie O'Neill of NDC**

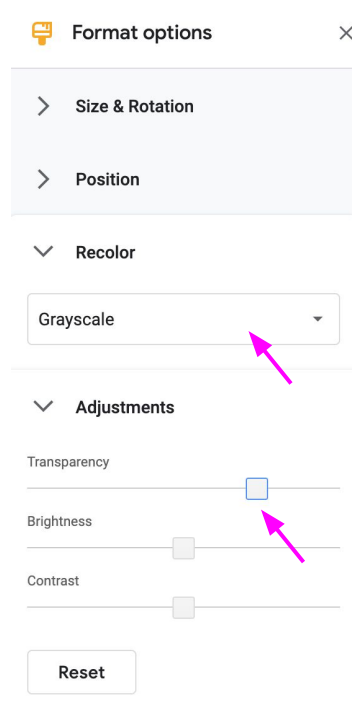
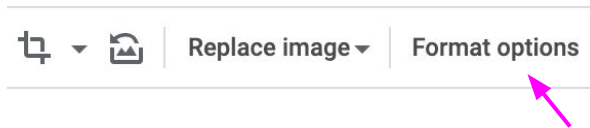
**Participants: Sue Presti, Bo Green, Jennifer Verbeke,  
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# Agenda

**10:00 - 10:15**

## **Logistics**

Quick Introduction  
Agenda Review  
Meeting Agreements  
Pause for Questions

**10:15 - 11:45**

## **Chapter + Membership**

Chapter Identity  
Membership Activation

**11:45 - 12:00**

## **Break**

**12:00 - 1:15**

## **Programs Focus Area**

Proposed Focus Areas  
Focus Areas  
Next Steps

**1:15 - 1:30**

## **Closing**

Reflections from leadership  
AIA PV Next Steps



# Meeting Outline

**1**

## **Logistics**

What we're going to do today and how

**2**

## **Chapter + Membership**

Articulate chapter goals + Identify strategies to better activate the AIA PV members

