

Creating Healthy Communities Through Design

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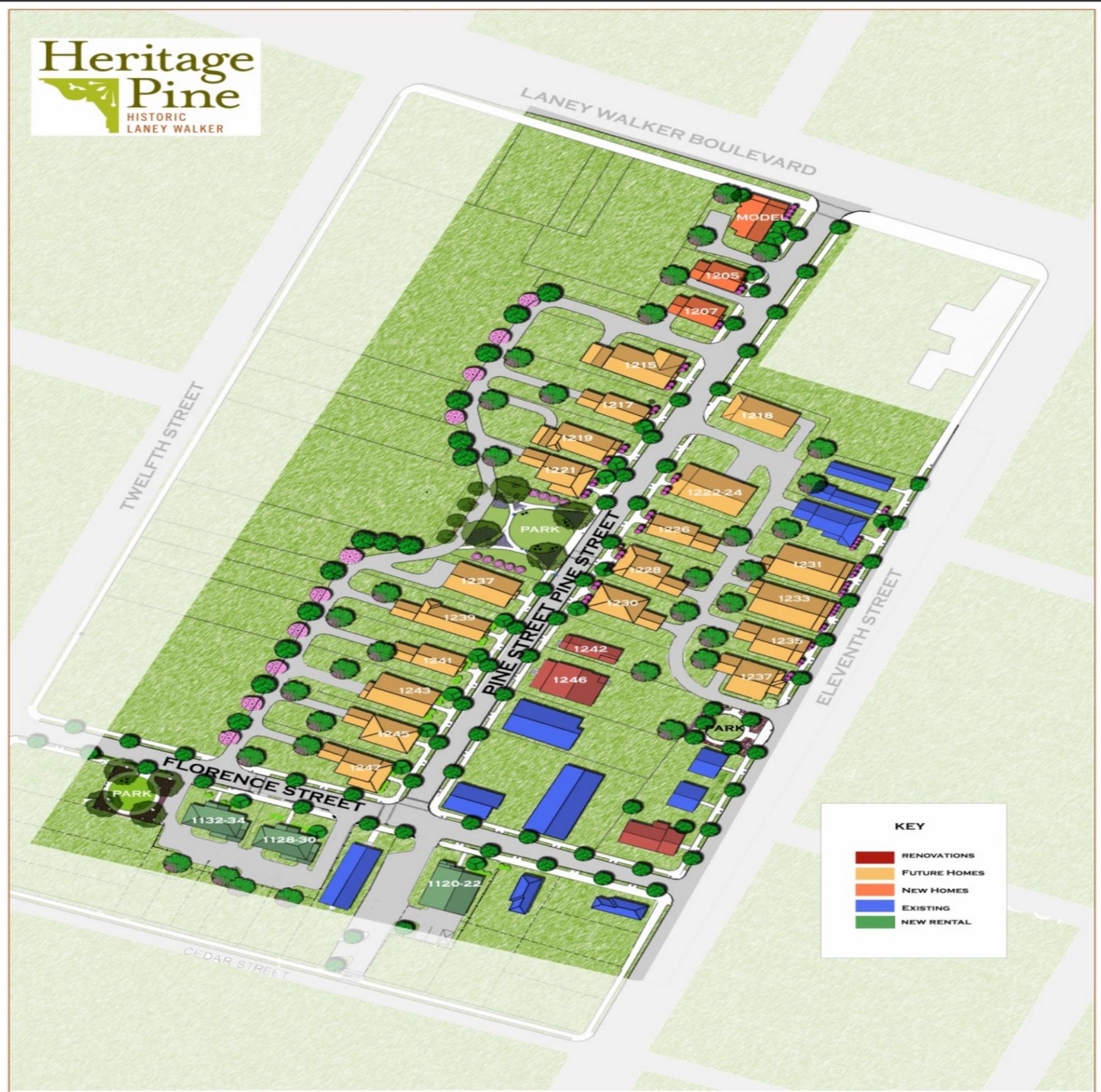
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Laney-Walker /Bethlehem Redevelopment Initiative

Overview

- \$37.5 million city investment in redevelopment initiative to be conducted in phases.
- Laney-Walker/Bethlehem Vision- *“Our vision for Laney Walker/Bethlehem boils down to three simple principles: vibrancy, sense of place and sustainability. We’re committed to building a vibrant, safe and walkable community. One that treasures its heritage. One that conserves natural resources for our children and future generations.”*
- Recommendations from residents and stakeholders through the Laney-Walker/Bethlehem Neighborhoods Action Plan
 - *Elimination of blight*
 - *New affordable single-family housing for homeownership on vacant lots*
 - *Rental housing for senior citizens*
 - *Rehabilitation of vacant houses*
 - *Create more green space*
 - *Neighborhood retail and job opportunities*
 - *Celebrate neighborhood's culture and African-American heritage*
- Heritage Pine Development Phase 1 located .46 miles from Augusta’s Medical District (Georgia Health Sciences University, University Hospital, Charlie Norwood V.A. Medical Center), .77 miles from the Augusta-Richmond County Judicial Center and Judge John H. Ruffin Jr. Courthouse and .88 miles from the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library.



