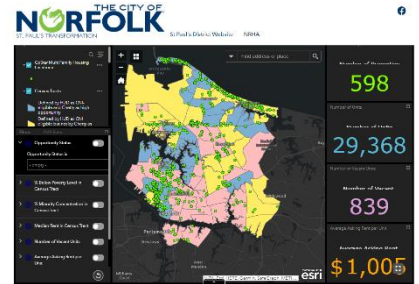


PEOPLE FIRST

Housing Stability & Relocation: People First connected 45 Tidewater Gardens families to rental relief assistance from Virginia Housing and other resources since May. This effort will continue to be a priority for the team through the summer to ensure families facing past due rental balances due to COVID-19 remain stably housed.

The City’s Civic Lab and IT-GIS departments developed an interactive Housing Tool to support People First’s relocation and outreach efforts in Neighborhoods of Opportunity. The tool provides real time data on available multi-family units in the city and allows users to filter based on different opportunity criteria and access to public transportation, schools, and public amenities. The People First team will utilize this tool to increase the number of opportunities provided to residents in neighborhoods of high opportunity and increase owner/landlord participation in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.



Education: People First was awarded a \$50,000 grant from United Way to support 22 Tidewater Gardens families with enrolling 27 youth (infant-PreK) in early learning centers, both in proximity of Tidewater Gardens as well as centers convenient to relocated families. The grant will also support dual-generation strategies to increase literacy over the summer including People First-USI’s Outdoor Diverse Books Initiative which underscores the importance of children seeing themselves represented in the stories they read. Additionally, the funds will support transportation and family engagement.

People First will host a graduation pop-up on June 24th to celebrate Tidewater Gardens high school graduates red carpet style for their accomplishments.



Economic Mobility: Tidewater Community College (TCC) and People First are partnering to connect Tidewater Gardens residents to job training, career certifications, and academic degree programs including Re-Employing Virginians (REV) grant for workers impacted by COVID-19, G3 program to connect students with training and resources to secure jobs in high-demand fields, and LEAP to provide recent high school graduates with a head start in summer college courses and laptops and book stipends. As part of the outreach strategy, TCC and People First are hosting a series of open houses in the neighborhood. 10 residents participated in the first open house on June 5th and People First is conducting targeted outreach to high school graduates for enrollment in LEAP. Remaining sessions are scheduled for July 10th and August 14th.

Resident Services and Engagement Snapshot (as of 5/31/21)

- Signed up for services so far: 1,495 People (includes children)/ 575 Households
- Total number of household assessments completed: 487 (unduplicated)
- Service linkages in May: 90
- Housing Stability Interventions: 62
- Relocations: 349 (186 of which utilized Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV))

REDEVELOPMENT

Tidewater Gardens CNI Development Team Awarded Tax Credits from Virginia Housing

The CNI redevelopment team was awarded \$1,057,060 in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding from Virginia Housing for Block 17 Apartments. Block 17, located along Fenchurch Street immediately south of the HRT Transit Center, will feature 68 mixed-income family units and 16,970 square feet of commercial and community space on the ground floor including an early learning center. Construction is expected to begin summer 2022. Construction will begin on the first phase of the housing plan, multi-family and senior buildings at blocks 19 and 20, along Wood & Fenchurch Streets and Posey Lane this summer.



Virginia Housing announced their final rankings for the 9% LIHTC program on Thursday, June 10th. More information can be found on their website www.VHDA.com.

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St. Paul's Transformation Business Opportunity Forum: The City is hosting a forum on June 30th for minority and women-owned vendors to learn more about upcoming contract opportunities associated with the transformation project and the certifications required to participate. Opportunities associated with demolition, housing construction and roadway, utility, and stormwater infrastructure will be presented. [Register for the event here.](#)

NRHA Demolition: Demolition work has begun on 16 buildings comprised of 118 units between Fenchurch and Chapel Street in Tidewater Gardens. The contractor will start with 4 buildings on the north side of Charlotte Street and work towards Mariner Street. Demolition of these buildings is expected to be complete in October.

Community Engagement On Housing Design in Tidewater Gardens Footprint: The CNI redevelopment team is working on the design of lower-density, family replacement housing for the current Tidewater Gardens site. The team is planning engagement opportunities with residents and stakeholders for the summer. Preliminary designs promise residents with a variety of housing options and styles to meet a range of needs.

ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE Next Virtual Meeting: June 15th, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Tune in [here](#). Missed the last meeting? You can find the [meeting minutes here](#).