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The General Plan—What does it do?

- Guide future growth & development
- Address future opportunities & challenges affecting community quality of life
- Guide future land use planning & development review
- Spark changes to zoning & regulations
- Influence future public & private sector investments

HOW?

- > Prioritize high-level policy guidance to influence future actions we may know now & actions we don't know yet
- > Implemented over multiple decades
- > By multiple public & private entities

The General Plan and Equity

- Montgomery County is carrying out a major update to its general plan, titled Thrive **Montgomery Plan 2050**
- Montgomery County's general plan will, for the first time, specifically tackle inequities and disparities in Montgomery County.
- Among our goals in updating the Thrive Montgomery Plan 2050 will be to recognize and make improvements on a long history of land use decisions in Montgomery County that have historically created exclusionary neighborhoods.
- Developing a general plan that envisions a more equitable community is ongoing and will be an effort that requires constant attention and community engagement.
- We are committed to confronting the legacy of institutional racism and more specifically inequities in the LGBTQ+ communities.
- The vision of the general plan also will lead to more equitable planning policies.



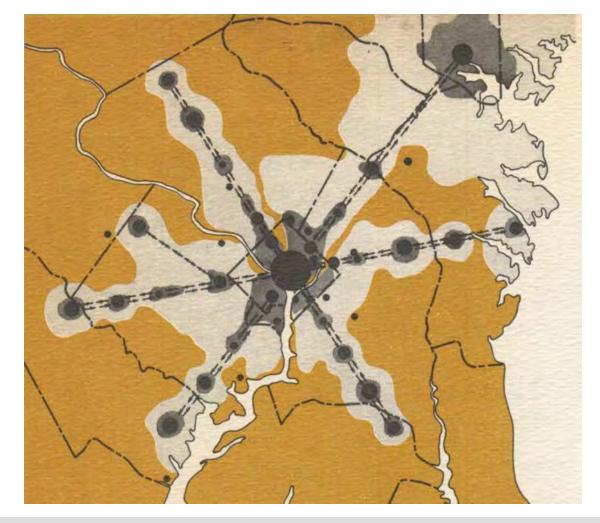
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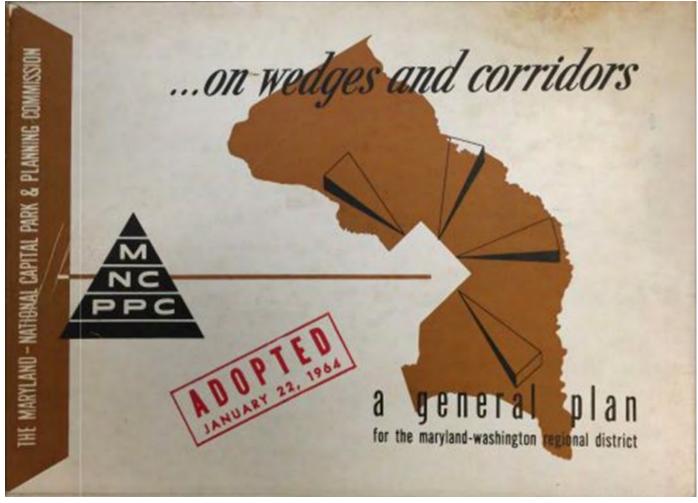
Latter Half of 20th Century:

• 1960s: General Plan—landmark in planning history: emphasis on open space, clustering, & need for affordable housing in the suburbs

