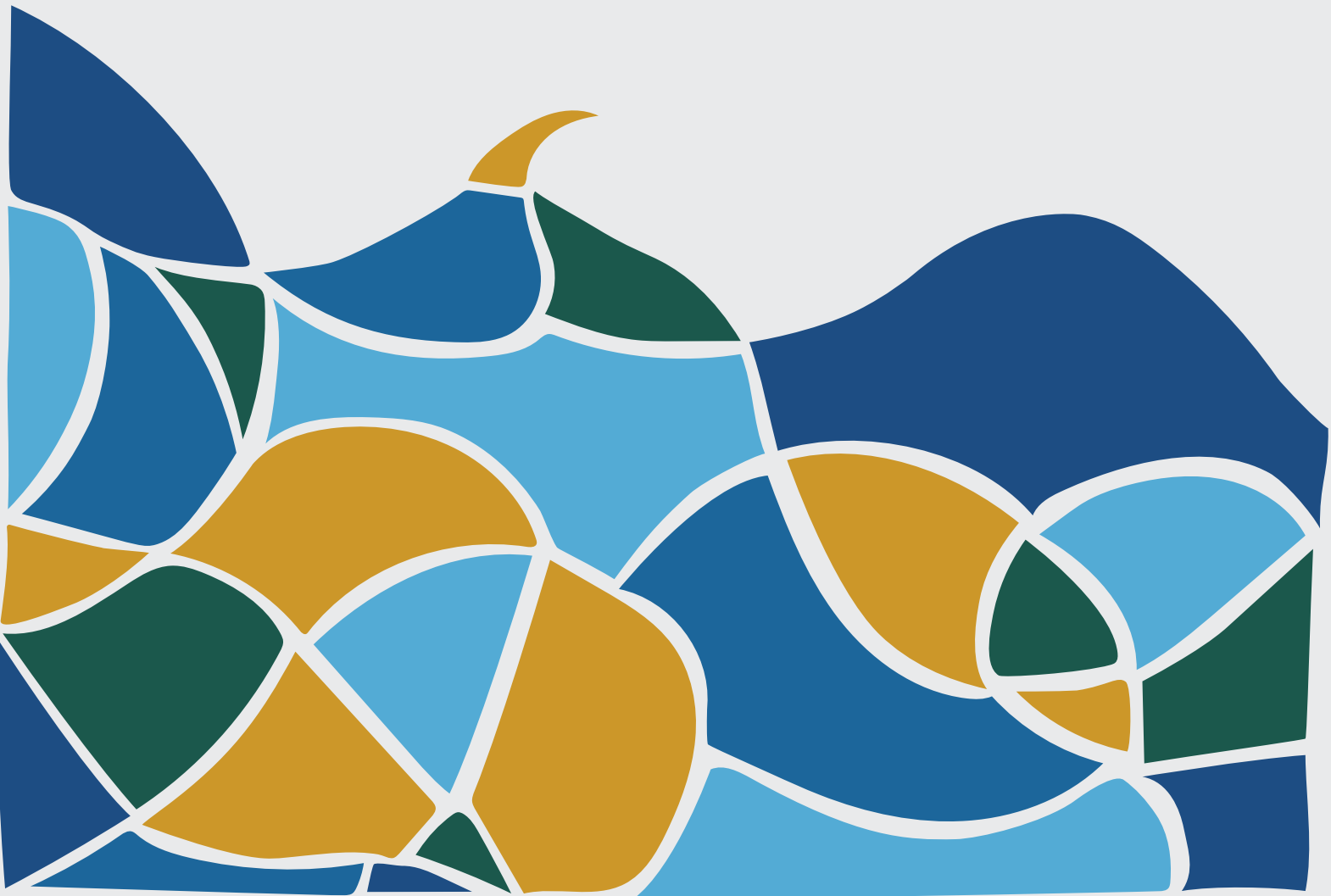





Eastport Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant

**Existing Conditions Review and Visioning
YOUTH, RESIDENT, AND
COMMUNITY MEETINGS
SUMMARY**

September 20 + 21, 2022





On September 21st and 22nd, residents from Eastport Terrace-Harbour House (ET-HH) and the surrounding Eastport neighborhood convened for a series of meetings and workshops to review the Existing Conditions data for the neighborhood and to begin the visioning process for transforming the neighborhood. Existing Conditions data was gathered from a broad range of sources and included preliminary findings from the ET-HH Resident Survey. Three meetings were held at the Eastport Community Center:

