



DESIGN RICHMOND

An interactive guide to exploring and shaping our city



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Design Richmond is an interactive guide and activity book that will empower residents, specifically youth ages 13-18, to become active participants in the design of their communities.

Through the activity book, residents will:

- ✓ Explore the city from their own perspective
- ✓ Foster pride for living in Richmond
- ✓ Learn how Richmond was planned and designed
- ✓ Discover challenges in their community and imagine solutions
- ✓ Build vocabulary & understanding of city planning and design
- ✓ Identify career fields that shape our neighborhoods

The success of similar guidebooks in Baltimore, *My Baltimore Book*, and Chicago, *No Small Plans*, were the inspiration for the book. *Design Richmond* is organized into four chapters: Health and Wellness, Land Use, Transportation, and Housing. Each chapter will encourage residents to investigate the city's past planning and design, discover current challenges, and design solutions that create effective change in their lives and communities.

Storefront for Community Design kicked off the development of *Design Richmond* in fall 2022. In 2023, Storefront is collaborating with urban planning and design professionals, consultants, nonprofit partners, educators, and youth to create the guidebook and launch it in 2024. The book will provide supplemental activities for middle school classrooms and nonprofit programs, an accessible resource for Richmond residents, and new curriculum for Storefront's City Builders program.