Racial equity was not directly addressed in the original General Plan for the

county





Update the Strategic Framework

Equity—
one of 3 pillars
for General Plan
Update







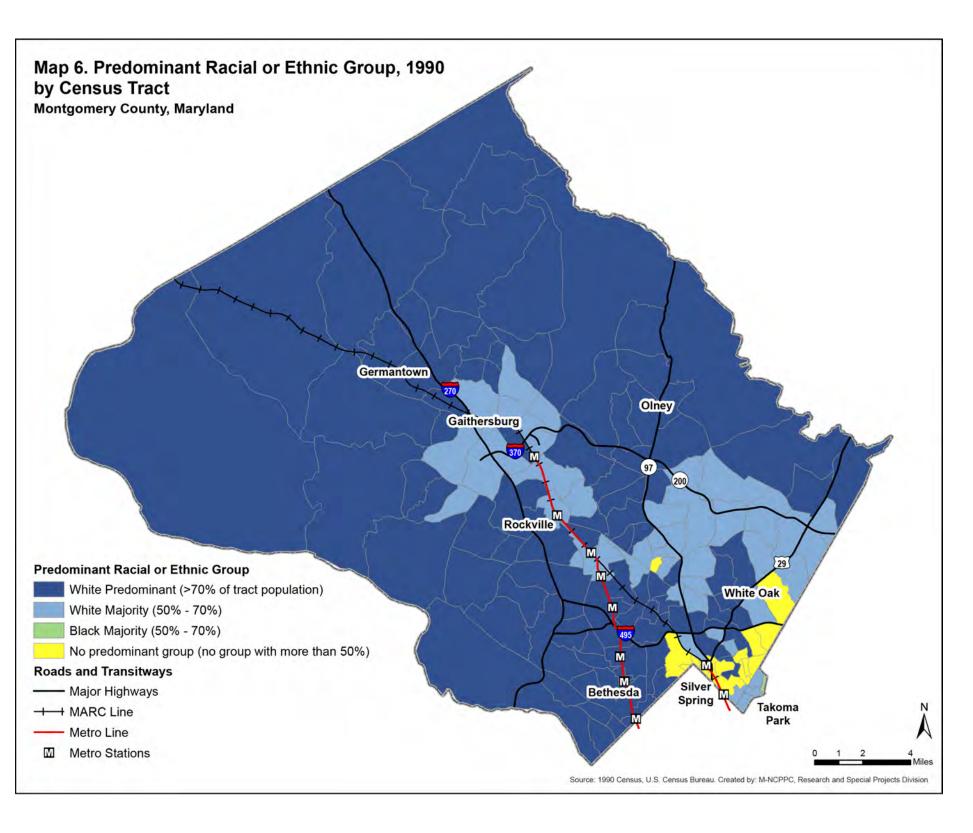


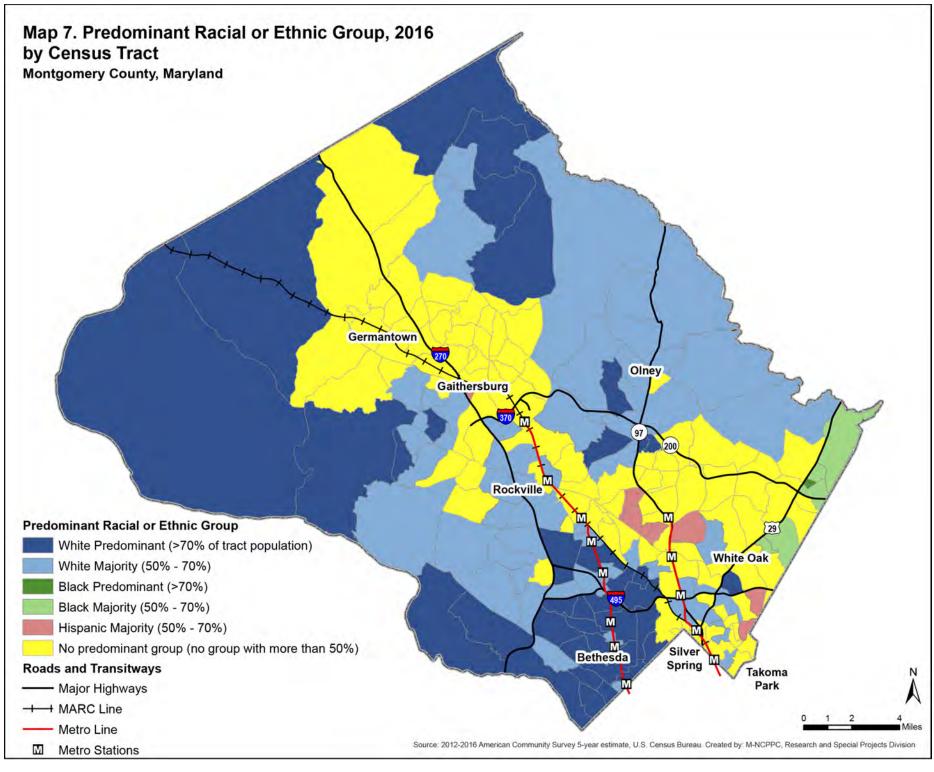
Community Engagement

- Engaging diverse communities typically under-represented in planning efforts.
- Outreach initiatives:
 - Materials/presentations in Spanish & English
 - Targeted outreach to churches & other community organizations
 - Information easily accessible to commuters on Metrorail, bus shelters & buses
 - Distribution of information at schools
 - Unique tools such as visual recording artists

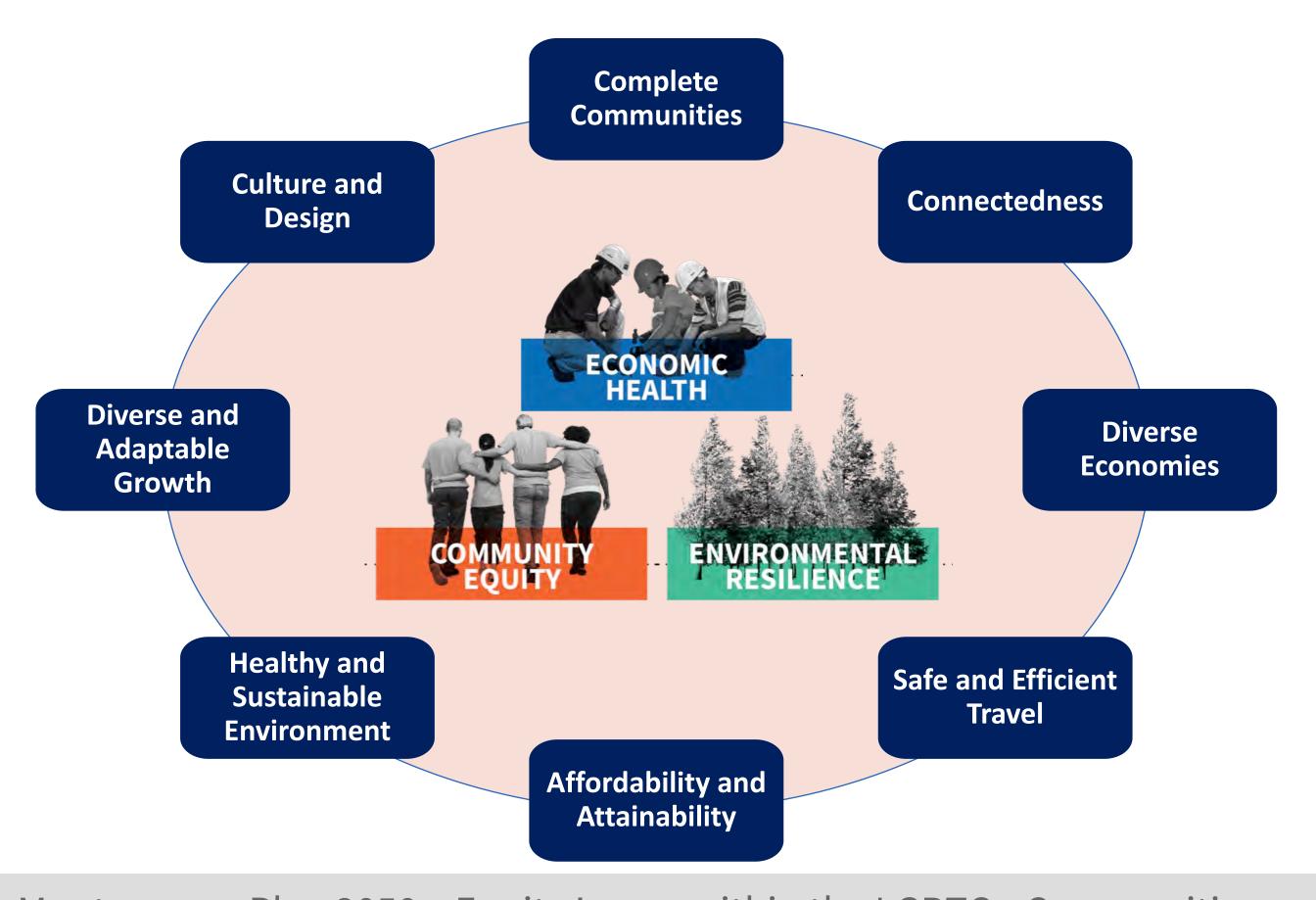


Diversity in Montgomery County Today





Consider the Diverse Issues and Outcomes





Timeline

Draft Vision and Goals

April 16, 2020

Draft Policies and Actions

Late May/early June 2020

Working Draft Plan

September 17, 2020

Planning Board Review + Transmittal

October 2020 - March 2021

Council Review + Approval

April 2021 - TBD



What's Next

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities:

- Future Webinars Related to LGBTQ Experience
 - Historic Preservation
 - Generations: LGBTQ Youth and Seniors



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Yes Segura is a Transportation Planner who is 1st generation El Salvadoran American, but also an openly Transgender Man. Yes's focus of planning work deals with equity & health within new mobility. Yes's graduate work heavily involved LGBTQ+ Planning and self-driving cars policy / urban design work. Yes has won multiple APA awards and an AICP award. Since then Yes has continued research + policy work within new mobility with a focus on equity. & health. Yes recently helped to establish the Health & Equity Subcommittee within the Autonomous Vehicle Washington State Workgroup + has presented at a United Nations Global Goals jam in Seattle.