- 1) a Young Planners workshop on the afternoon of September 20, 2022,
- 2) an ET-HH Residents meeting on the evening of September 20, 2022, and
- 3) an Eastport Community meeting on the evening of September 21, 2022.

The agenda, meeting content, and activities were identical for both evening sessions, and Spanish interpreters were provided.

YOUNG PLANNERS



During the Young Planners workshop, ET-HH youth learned about neighborhood planning. The children participated in a walk of their community and a visioning session to brainstorm the features they want to see in the redeveloped site. The young planners then drew or wrote the different features and elements that they would like to preserve, remove, or add to their transformed neighborhood.

WHAT I LIKE

- Playground
- Open space/greenery
- Pool
- Summer cook outs

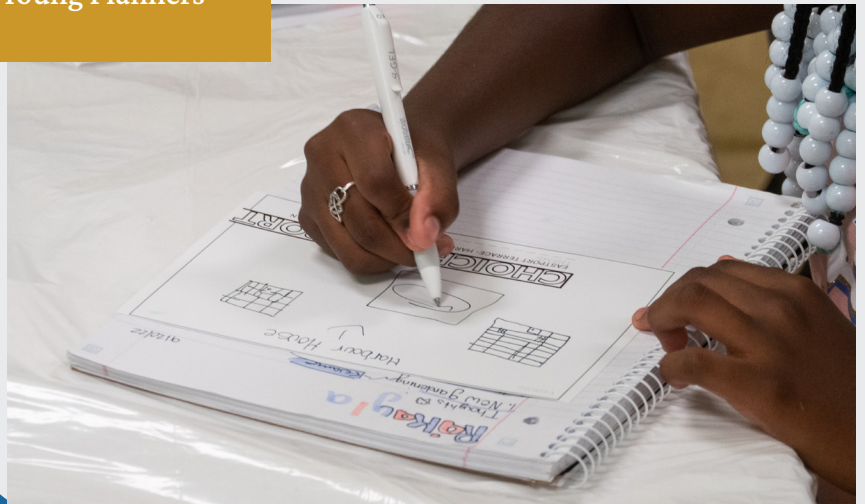


WHAT DO YOU WANT IN THE NEW COMMUNITY?

- More parks/events/gatherings
- Better playgrounds/playground equipment
- Trees, flowers
- Swings
- Recycle bins/recycling maintenance/trash bins
- Historic murals
- More greenery
- No more pollution
- More community meeting space
- More ways to help community
- New pool concrete
- Better apartment parking spots

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Young Planners



PROCESS

1

At the Resident & Community Workshops, participants were given a brief summary of the planning process to-date, then conducted a data stroll to review the Existing Conditions data boards. The boards were organized in several categories: Housing, Mobility, Open Space, Neighborhood Features, Public Safety, Education, Health & Wellness, and Who Lives Here.



