Shockoe Bottom:
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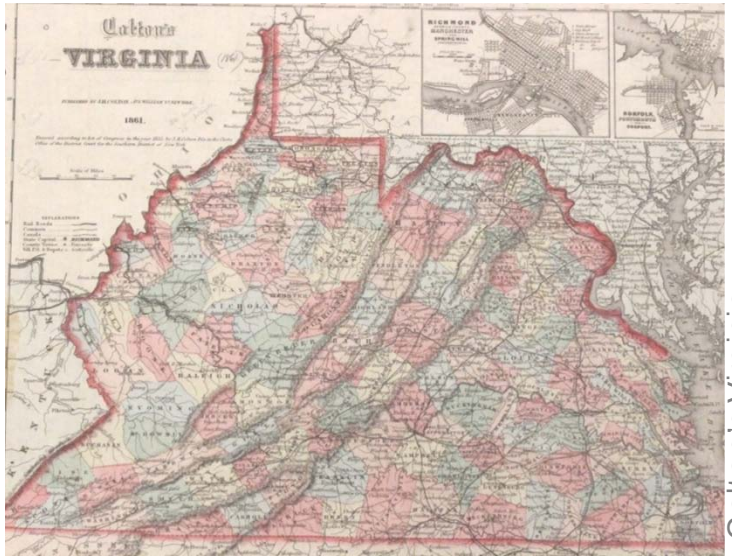

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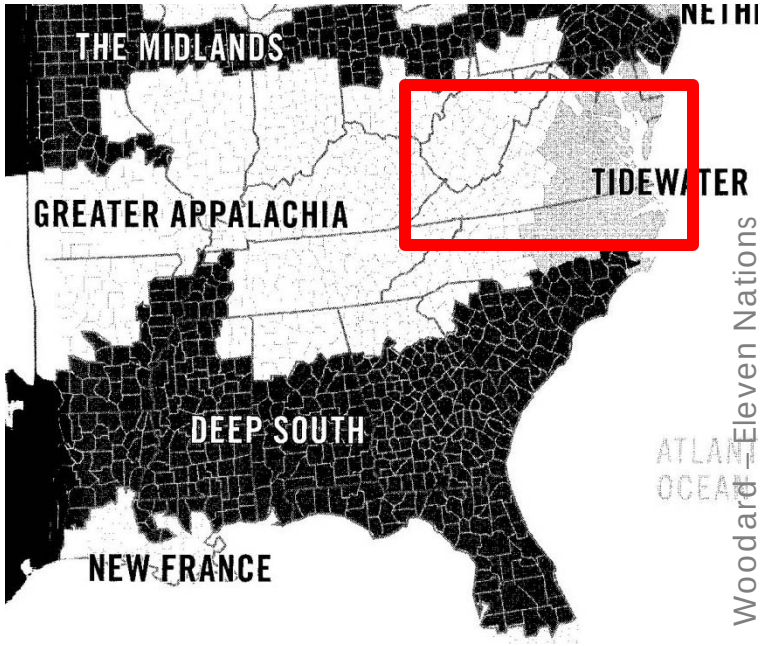


Woodard – Eleven Nations

LOCATION: LIBBY HILL PARK | BLOCKS: 536E, 533E, 639E and 579E; S part 485E and 532E; SW part 571E | SURVEY UNIT NO. D-9

ZONING: R-6 Multiple Family | PROPOSED LAND USE | PROPOSALS AFFECTING UNIT

TRAFFIC: vehicular — light ☒, moderate ☐, heavy ☐; pedestrian — light ☐, moderate ☒, heavy ☐

GENERAL PERIOD OF BUILDINGS: 18th cent. ☐, mid 19th ☒, early 20th ☐; early 19th ☐, late 19th ☒, recent ☐ | HBS REFERENCE: D120-132

GENERAL CONDITION OF BUILDINGS: good ☐ fair ☒ poor ☐

USE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS: homogeneous ☒ mixed ☐ conversions ☐ — residential and public park

BUILDING COLOR AND MATERIAL: harmony: good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐ — brick predominates, mostly red, some painted, a few wood frame houses

STREET FURNITURE: improvement suggested ☐ — poles and overhead wires throughout

PAVEMENT MATERIALS: special character ☒ — some brick sidewalks, cobblestone and asphalt paving blocks in park. stone block across FRANKLIN St. at 29th St.

PLANT MATERIALS: street trees ☒ all streets, irregular: elms, maples, oaks, gingko; front yards ☒ all streets, mostly untended; magnolia tree at 2812 E. FRANKLIN St. (3,4,8); gardens ☐ Libby Hill Park has large trees, mostly elms and oaks

VISTAS (A-good B-potential C-poor)

	A	B	C			A	B	C	
1				uphill, sky	4				
2	X			roofs stepped down, downtown skyline;	5	X			downhill, view across to Chimborazo Park
3				stack and tank, distant view beyond	5A	X			Soldiers and Sailors monument, arch of trees
7	X			uphill, sky through arch of trees	6	X			panorama, Chimborazo Park
8	X			panorama: industrial area and river					

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Old residential neighborhood north and west. Steep hill separates this section from industrial area on south; ravine forms sharp boundary on east.

SPECIAL FEATURES AND OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS: The importance of this area lies more in unified and harmonious street facades than in particular buildings. The park itself is of course a special feature as is the confederate monument, focal point for both MAIN and 29th Sts. and a landmark from a distance. The house at 2718 E. FRANKLIN, the only building on the park dating before 1850, is an interesting feature. Iron verandahs are noteworthy, especially the row on the east side of 29th St. (13). The park and Libby Terrace provide panoramic views.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Encourage restoration and rehabilitation of dwellings and yards. The Historic District should be extended to include Libby Hill Park and the houses facing it on 29th Street, and also LIBBY TERRACE.

TYPICAL STREET SECTIONS: S N S N S N — 2700 block E. FRANKLIN St. — 2800 block — LIBBY TERRACE

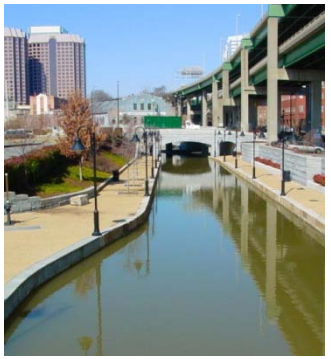
CHANGES OF LEVEL

RICHMOND ESTHETIC SURVEY | date checked | COPY NO. 2

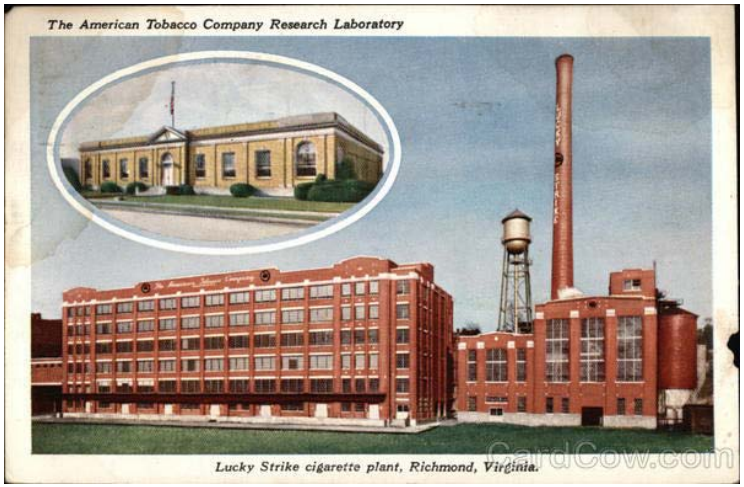
Shockoe Bottom aesthetic looks like a 19th century commercial city; low-rise row houses, stores to support commerce, factories for production, transportation infrastructure, monuments, and leisure.