**3**

## **Programs Focus Area**

Outline where energy will be invested for programs and events in 2021



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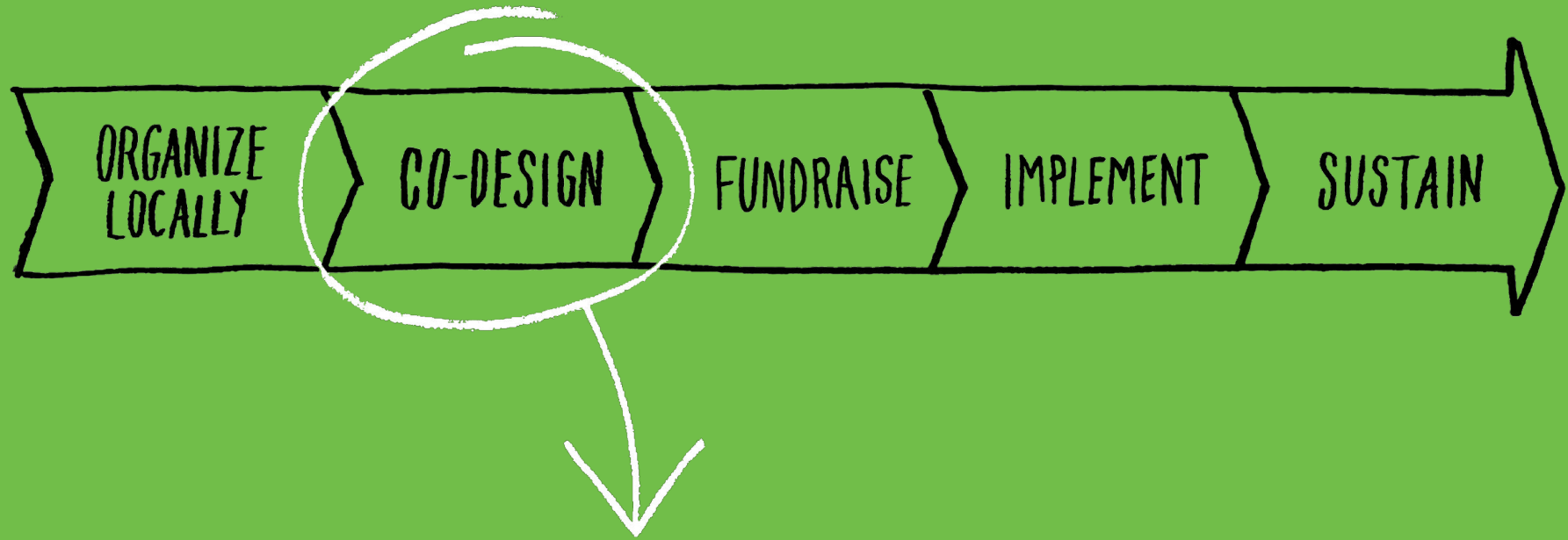
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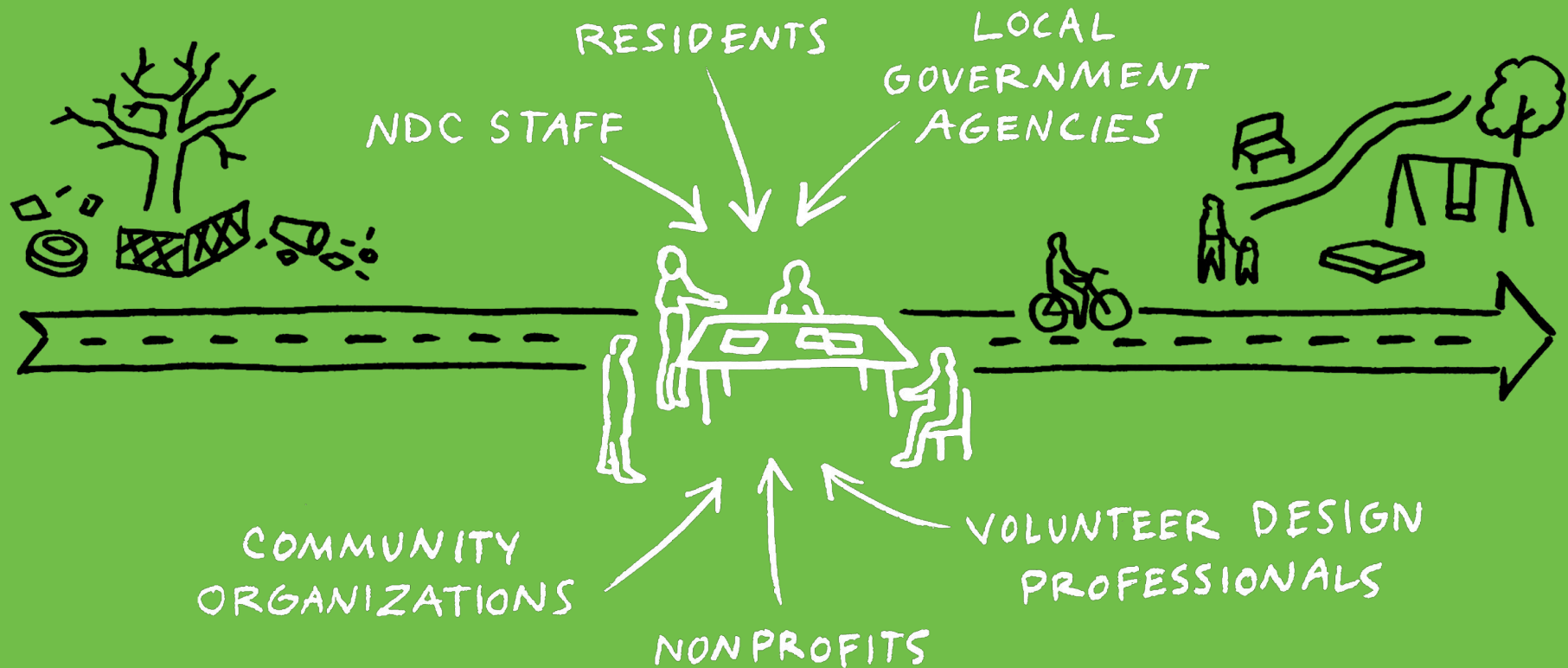


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is the trusted partner that community leaders call when they want to get things done—we've been invited to work on more than 3,600 community-led projects since 1968.