Thank you!

- To everyone that continues to fight for equitable communities.
- To everyone that helped to coordinate this webinar.

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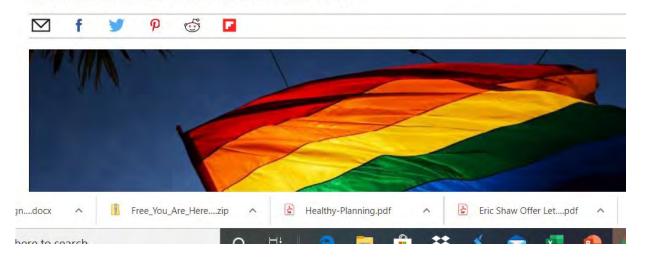
Planning and LGBTQ+ Spaces and Places

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Is the Castro Getting Less Gay?

Ryan Levi - KQED Updated 3:41 pm PST, Friday, December 15, 2017



LGBTQ Nightlife Dissipates in the District

March 15, 2019 by Sean Fulmer and Steven Botsoe — Leave a Comment

As students left campus for spring break, Georgetown's queer community lost another one of its dwindling LGBTQ nightlife establishments, calling into the question the state of safe spaces for queer individuals.

Washington, D.C., has the largest proportion of LGBTQ residents of any U.S. state or territory, according to a recent Gallup poll. With a community that makes up 8.6 percent of the population, the District enjoys some of the most progressive gay rights legislation in the country.

Gayborhoods aren't dead. In fact, there are more of them than you think.