Culture + Context

No Smoking!



THE JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA CANAL, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.—[Sketched by J. R. Hamilton.]



Culture + Context

Shockoe Valley

Year of Designation	Year of Expansion	Total No. of Properties	Total Acreage	District Boundaries
1977	1978, 1985		22.6	18th to 21st Sts. & Marshall to Franklin Sts.

Distinctive Features of Shockoe Valley
Large scale industrial warehouses and commercial buildings from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
Extensive use of cast-iron decoration on many buildings.

St. John's Church

Year of Designation	Year of Expansion	Total No. of Properties	Total Acreage	District Boundaries
1957	1967, 1977, 1987	643	118.1	21st to 32nd Sts. & Broad to Franklin Sts.

Distinctive Features of St. John's Church
- Impressive views of downtown Richmond and the James River.
- Large areas of public open space (in Chimborazo Park O & HD and Libby Hill Parks) fronting the river bluffs.
- Well-established streetscapes with granite paving, mature trees and gaslights that provide a cohesive neighborhood with distinctive character.

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Their Opinion

The Byrd legacy: integrity, honesty, lack of imagination and massive resistance

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Times-Dispatch

Harry Flood Byrd Jr. (right) with his father, Harry F. Byrd Sr., in 1964. The next year, the younger Byrd was appointed to his father's seat in the U.S. Senate.

Posted: Sunday, August 25, 2013 12:00 am

BY RONALD L. HEINEMANN

When Harry F. Byrd Jr. died on July 30, it closed a long chapter of Virginia political history in which his family played a significant role. For more than a century, the Byrd record and name influenced voters and officeholders alike over questions of fiscal conservatism, the role of government and racial equality. Indeed, the family's influence goes back to the 17th and 18th centuries, when the William Byrds I and II, among the largest landholders and slaveholders in the commonwealth, served in the House of Burgesses and on the Council of State.

Harry Byrd Jr.'s grandfather, Richard Evelyn Byrd, was a prominent member of the Virginia political machine (known by the less offensive euphemism as "the Organization") who served several terms in the General Assembly as its speaker in the

Richmond News, Crime & Politics

Times-Dispatch editorial expresses regret for Massive Resistance

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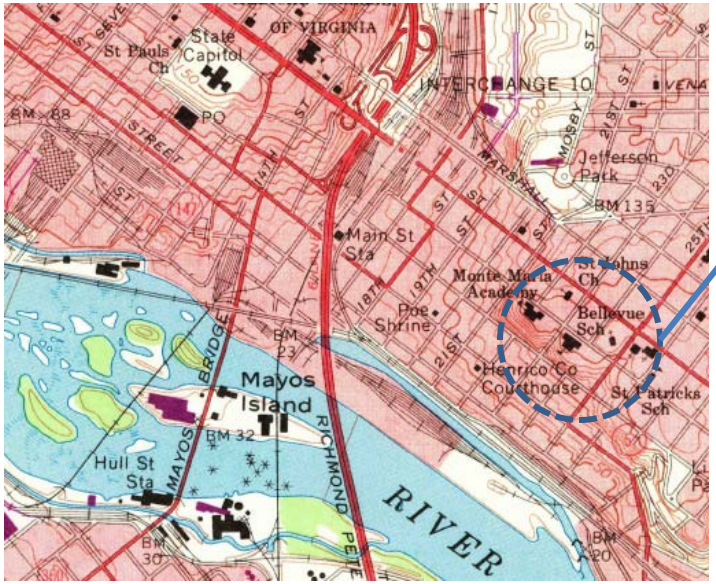
Posted: Thursday, July 16, 2009 6:01 am

Sometimes the era seems ancient; sometimes it resembles yesterday. Fifty years ago Virginia had a rendezvous with destiny and came up wanting. It scorned human rights and the promise of the Declaration of Independence and instead took a course known as Massive Resistance. Tomorrow at the Capitol, the University of Virginia's Center for Politics will convene a conference on the chapter and its legacy.



Shockoe Bottom Schools

USGS - 1964

Byrd family lineage dates back to 17th century founding and naming of Richmond. Harry Byrd led conservative political machine "the Organization" that selected (not elected) governors, lobbied for highway construction, tourism industry, and coined "Massive Resistance."

Resistance: State of Virginia against the integration ruling by the US Supreme Court in Brown v. Board of Education. All the public schools in Virginia, remained governed by the mandate of Section 140 of the 1902 Virginia State Constitution: "white and colored children shall not be taught in the same schools."

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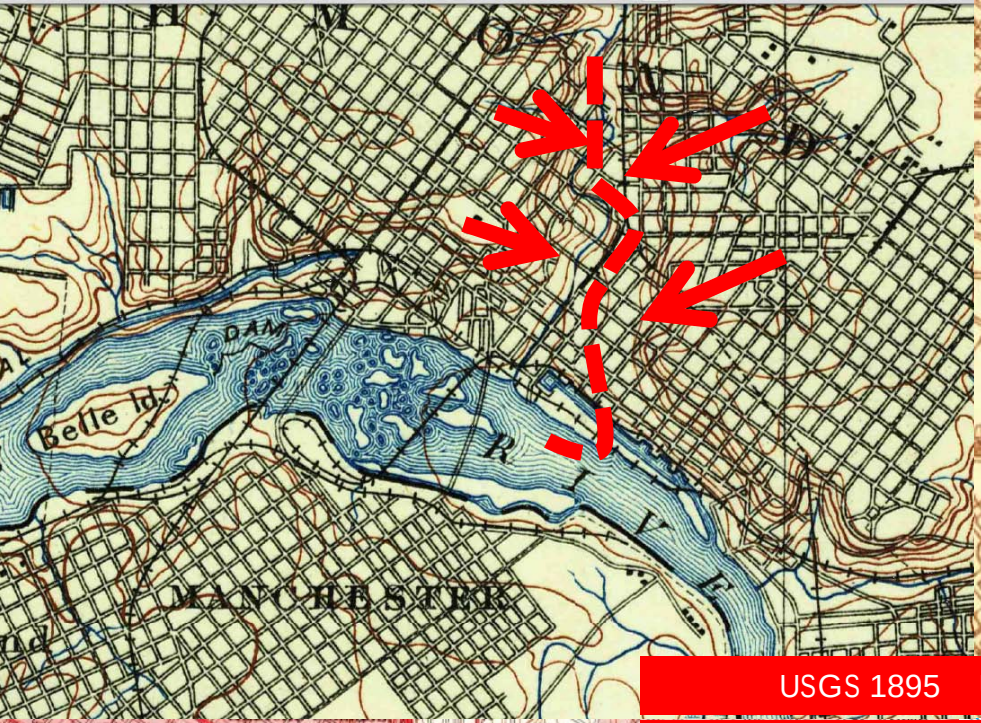