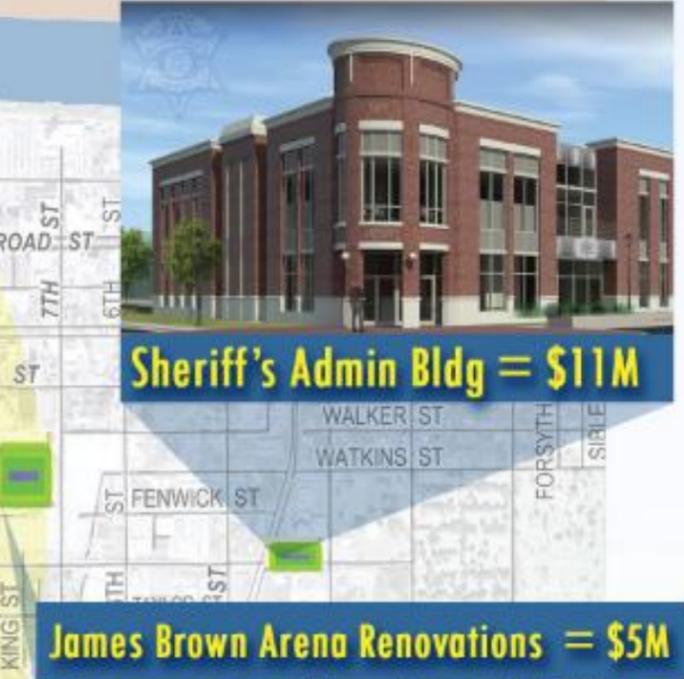
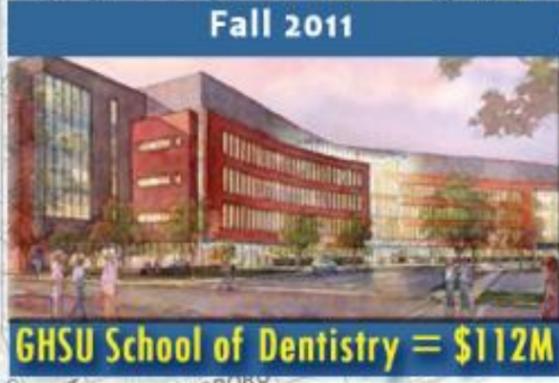
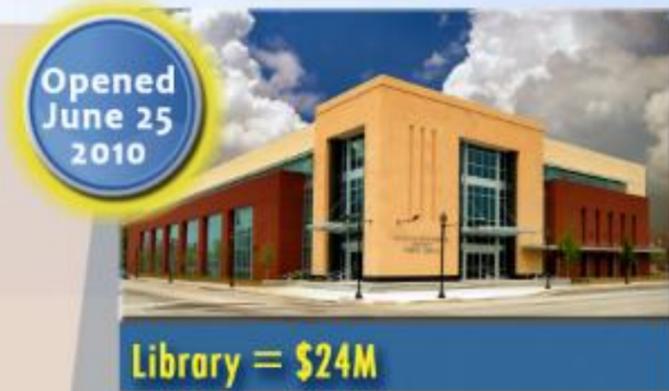
Heritage Pine Site Plan



Heritage Pine Streetscape



University Hospital



Ongoing public/private investment within a 1 mile radius of Heritage Pines



Public Health Benefits

- **Strategic location of public investment in neighborhood redevelopment in close proximity to both medical facilities and public spaces** (including outdoor recreational opportunities) encourages walking by local residents to access these facilities.
- Strategic investment in public spaces (Judicial Center = \$61 million, Public Library = \$23 million) in close proximity to residential areas both encourages walking and spurs private investment in the surrounding areas leading to walkable access to goods and services for residents while at the same time providing neighborhood retail and job opportunities for residents.
- Laney-Walker/Bethlehem Initiative strongly focuses on developing walkable neighborhoods to encourage healthier lifestyles for residents.
- Laney-Walker/Bethlehem Initiative features community gardens to provide residents with healthier eating options and physical activity opportunities through gardening.
- Laney-Walker/Bethlehem Initiative strongly focuses on green building practices in order to maximize the economic and environmental performance of the built environment.