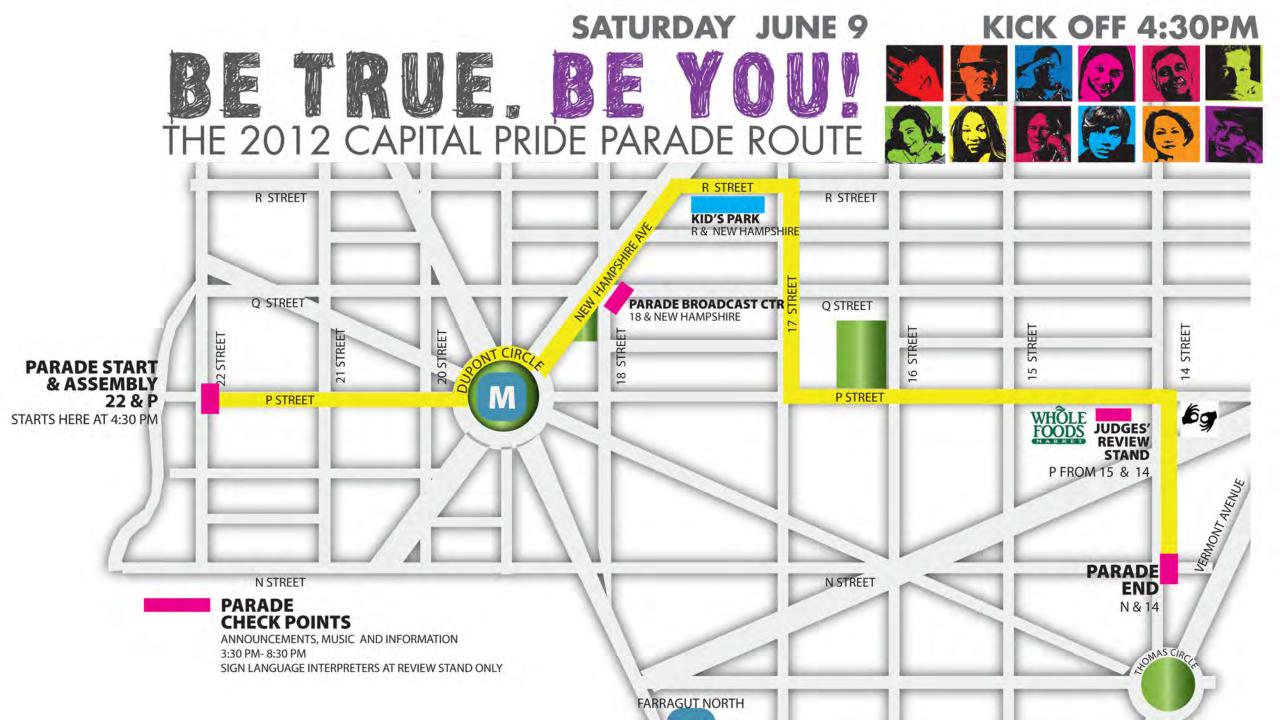


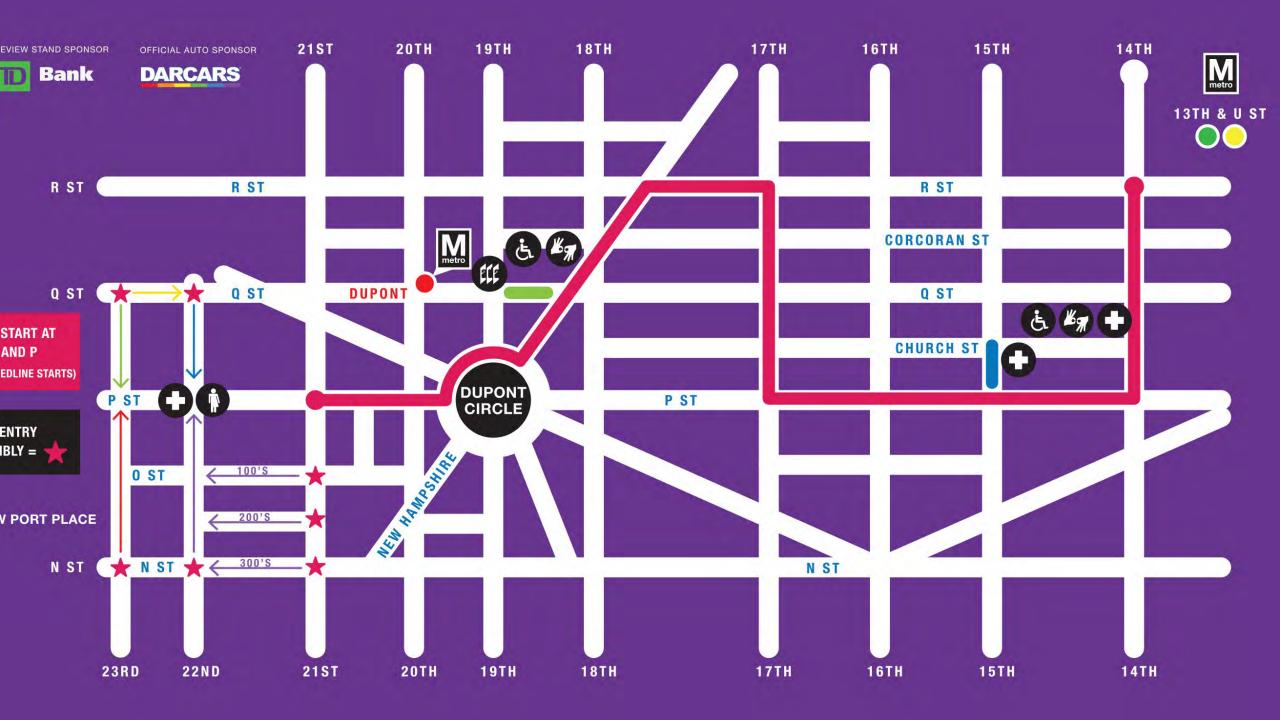




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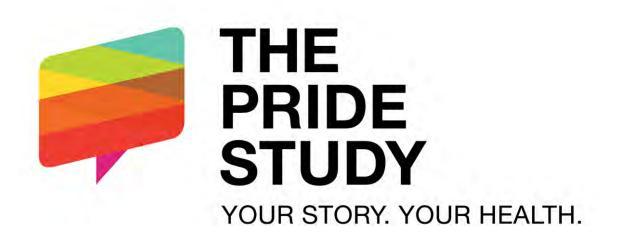
















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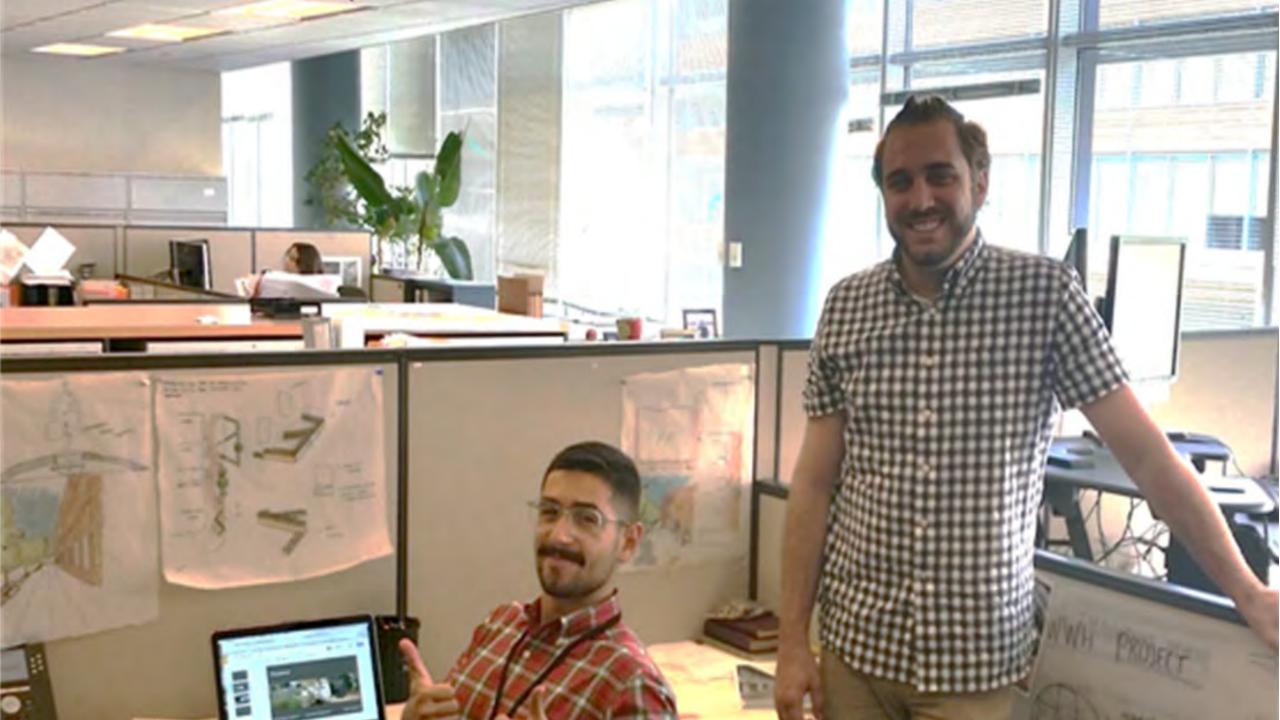
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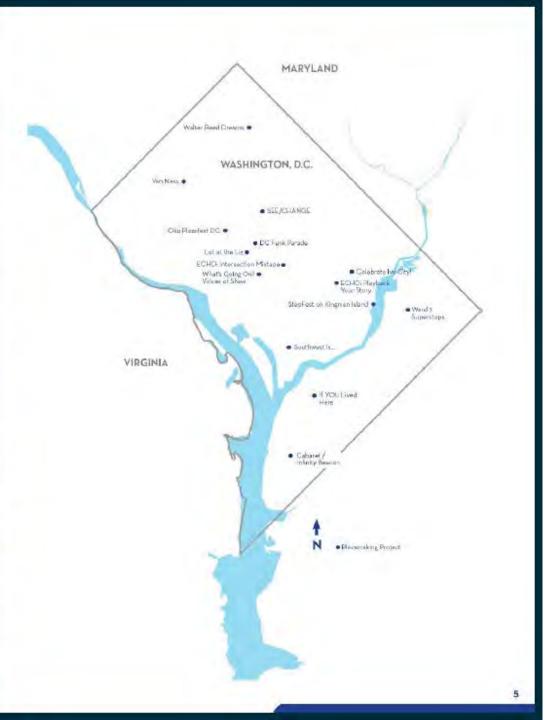