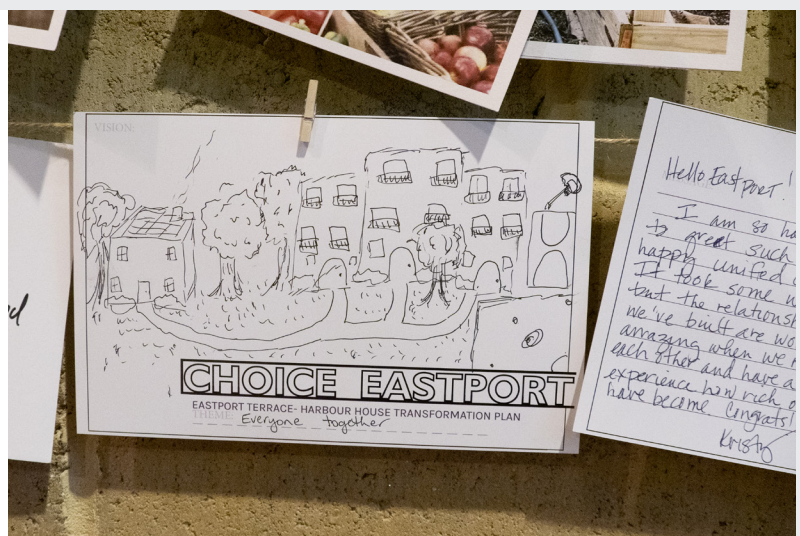
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Participants then reconvened in small groups for animated discussions about what stood out to them from the data and what should be prioritized in the transformation plan for ET-HH and the surrounding Eastport target neighborhood based on the data.



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Throughout the evening sessions, attendees participated in interactive visioning exercises such as “Postcards from the Future” in which they either wrote or drew images to their future self about how the neighborhood had transformed. Participants also selected and pinned images, wrote ideas, or drew pictures about elements they would like to see in the transformed neighborhood on a vision wall.

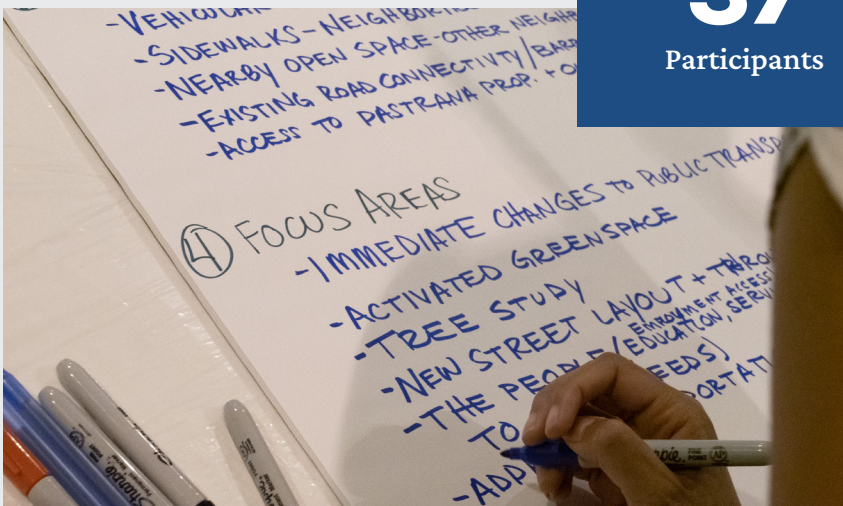


RESIDENT MEETING



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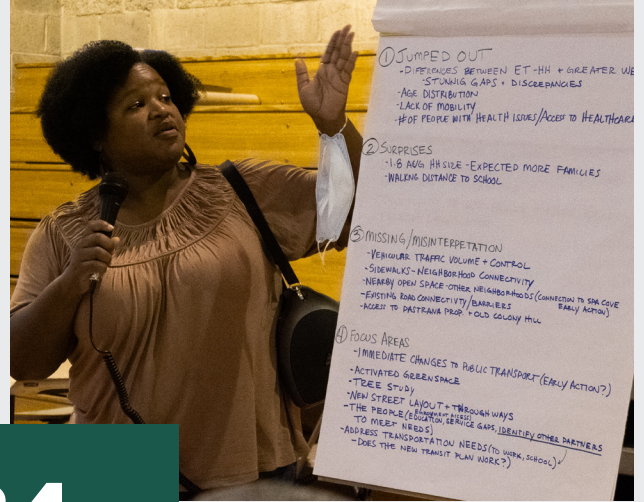
REACTIONS TO DATA

- Surprised by smaller average family size at ET-HH (1.8 persons per household)
- Perception of crime is a big concern that could prevent residents and businesses from moving to the neighborhood (*see separate crime category below)
- Significant health issues, but lack of health clinic or fitness activities
- Large disparity in ET-HH income, education, health, employment vs. Neighborhood
- Residents want to come back
- Sense of community from residents
- Crime data is quantitative and qualitative - Perception of crime is as important to quality of life as the actual statistics