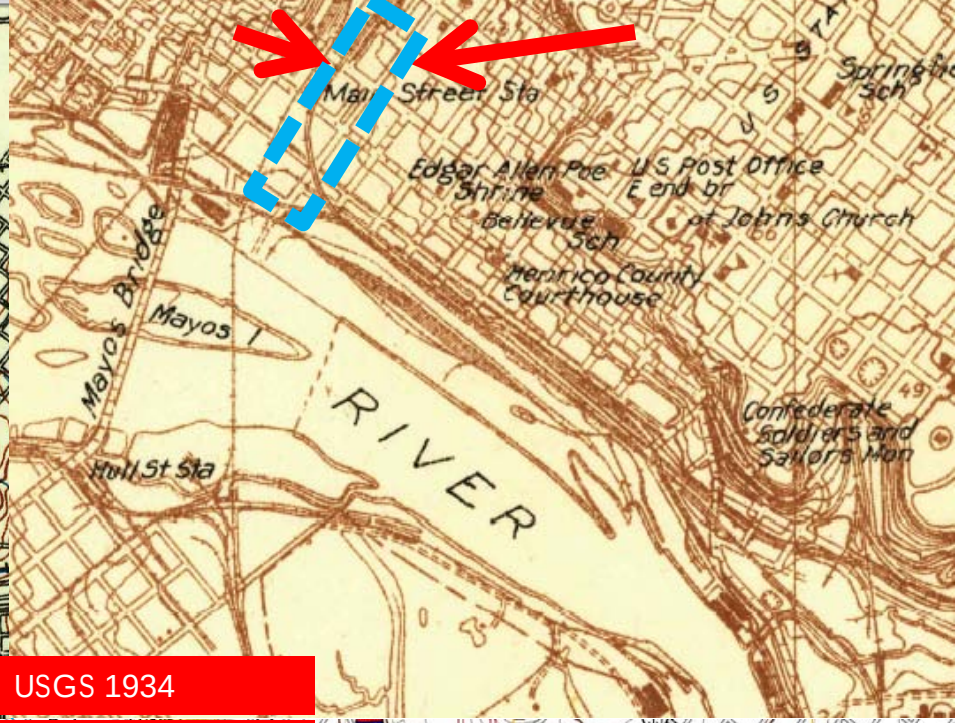

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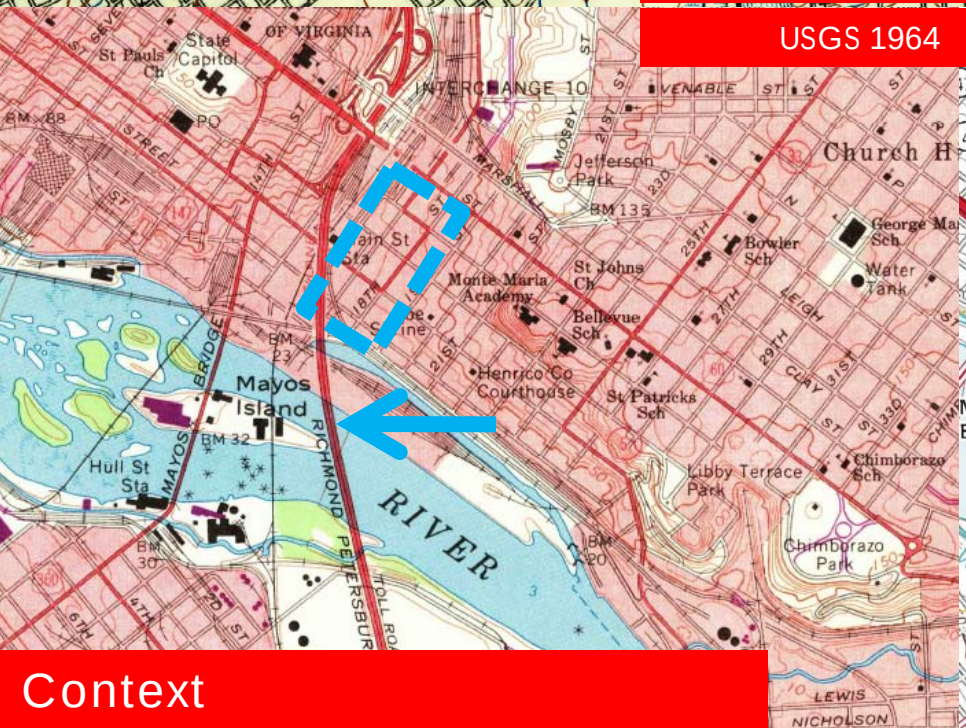