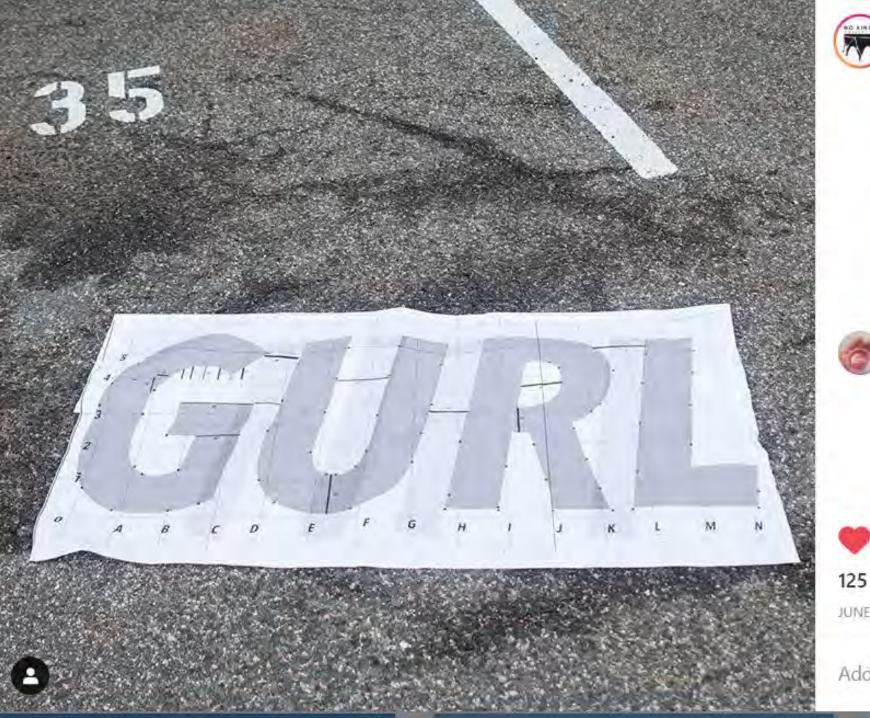














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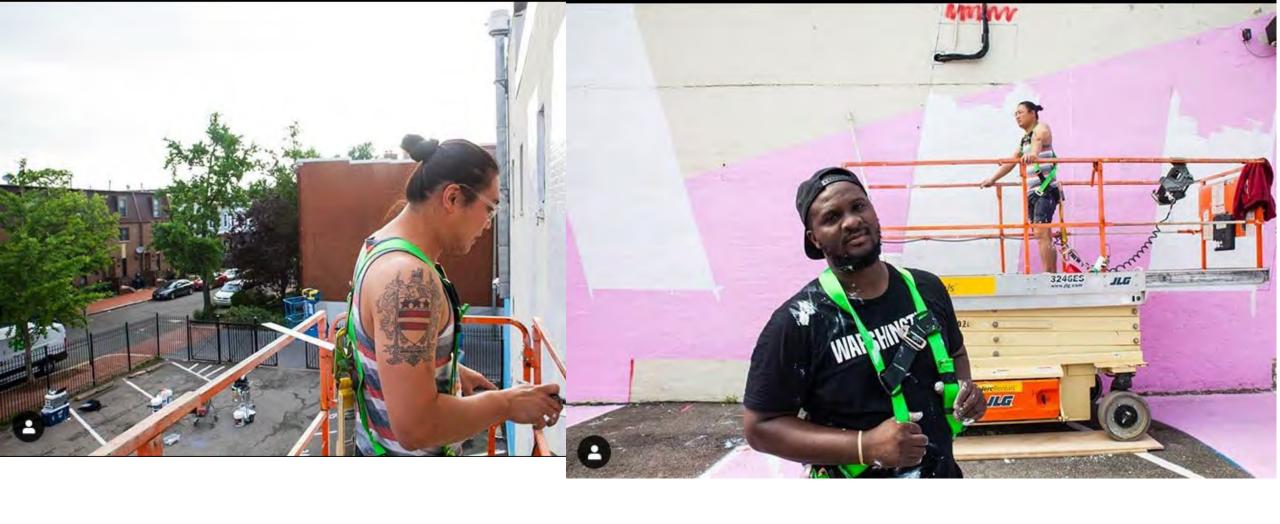
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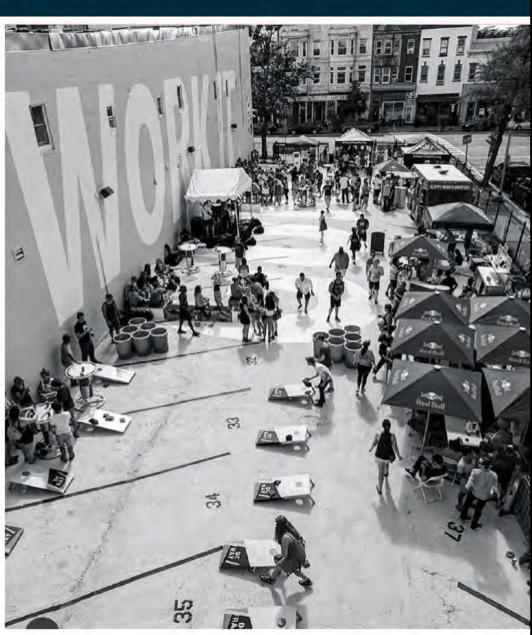




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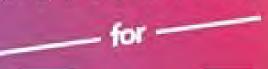
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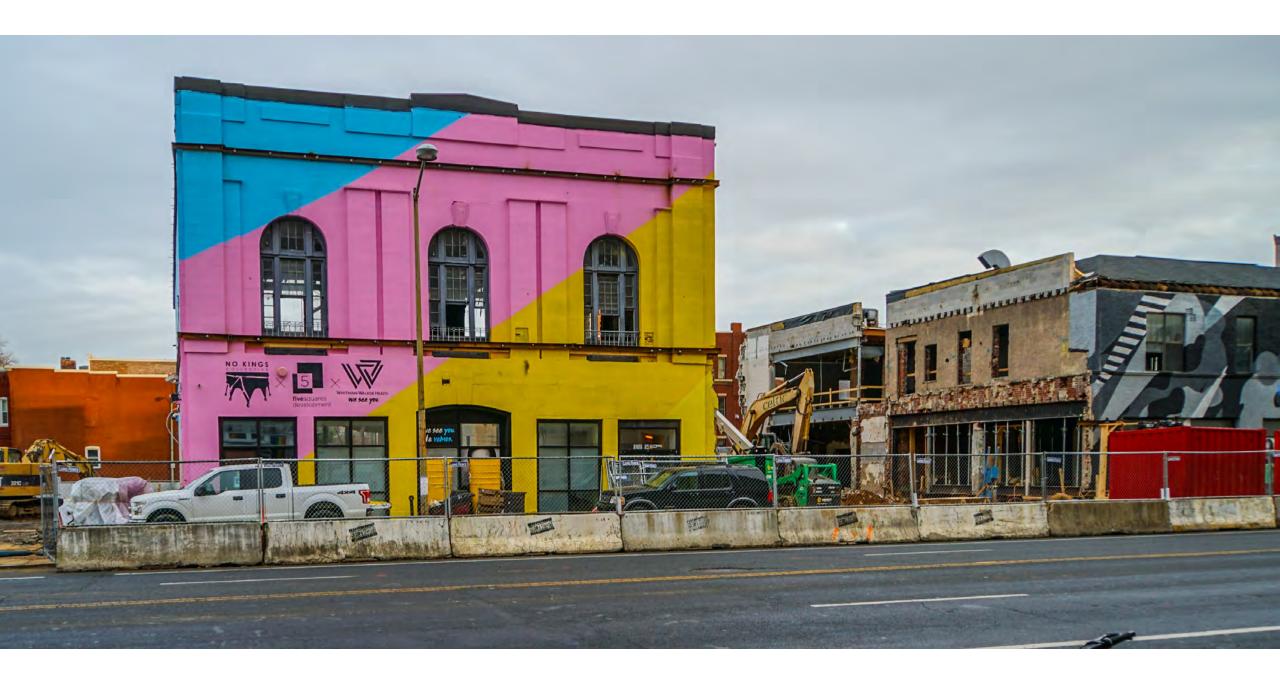
