UNIT AMENITIES

- Larger bedrooms
- Washer and dryer in unit
- More storage
- More Disabled units and accessible routes on-site
- Bigger closets
- Balconies
- Multiple bathrooms

COMMUNITY MEETING

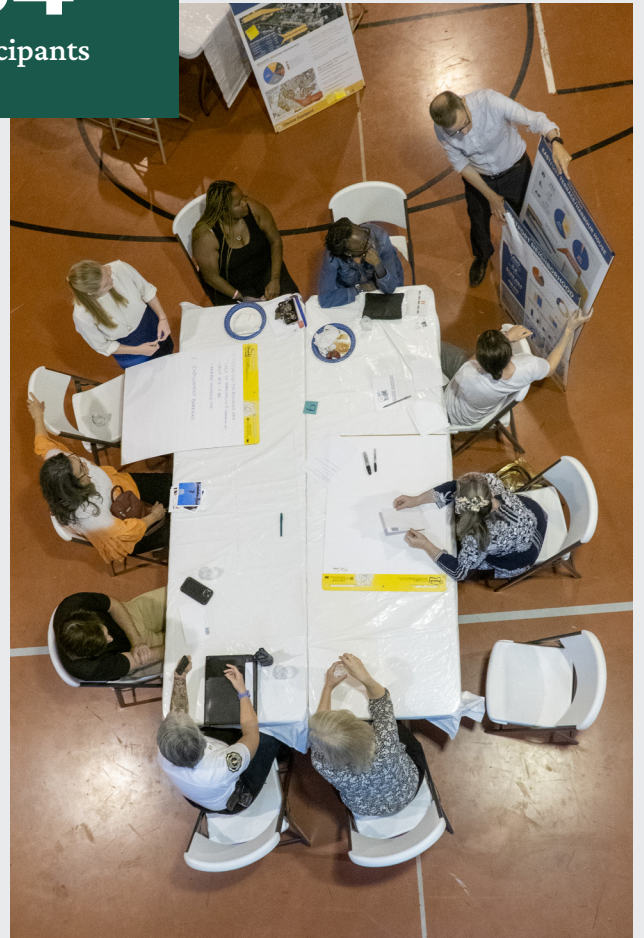


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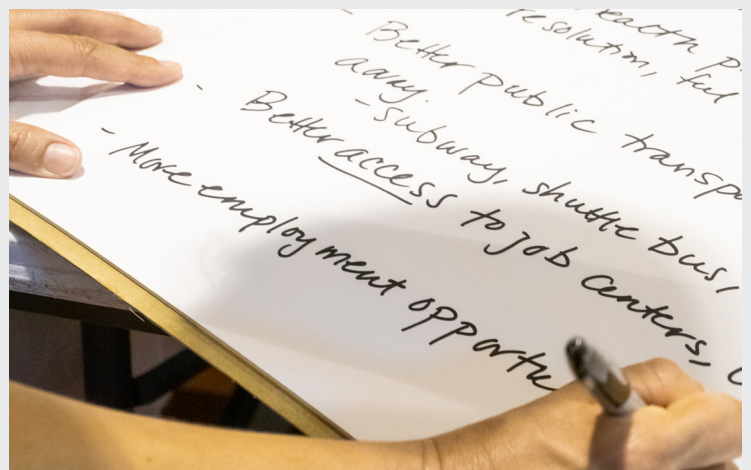
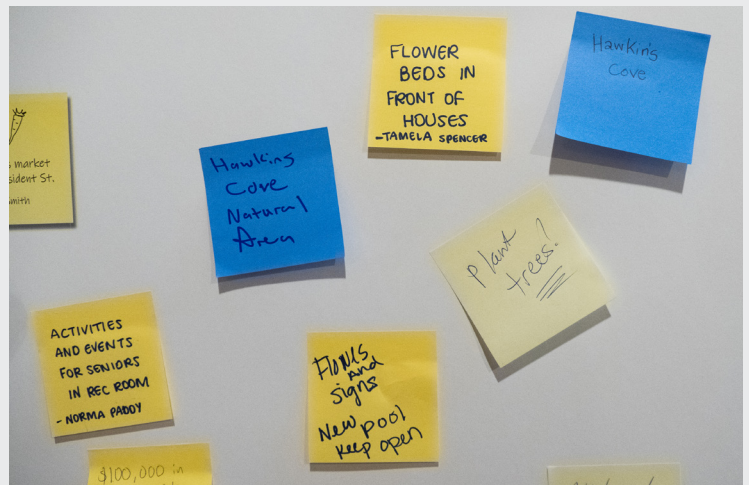
NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITIES

