

James Taylor- Jacob School

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

20-AREA-0001

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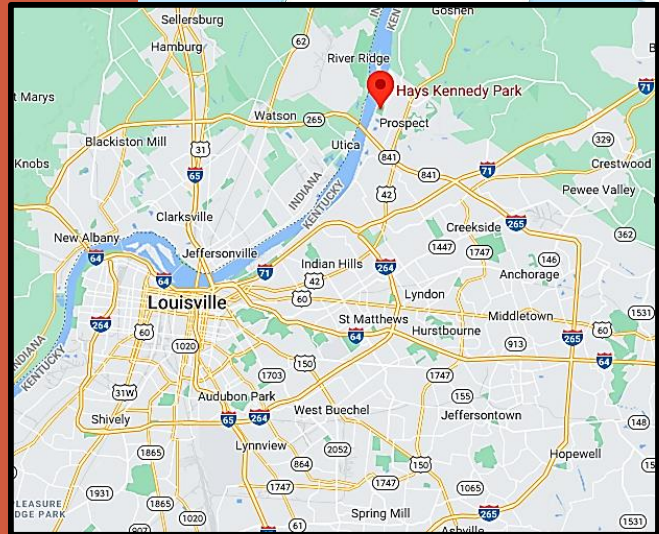


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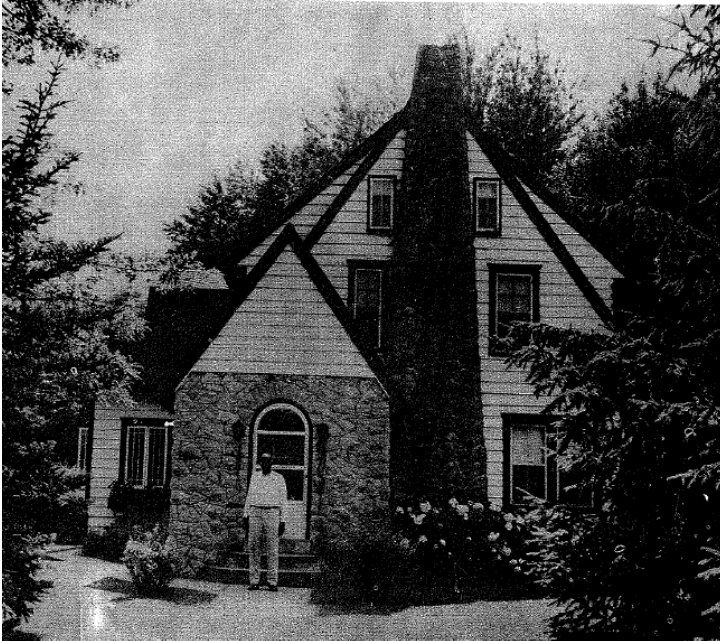
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JAMES TAYLOR: SIGNIFICANT AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY



1870
Escaped and former slaves lived in agricultural lands and as tenant farmers in Harrod's Creek, including the families of Thomas Taylor, Jeff Taylor, William Taylor, George Taylor, Jefferson Jacob, Lewis Brooks, and Henry & Isaac Merriweather.

1918
The Jefferson Jacob School opens with two teachers and eight grades.

1922
James T. Taylor begins to subdivide land along Shirley and Duroc Avenues to sell to African American families.

1950 - 1970
Further subdivision creates Restway and River Way Drive.

1957
Jefferson Jacob School closes and students are transferred to integrated schools.

1974
Hays Kennedy Park is dedicated in honor of long time James Taylor neighborhood resident Hays Kennedy.

1916
Two acres are purchased using Rosenwald funds to establish the Jefferson Jacob School.

1920
James T. Taylor purchased land from A.E. Shirley Farm and begins raising livestock.

1924
James T. Taylor begins to subdivide homes along Bass Road.

1950's
James S. Taylor creates a riverfront subdivision, Beechland, and docks for African American use.

1970's - Present
Neighborhood experiences youth emigration.