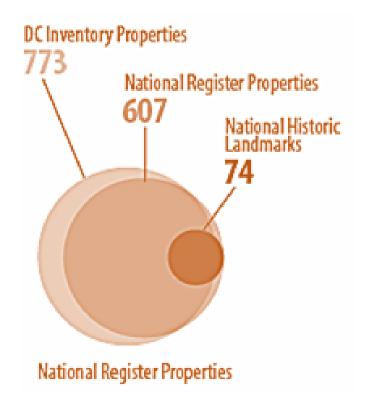




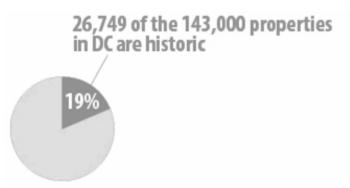
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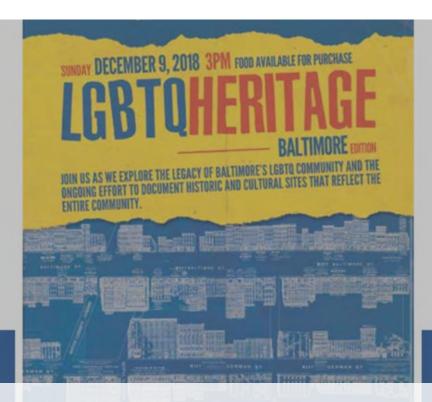












From Isolation to Inclusion in Historic Preservation Planning

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Supporting organizations







Goal

To create a **toolkit** to document places associated with LGBTQ heritage in Baltimore City for Preservation Maryland, with a focus on:

- The impact of the authorized heritage discourse (AHD) (Smith 2006)
- LGBTQ deficit in historic preservation practice and scholarship
- Grassroots efforts

Data sources

- Interviews of local members of the LGBTQ community
- Archival materials
- Case study of the Hippo



Artistic rendering of 1990 Miss Hippo competition. Courtesy Daniela Tai

Community workshop

Place-centered story telling





Results

- Many untold stories of the African American LGBTQ community in Baltimore
- LGBTQ history in Baltimore privileges white voices
- African American history non-existent in existing written secondary sources

The Toolkit: Interviews

TOOLKIT TIP

Flexibility is key. The same set of questions may not be meaningful from one group to another. Following the interviews, each interview team created a summary and coded the conversation by themes. These themes were compiled into a studio-wide list accessible on a shared Google Drive, which allowed all the studio members to recognize both the common themes and insights as well as unique individual experiences.

Through the series of interviews, studio members learned about other important neighborhoods in Baltimore that were significant particularly to the black LGBTQ community; these neighborhoods likely would not have been discovered if the project remained limited to its original scope.

Toolkit: Archival research

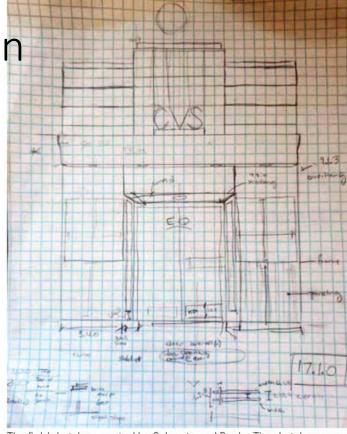




Toolkit: Physical documentation

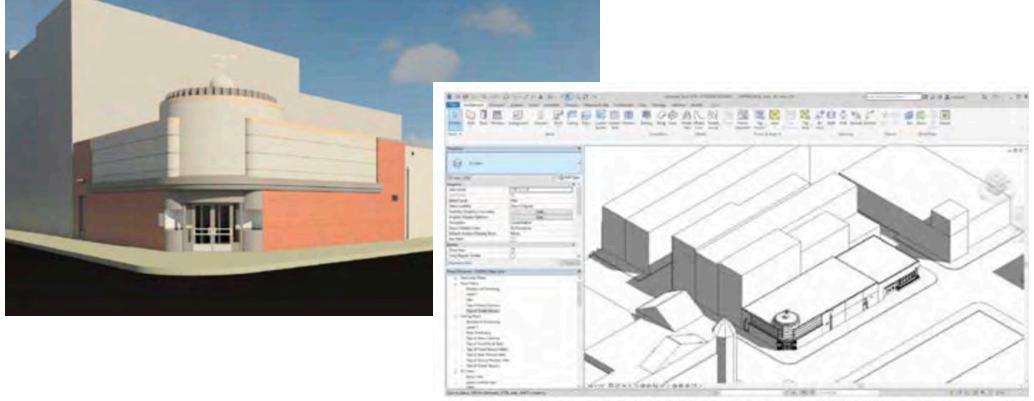


Emma Schrantz and Katie Boyle document The Hippo by hand.



The field sketches created by Schrantz and Boyle. The sketches were then put into Building Information Modeling software to create a 3D model and architectural drawings (see next page).

Courtesy Emma Schrantz and Katie Boyle



A three dimensional model of The Hippo created and rendered in Autodesk Revit. Revit is more likely to be used by architects or architecture firms familiar in historic preservation to recreate or document buildings. SketchUp Free is a similar 3D modeling software that can be downloaded online; many free tutorials for SketchUp available on YouTube for the inexperienced user. SketchUp is a great tool for individuals or nonprofits that do not have the money to spend on hiring an architect or architecture firm.

Courtesy Kelly Haley and Emma Schrantz.

Student recommendations

RECOMMENDATION #1: Start with community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION #2: Sensitivity, flexibility, and open-mindedness are required.

RECOMMENDATION #3: Plan for the unexpected.

RECOMMENDATION #4: You need a public-facing outcome.

Student recommendations

"EVERYDAY PEOPLE"

- Explore your local LGBTQ history. Can you name any sites nearby that are associated with LGBTQ heritage? See if your local historical society or other organization offers walking tours or public programs.
- Check out projects like LGBT NYC Historic Sites Project or other heritage groups before your next trip and visit some of the recommended sites. How are they interpreted? Are they designated in any way? What does the text on these plaques say?
- Ask questions at historic sites. What does the tour guide mean when they
 describe someone as a "confirmed bachelor" or similarly coded phrase? Invite
 conversation about historical meanings and how they change over time.
- Get involved with a local history project or start your own!