# NDC believes

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- Everyone deserves access to good design.
- The more inclusive and community-driven the process, the better the design.
- Well-designed places enhance healthy cultural and democratic life in our neighborhoods.
- Healthy places are built with consideration of social justice, environmental sustainability, and the true character of a place and the people who live, work, worship and do business there.



# NDC's Process



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# Stakeholders



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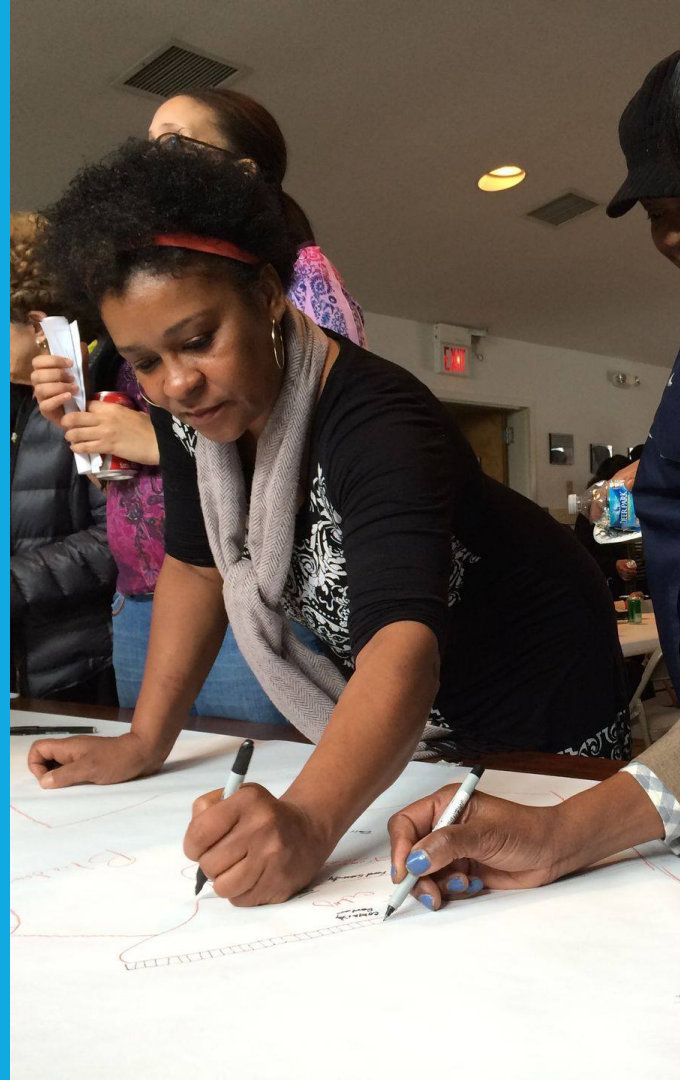
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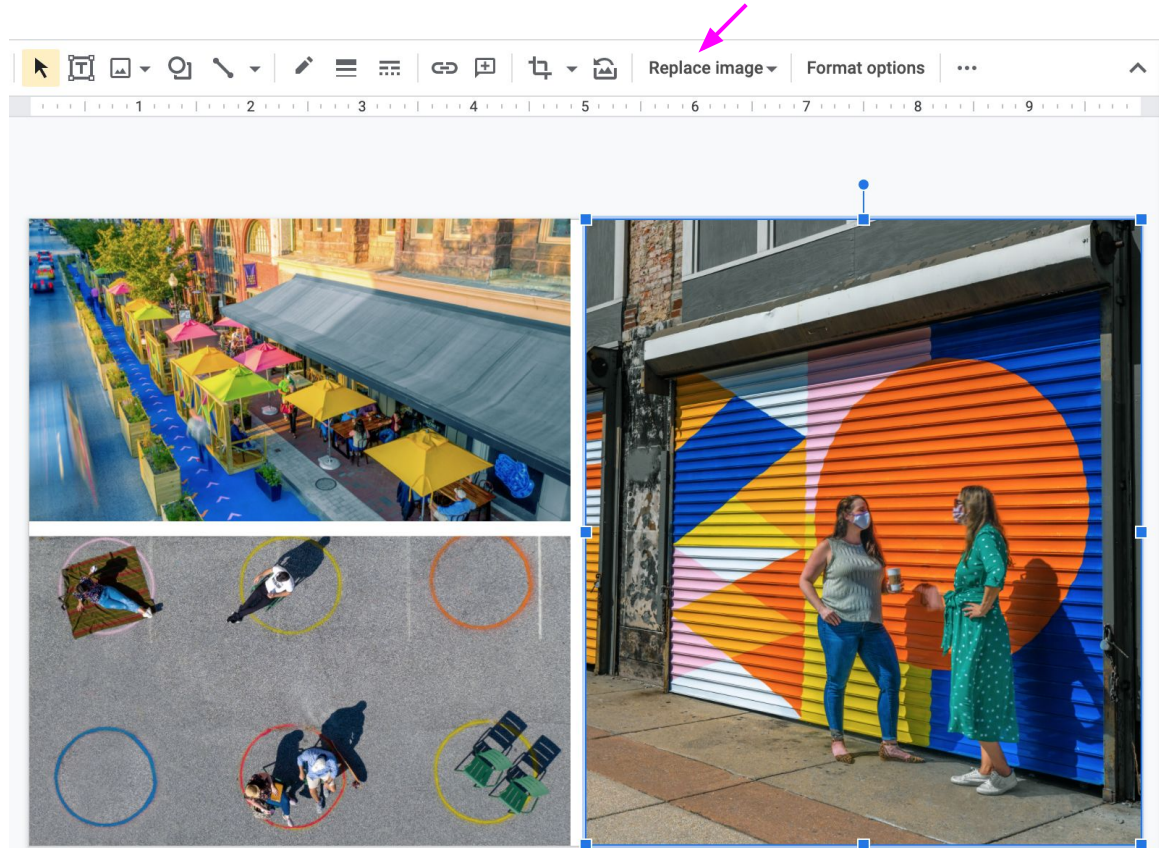