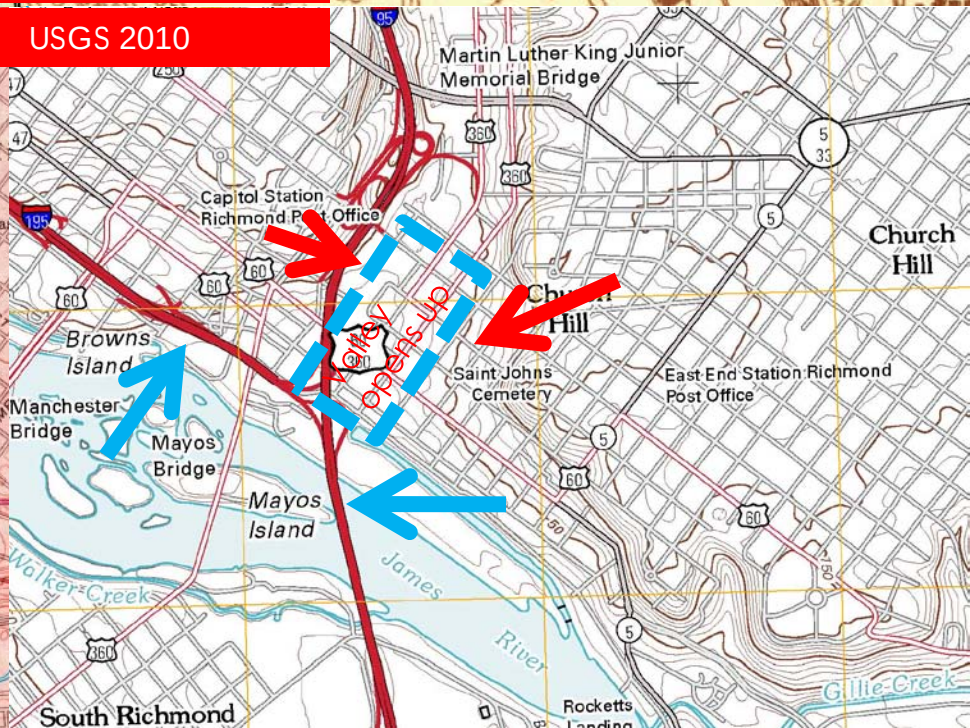

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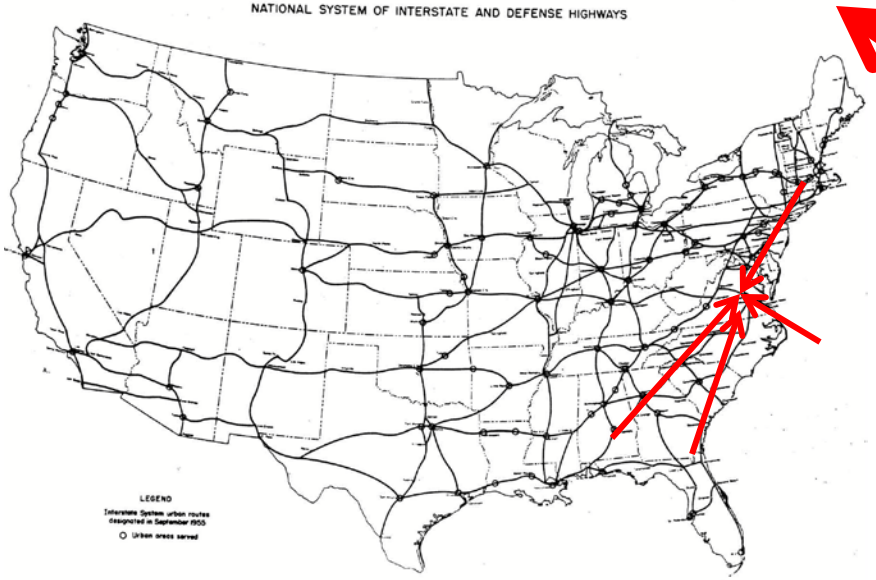