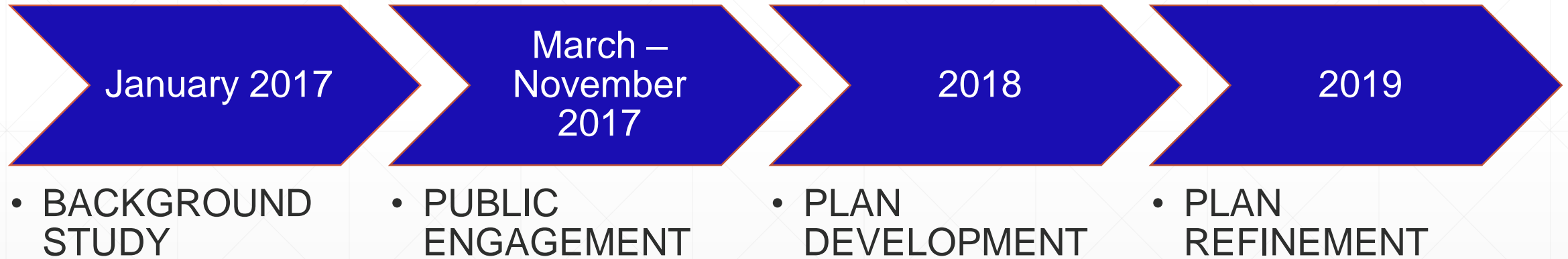
1990's - Present
Development pressures are felt from building of adjacent Sutherland Estates, condominiums on Duroc Avenue, and larger homes within the neighborhood.



THE JACOB SCHOOL



PLAN PROCESS TIMELINE



VISION STATEMENT

“The James Taylor - Jacob School Neighborhood is a family friendly, unified, residential community that retains the character of the historic Jacob School Road community, beginning in 1912, and the African American subdivision founded by James Taylor in 1922.

Now known as the combined historic James Taylor - Jacob School Neighborhood, it is a neighborhood that preserves and promotes its cultural, environmental, and physical assets, while embracing diversity and appropriate growth.

All residents of the James Taylor - Jacob School Neighborhood will have clean air, water, and soil; infrastructure that provides adequate drainage; and safe access to all modes of transportation.”

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY FORM GOALS

- Preserve the family-friendly, single family residential land use and character of the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood.
 - Promote neighborhood-friendly land use and zoning adjacent to and surrounding the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood.
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MOBILITY GOALS

- Improve safety within the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood.
 - Provide safe and convenient access and mobility within the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood.
 - Improve mobility to adjacent areas and to downtown.
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION GOALS

- Preserve and enhance the existing historic character of the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood.
 - The history of the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood's founding, the stories of the individuals and families who have lived in the neighborhood, and other historical assets are shared with the community and future generations.
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NATURAL RESOURCES GOALS

- Reduce systemic flooding in roadways and on private property.
 - Ensure all residences in the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood have adequate protection from flooding.
 - Enhance the tree canopy in the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood.
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Planning Committee (September 11, 2020)

- Recommendations
 - Update narrative to include information about the wellhead protection area
 - Add Louisville Water Co as a potential regulatory partner to the recommendations that address long-term, systemic stormwater management
 - Added a link to a LWC document showing that the ENTIRE neighborhood plan area is within the wellhead protection
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STAFF FINDINGS

- Community Form Goals 1-4
- Mobility Goals 1-3
- Community Facilities Goals 1-2
- Livability Goals 1-4

Staff finds that the proposed goals, objectives, and recommendations contained in the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood Plan and Executive Summary are in conformance with the Neighborhood Plan Ordinance (Chapter 161) and Plan 2040.

NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
October 5, 2020	Hearing before Planning Commission	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal Neighborhood Notification (District 16)

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- Recommend to Metro Council approval/denial of the James-Taylor-Jacob School Neighborhood Plan
 - Recommend to Metro Council approval/denial of the James-Taylor-Jacob School Executive Summary as an amendment to Plan 2040
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