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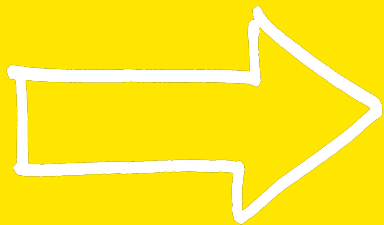
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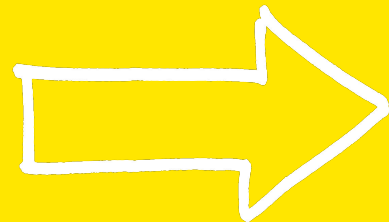


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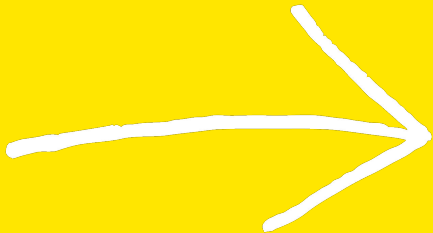


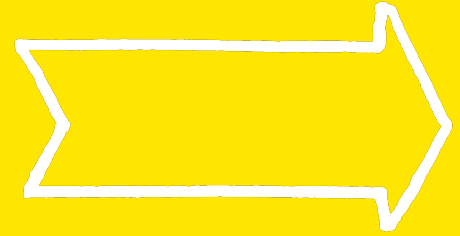
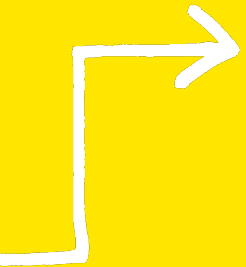
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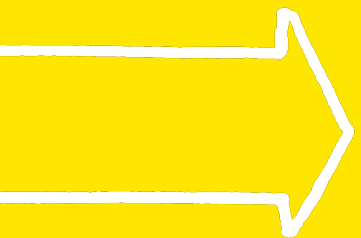
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# Understanding a project's context

## **Shared values**

What is the mission and previous work of community partners?

## **Background research**

What issue are we trying to address?