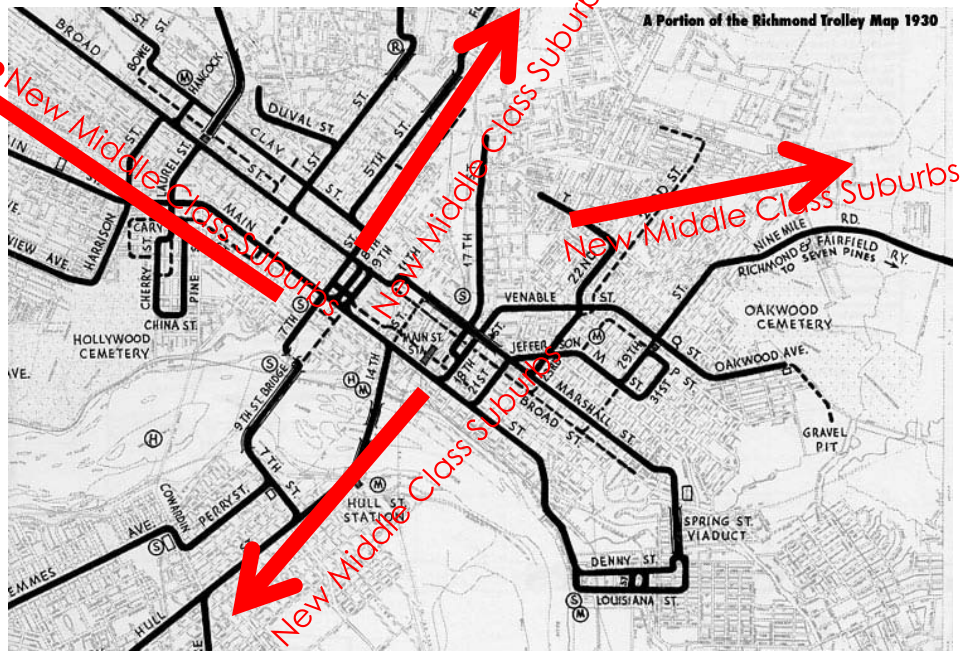

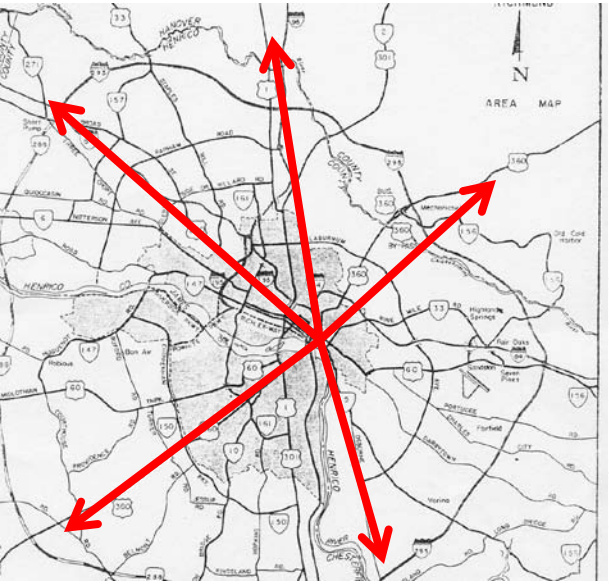

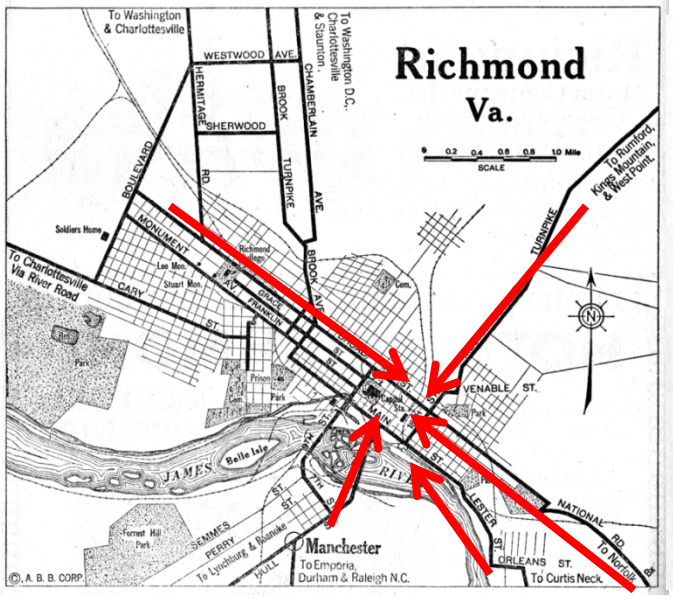

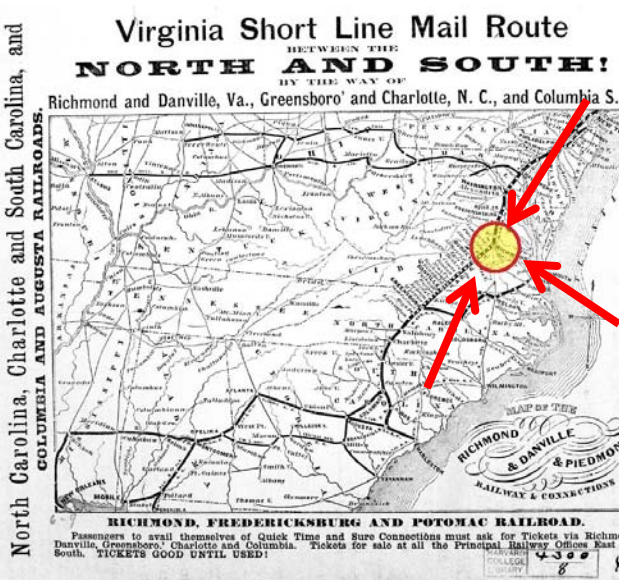

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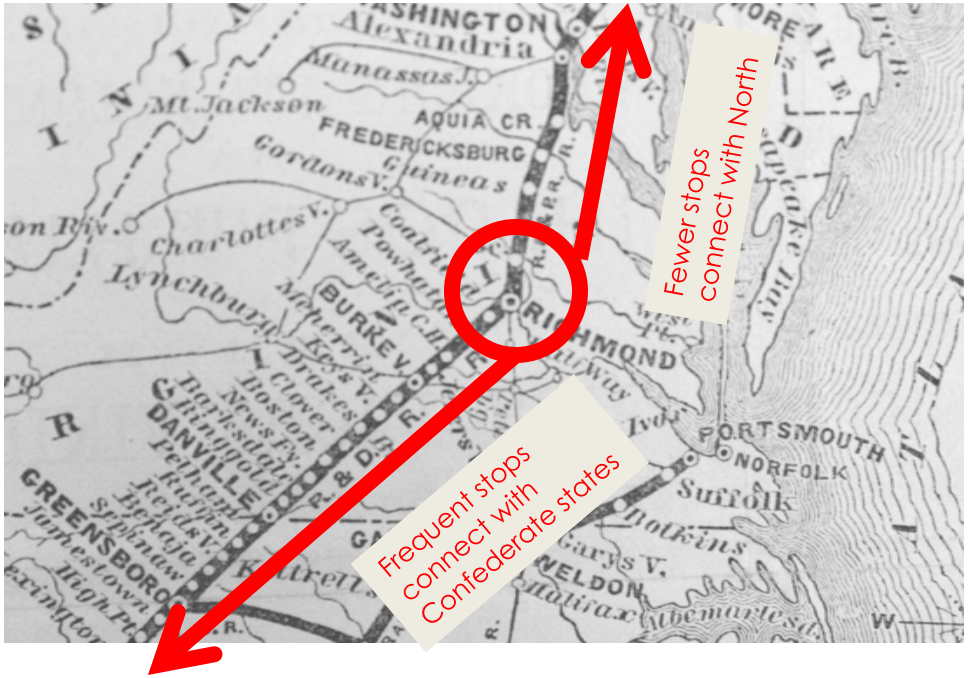