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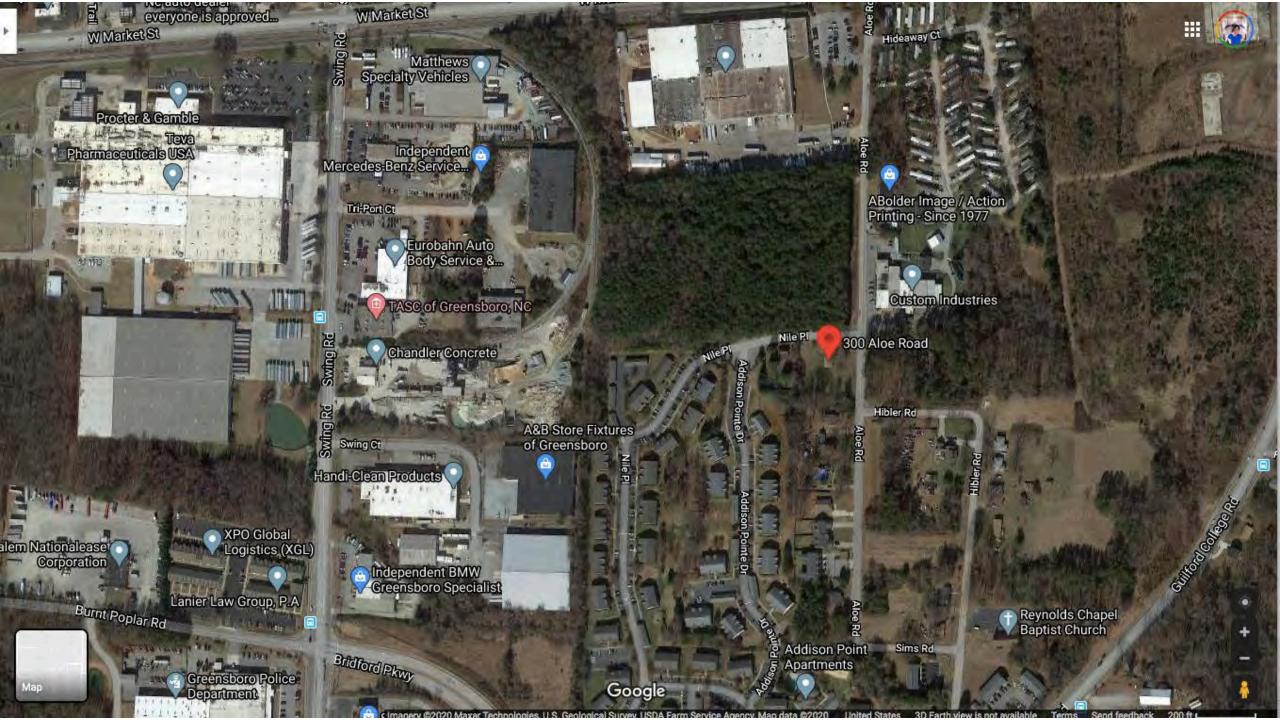
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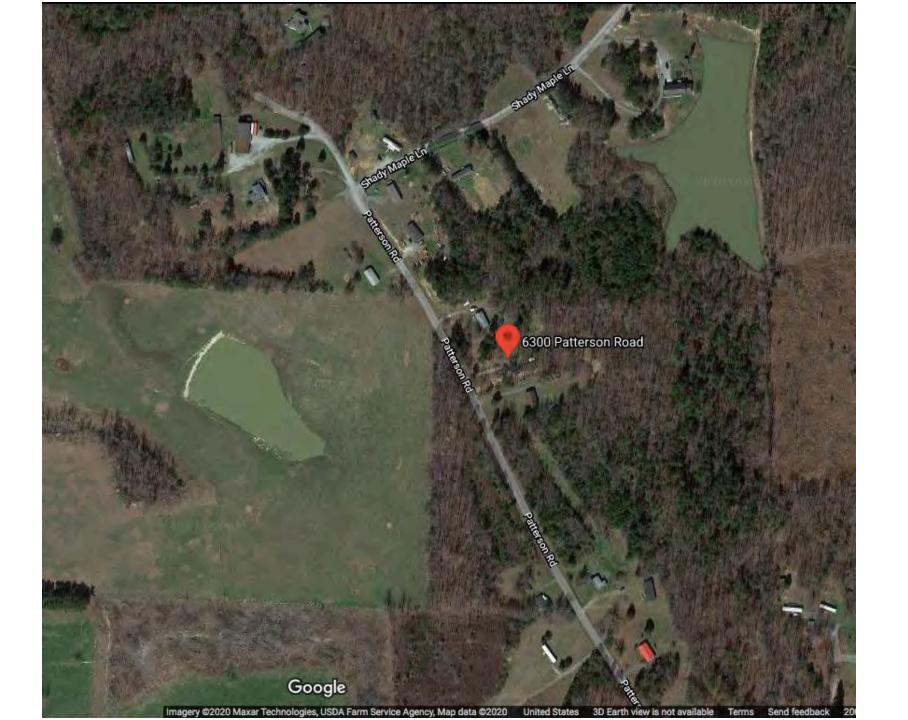
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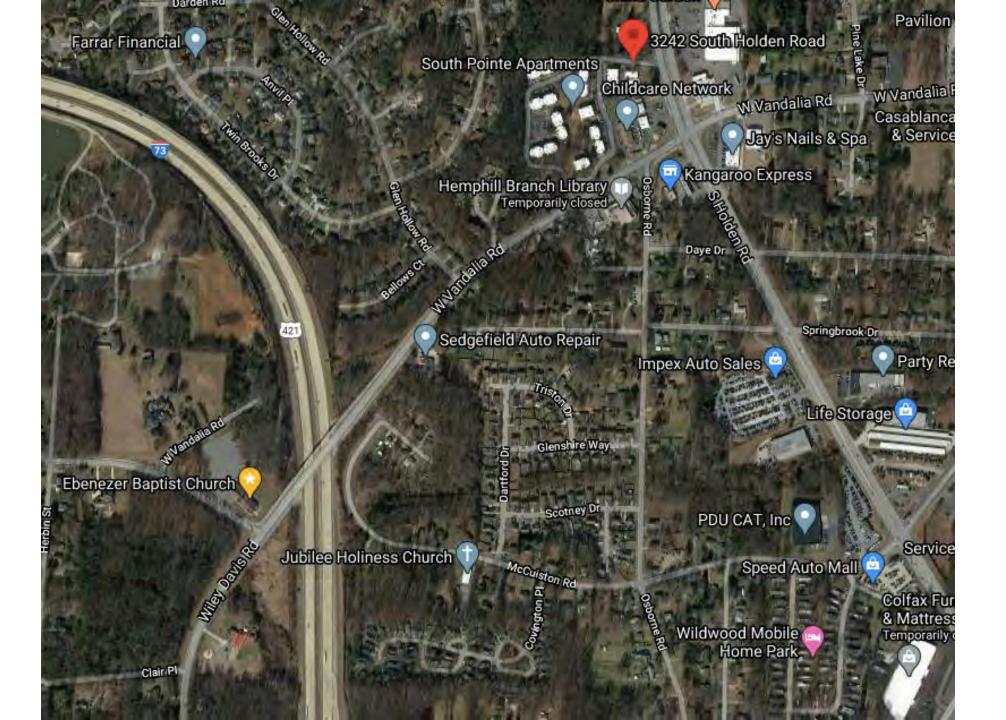


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People of All Sexualities on the
Presence of Certain Black and Queer
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Welcome to The Black Urbanist's How Black Women* Are Really Living in Metro America Survey

*Inclusive of non-binary, trans and gender-nonconforming people who still identifies with some form of womanhood or femininity.