## **Other Initiatives**

What other initiatives and projects in we should be aware of?

## **NDC BLUEPRINT**

- Who do you already know?
- Who do you need to know?
- Who else is already working there?
- Who are the decision makers and gatekeepers we should engage?

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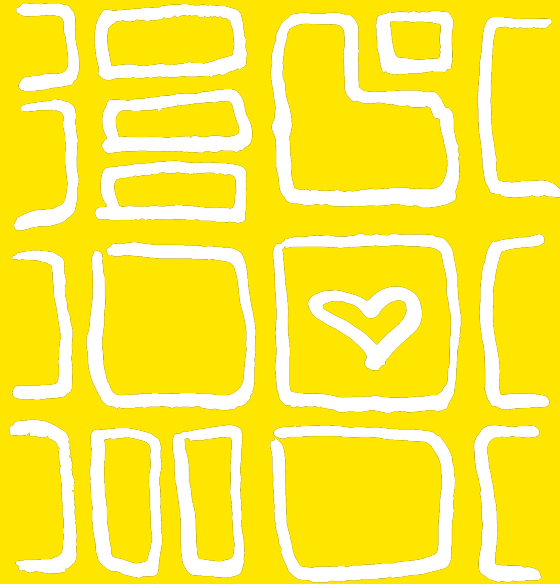
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# Project Timeline

**FEB**

## **Visions and Goals**

**By meeting's end, the group will:** understand each participants' relationship to Bostwick, unique contribution to the group, and aspirations for Bostwick in the future.

**MAR**

## **Community Wants and Needs**

**By meeting's end, the group will:** have outlined values for the area and community assets with a particular focus on what can influence the focus of the future for Bostwick.

**APR**

## **Scenario Planning**

**By meeting's end, the group will:** have a refined sense of possible redevelopment scenarios, understand obstacles, and will have additional scenarios to assess.

**MAY**

## **Scenario Presentation**

**By meeting's end, the group will:** have outlined values for the area and community assets with a particular focus on what can influence the focus of the future for Bostwick.

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## **Draft Plan**

**By meeting's end, the group will:** have a clear understanding of the adaptive reuse strategy and short-term steps to achieve it.



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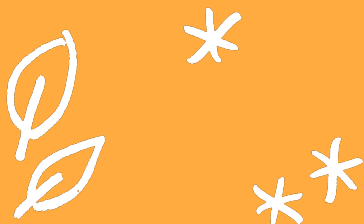
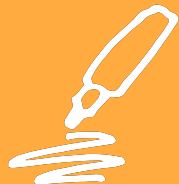
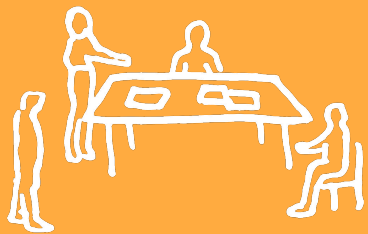
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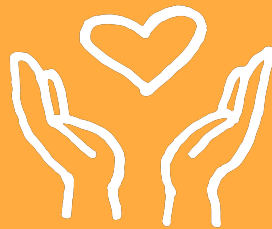
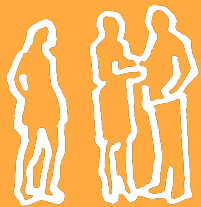
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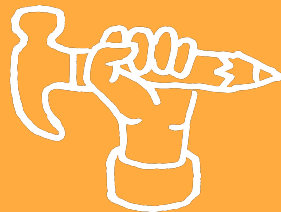
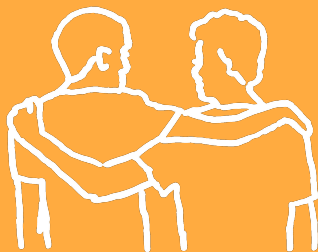
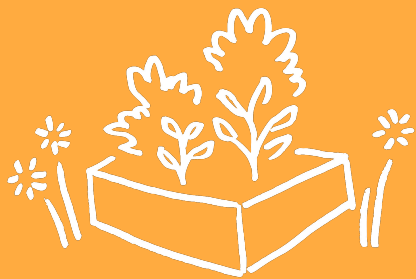


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