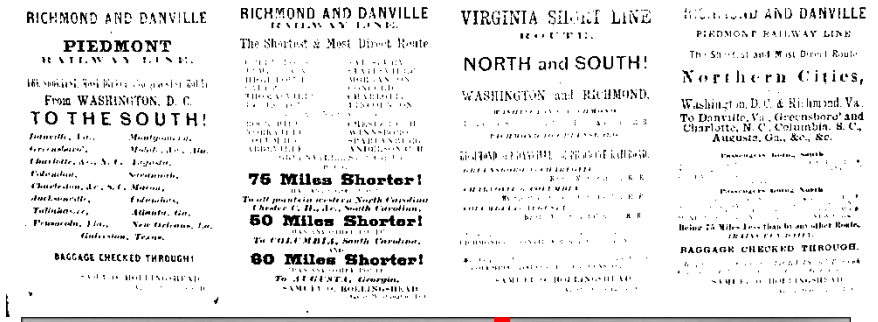

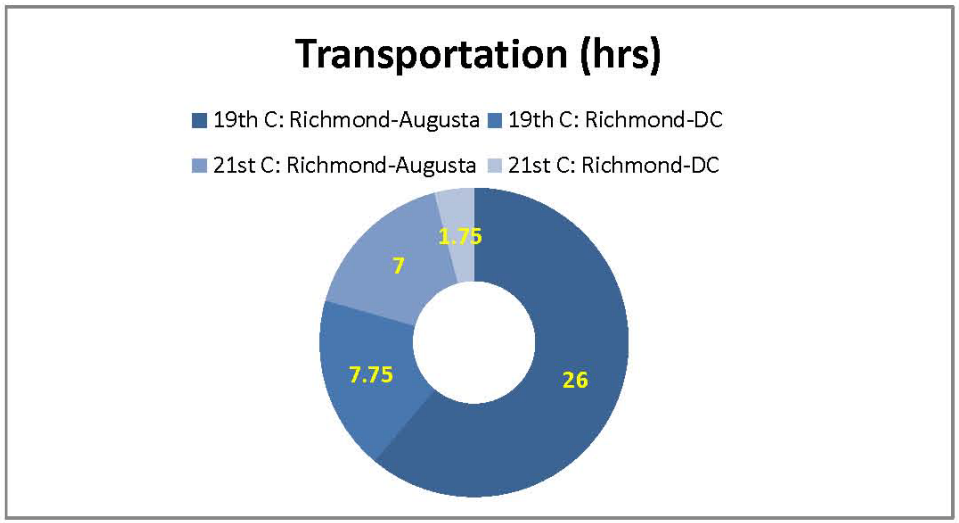

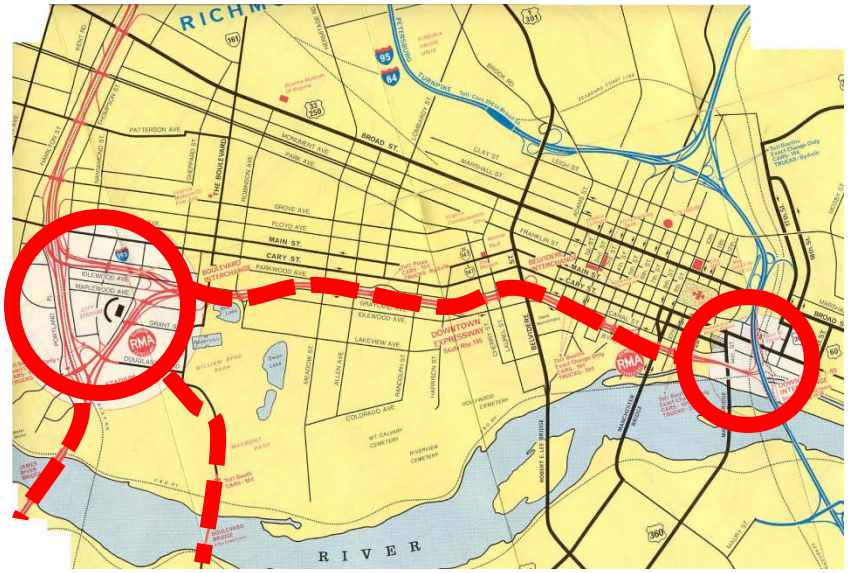

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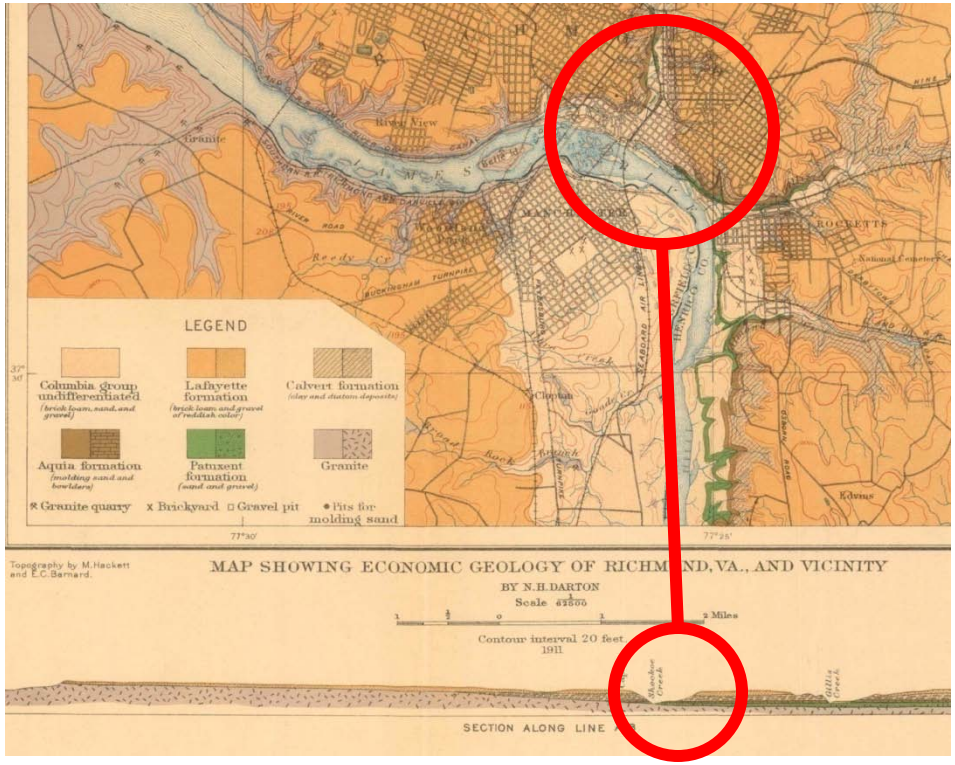

USGS - 1911

A. WEST SLOPE OF SHOCKOE CREEK VALLEY, NEAR INTERSECTION OF TWELFTH AND LEIGH STREETS, LOOKING SOUTHWEST. CALVERT FORMATION CAPPED BY LAFAYETTE.

USGS - 1911

B. PATUXENT FORMATION IN CUT OF CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY AT BRIDGE OF MAIN STREET AT LESTER STREET, RICHMOND, VA.

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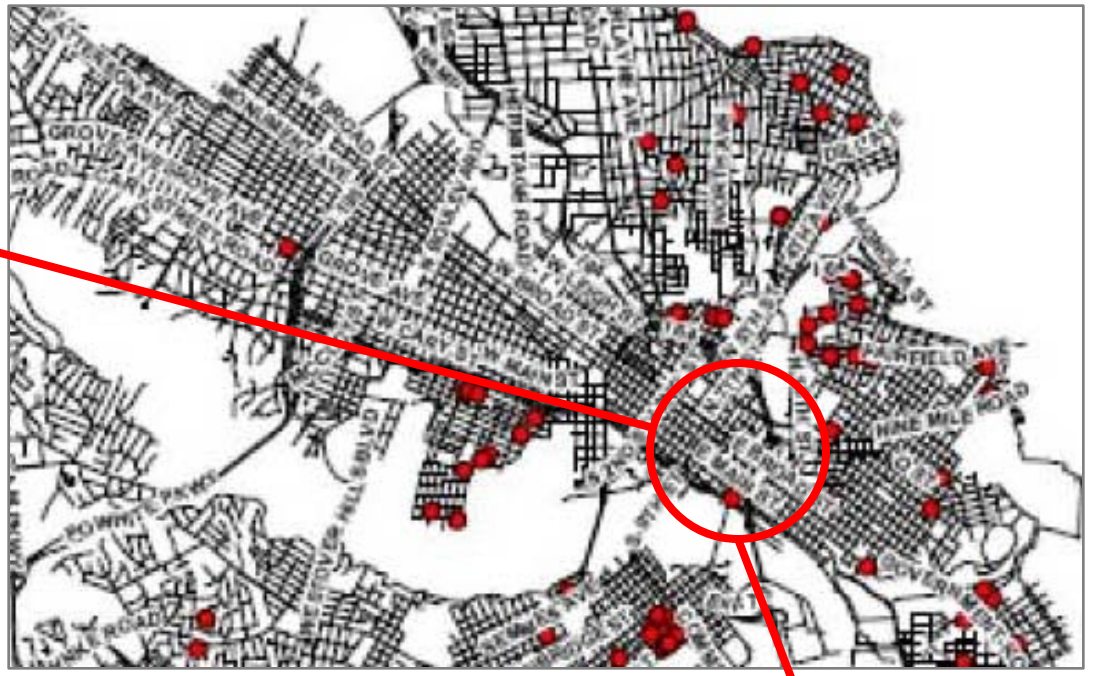
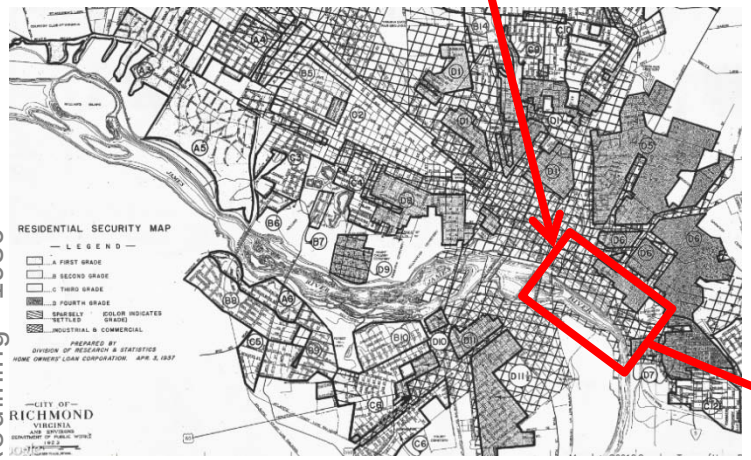




Redlining - 1936

Family Developments

Development	Address	# of Units
Afton Avenue	2201 Afton Avenue Mgt. Office – 1500 Harwood St.	40 units
Bainbridge	24th & Bainbridge streets Mgt. Office – 1500 Harwood St.	18 units
Creighton	Mgt. Office – 2101 Creighton Rd.	504 units
Dove	Dove Street/First Avenue Mgt. Office – 2506 Phaup St.	59 units
Fairfield	Mgt. Office – 2506 Phaup St.	447 units
Fulton	Government Road/Scher Road Mgt. Office – 2101 Creighton Rd.	64 units
Gilpin	Mgt. Office – 1000 St. John	783 units
Hillside	Mgt. Office – 1500 Harwood St.	402 units
Mosby	Mgt. Office – 1543 Coalter St.	458 units
Overlook & Mimosa	Overlook & Mimosa streets Mgt. Office – 1500 Harwood St.	units
Randolph	Idlewood & Allen avenues Mgt. Office – 2302 Carmine St.	52 units
Oscar E. Stovall Place	24th & Bainbridge streets Mgt. Office – 1500 Harwood St.	30 units
Whitcomb Court	Mgt. Office – 2302 Carmine St.	447 units
Small House Program*		65 units
Used House Program*		50 units

*Multiple properties scattered throughout the city.