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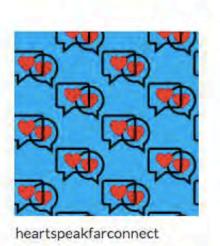
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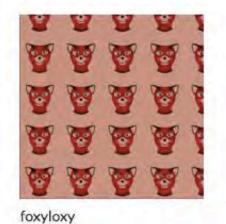
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Surface Pattern Design and Products by Kristen Jeffers











Fresh Picks



Future (of Planning)

Evaluate our own implicit bias and how that implicit bias shows up in our maps, public meeting formats, and surveys and our hiring and staffing practices.

Specifically, we must be comfortable with non-gender conforming expressions, and support our colleagues when they are challenged against them by the communities we serve.

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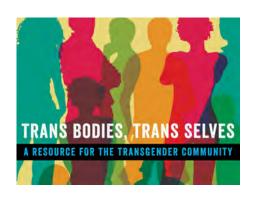








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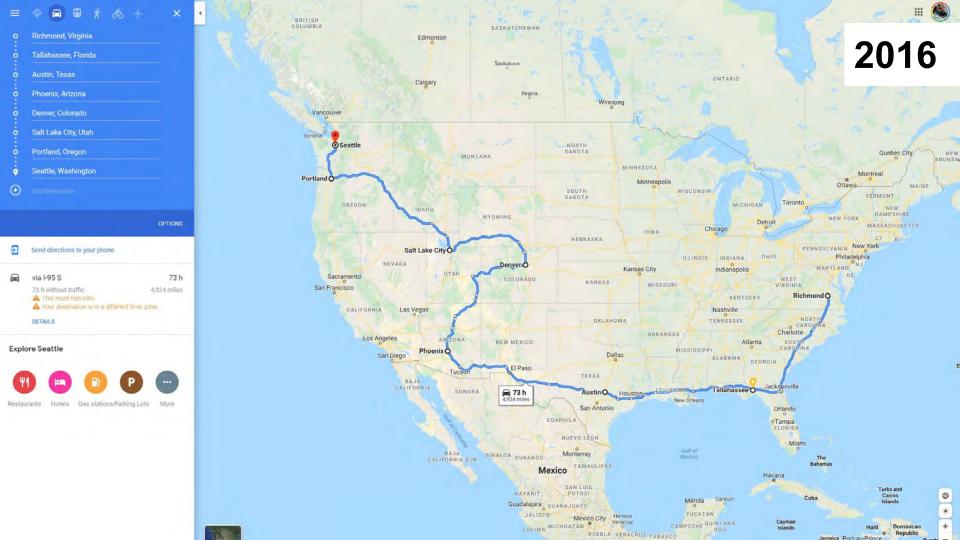
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Attack on legally blind trans woman on Seattle-area bus probed as likely hate crime

The trans rider pepper-sprayed several juveniles, allegedly over a dispute at the bus station, before they followed her off the bus and beat her, police say.

Dec. 12, 2019, 12:36 PM PST

By Tim Fitzsimons

An attack on a legally blind transgender woman in the Seattle suburb of Tukwila is being investigated as a potential hate crime, according to the King County Sheriff's Office.

The woman, who has not been named by authorities, was beaten Tuesday night by "several juvenile males" who had boarded the public bus she was riding. Authorities said the victim walked to the back of the bus, pepper-sprayed the youths and then left the bus. She was then "chased by the juveniles" off the bus and subsequently assaulted.

"Cellphone video from witnesses captured the female lying on the ground motionless and defenseless while being punched and stomped repeatedly by the suspects," Sgt. Ryan Abbott of the King County Sheriff's Office told NBC News in an email.

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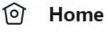
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National Center for Transgender Equality









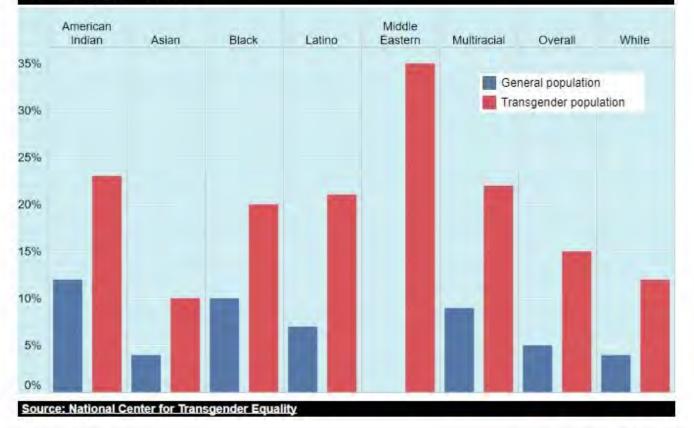
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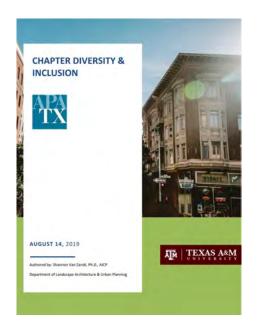
The transgender unemployment rate is three times the U.S. average U.S. unemployment rates, 2015



National Center for Transgender Equality, (2015)



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Chapter Diversity & Inclusion APA Texas (2019)



UCLA
Understanding How
Women Travel
- Anastasia
Loukaitou-Sideris
(2020)



Seattle LGBTQ
Commission
Recommendations for
Seattle's 2035
Comprehensive Plan
(2015)

COVID-19 & THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

LGBTQ+ POC COVID-19



QTIBIPOC COVID-19 mutual aid fund
- Amita Swadhin
(2020)

- 3/13/2020 3/17/2020
- 3,000+ applications = A total of \$2 million in requests
- \$100 for each applicant



- COVID-19 Response Programs
- \$500 in Rent
- COVID-19 Weekly Info. Calls



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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Seattle Pride events will be held virtually this year

April 16, 2020 at 11:03 am | Updated April 16, 2020 at 3:13 pm



The Greater Scattle Business Association spells out the word "Equality" in a cloud of bubbles at the 45th annual Scattle Pride Parade Sunday... (Bottina Hanson / The Scattle Times) More >

By Megan Burbank
Seattle Times features reporter



Seattle Pride

- 46th year 2020
- June 28th, 2020 Seattle Pride
- 500,000 attendees in 2019
- Data.Seattle.gov (Special Events)

Seattle Times (2020)



April 2020 HRC (2020)

Using data from the U.S. Transgender Population Health Survey, this study examines characteristics that may increase vulnerability to COVID-19 for the 1.4 million adults in the U.S. who identify as transgender.

UCLA Williams Institute (2020)

the U.S.



National Center for Transgender Equality (2020)

Transgender people are:

UN STOPPABLE share your thoughts

THANK YOU!!!

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