- Fresh foods/grocery
- Better public transportation. Jobs are farther away, need shuttle buses, better routes/times
- Area to honor past residents
- Keep the pool and Rec Center!
- Healthcare clinic/office
- Reopen movie theater
- Shared spaces in the middle of the site will draw people in the from the neighborhood.
- Collective activities, such as neighborhood sports teams on-site, will bring parents together
- Sidewalks - neighborhood connectivity
- New street layout and through ways
- Prioritize open space
- Water front/boat access
- Prioritize activated green/open space
- Playground with better lighting and equipment



PEOPLE AMENITIES

- Jobs, resumes, hands on training for adults
- Youth activities for all different ages of children
- Mental health programs needed - self-esteem, conflict resolution
- Mentors
- Parenting classes
- Programs for Seniors
- More employment opportunities, such as temp agencies
- Food pantry/clothes closet
- Trauma-informed programming
- Quality after-care programs at Eastport Community Center
- Community-led events and programming that is not labeled from an agency or organization



COMMUNITY SAFETY CONCERNS

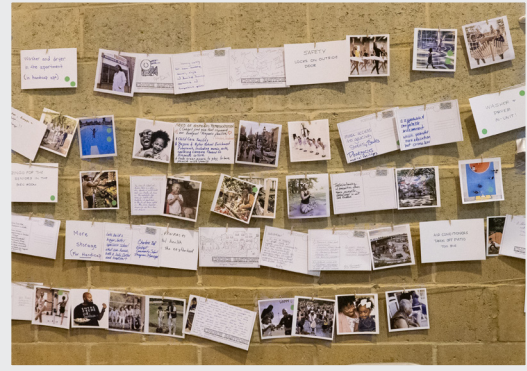
- Response to Crime: many participants at both the Resident and Community workshop evening sessions were concerned about the crime – and perception of crime - in the neighborhood, and expressed the need for unit, site, and neighborhood features to reduce crime

VISIONING ACTIVITY

POSTCARDS FROM THE FUTURE

What is your vision for Eastport in the future?

- One Eastport for Everyone
- Eastport Connectivity
- Everyone Together
- Access for All
- A place we all feel proud of
- Hispanic Representation
- Mixed-income housing
- A thriving mixed-use community with 21st century services, transportation and neighborhood connectivity.
- Picture: three story apartments and two-story single family, basketball court, trees
- Inclusive housing with amenities, green space, recreation, washer/dryer in unit and elevators.
- Housing variety and or home ownership, seniors, singles and families.
- Less disparities in health, education, safety, and opportunity
- A place where physical and mental health needs can be easily met. Clinics in the neighborhoods. Safe access for residents with disabilities and special needs so they do not become isolated in their homes
- Supportive services for preteens and teens and programs.
- Modern physical infrastructure, including Internet access
- Clinic, pharmacies and mental health offices in the neighborhood
- More access to grocery stores, banks, pharmacies medical facilities.
- Let's build a bigger, better spacious school
- A place that feels like home. Beautiful gardens, brand new buildings.
- Healthy, Happy, Connected and Respected People. Thriving Families
- Happy, unified community
- Affordable and comfortable environment which promotes more education
- Please keep Hawkins Cove wild and native.
- Outdoor, happy and safe..... Smiling!!!



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