Senior Housing

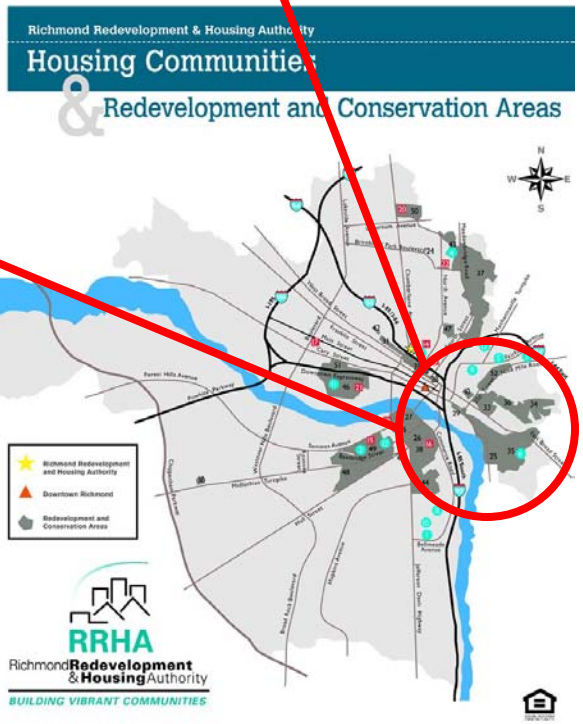
Development	Address	# of Units
Frederic A. Fay Towers	1202 N. First St.	200 units
Melvin C. Fox Manor	18 A West 27th St.	50 units
1200 Decatur St.	1200 Decatur St.	24 units
2700 Idlewood Ave.	2700 Idlewood Ave.	23 units
1611 Fourth Avenue	1611 Fourth Ave.	105 units
Stonewall Place Apts.	1920 Stonewall Ave.	70 units
3900 Old Brook Circle	3900 Old Brook Circle	25 units
700 S. Lombardy St.	700 S. Lombardy St.	75 units

Other Senior Housing

Development	Address	# of Units
Group Home	800 Ordway Ave.	14 units

Redevelopment and Conservation Areas

COMMERCIAL	RESIDENTIAL		
23 Broad Street	30 Beaufont Grove	37 Highland Park	45 Old Manchester
24 Brookland Park Boulevard	31 Carver	38 HOPE VI/Blackwell	46 Randolph
25 Fulton	32 Central Wards	39 Jackson Place	47 Southern Barton Heights
26 Hull Street	33 Church Hill North	40 Jefferson Park	48 Southside
27 Old Manchester	34 East End	41 Newtown South	49 Swansboro
28 Project One	35 Fulton	42 Newtowne-West	50 Washington Park
29 Tobacco Row	36 George Mason	43 Northside	51 West Cary Street
		44 Oak Grove	52 25th St./Nine Mile Rd.



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City Denies Tax Break for Shockoe Apartments

BY NED OLIVER @NEDOLIVER

Developer H. Louis Salomonsky thought he'd figured out how to save $2.44 million in taxes on the 131-unit apartment complex he's building.

By incorporating one side of an old 11-by-20-foot brick pump house into the foundation of his massive new building in Shockoe Bottom, as reported in Style Weekly, he planned to be exempted from $280,000 a year in taxes.

It didn't quite work out. Richmond tax assessors disqualified his plan from the program earlier this month, calling it one of the more audacious attempts by a developer to qualify for exemptions.

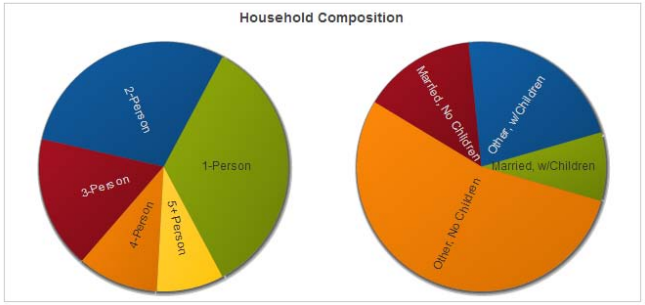
Salomonsky didn't return a phone call requesting comment.

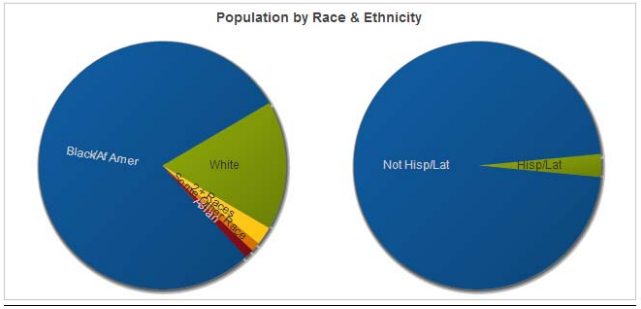
The tax abatement for rehabilitated real estate program began in 1979 to give homeowners an incentive to fix up run-down buildings. City Assessor Jim Hester says in recent years, developers have used the program to get new construction exempt from taxes by incorporating older structures — the only requirement is that they be 20 years old — into some facet of the project.

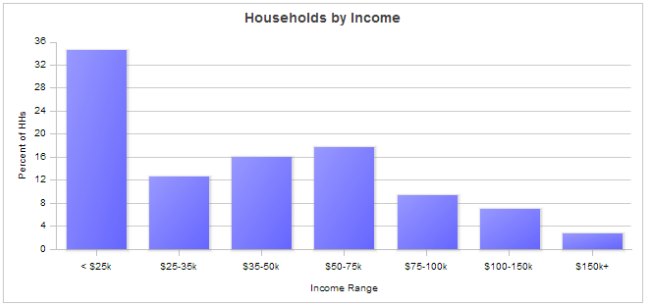
Hester says Salomonsky's complex incorporated a building that was deemed historic by the state Department of Historic Resources. But the department found that any historic value was lost after Salomonsky moved the structure to a new foundation and knocked down all but one wall. And under the city program, Hester says, projects that destroy historic buildings aren't eligible for the breaks.

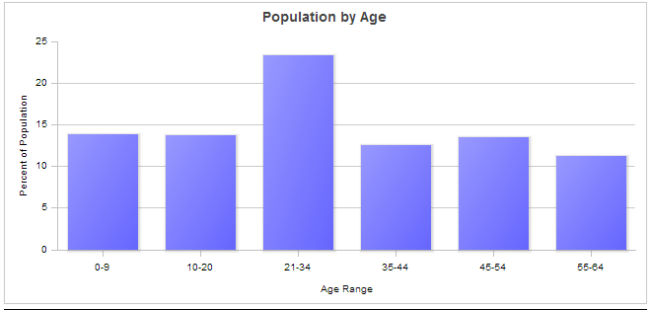
"The issue was that he basically destroyed the majority of the building," Hester says.

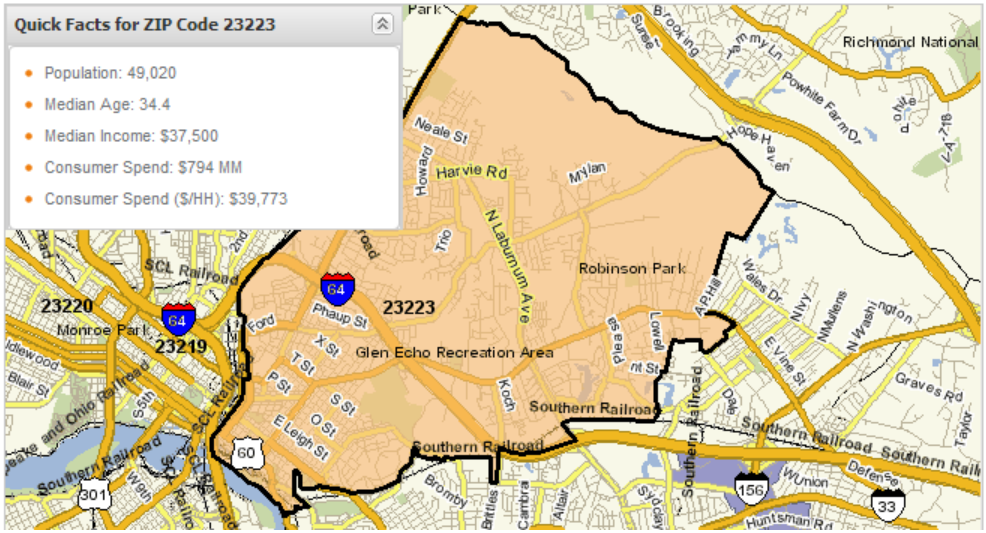
Context











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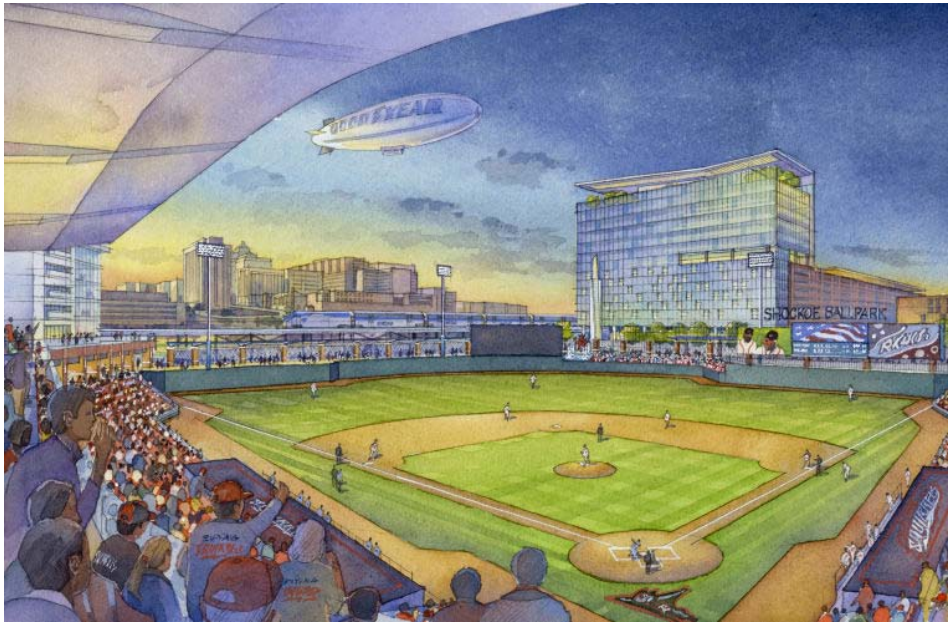

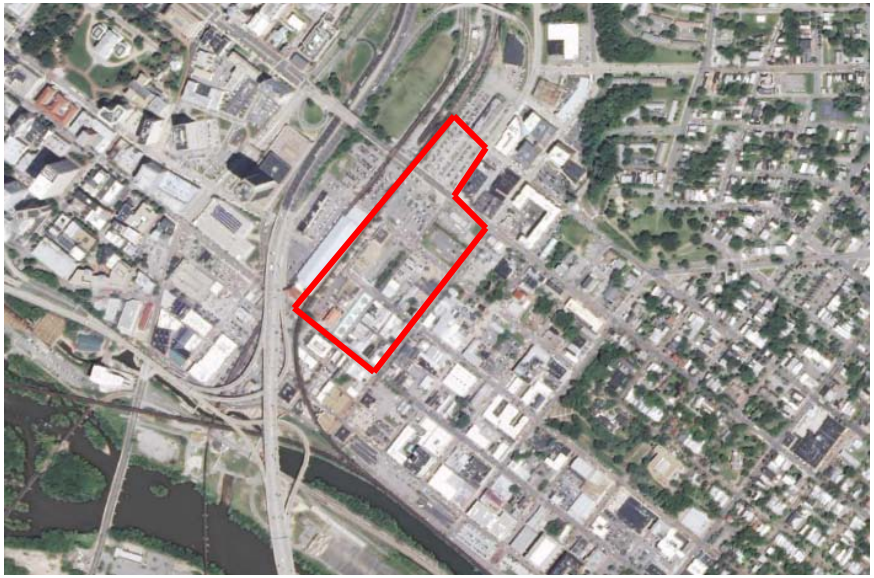

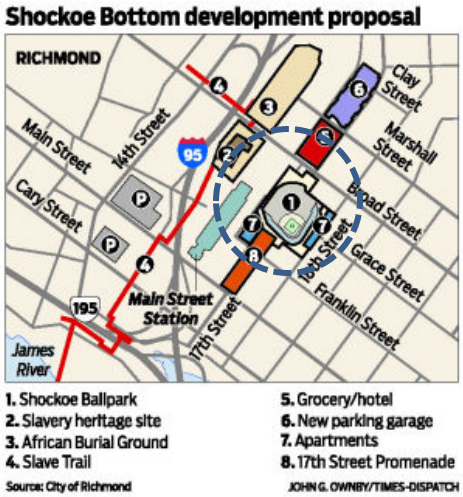

Hon. L. Douglas Wilder

Opposition to stadium and VCU expansion on sacred African Slave Burial Ground includes Slave Trail Commission, and Department of Historic Resources. Stadium would erase memory of slave auction site

Conflict