

# Keeping the Hill Pleasant- Macon's Oldest African American Community

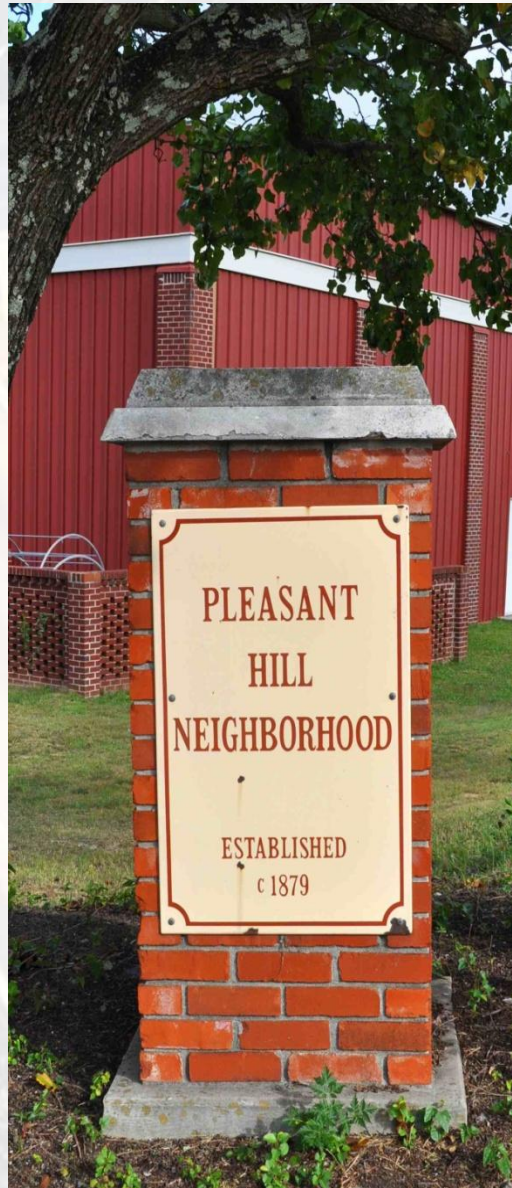
## GDOT's I-16/I-75 Mitigation Plan for Macon's Pleasant Hill Community



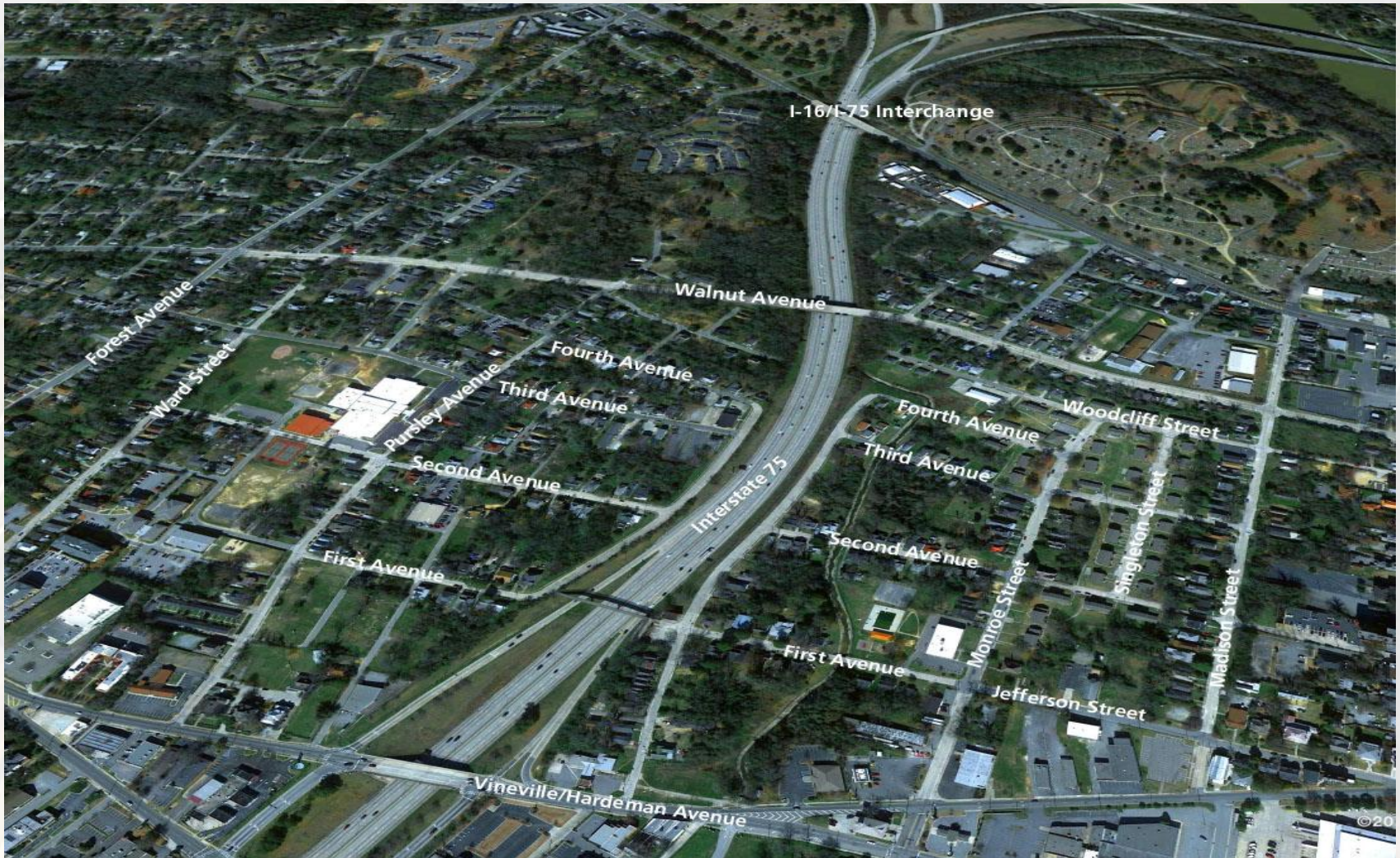
# I-16/I-75 Interchange Improvement Project



# Pleasant Hill History



# Pleasant Hill Today



# Why Are We Here?



- FHWA approved Finding of No Significant Impact in 2010.
- Impacts to the Pleasant Hill Community.
- Pleasant Hill Mitigation Plan developed in partnership with the Pleasant Hill Neighborhood Improvement Group.



# What's in the Mitigation Plan?

GDOT commits to:

- Create two new parks in Pleasant Hill:
  - A linear park east of I-75 will include green space and information kiosks detailing the history of the Pleasant Hill.
  - Jefferson Long Park will be created west of I-75, adjacent to the Community Garden, with green space and landscaping.



# Map of Mitigation Area



# Establishing a Community Resource Center

GDOT commits to:

- Establish a Community Resource Center (CRC).
  - The CRC will serve as a meeting place and historical resource for the residents of Pleasant Hill. The CRC will be the Richard Penniman (Little Richard) House.



*A whop bop-a-lu bop, a whop bam boo!*





# Recording the History of Pleasant Hill

GDOT commits to:

- Capture and record the history of Pleasant Hill.



# A New David Lucas Bridge and Pavement Rehabilitation

GDOT commits to:

- Replace and upgrade the David Lucas Pedestrian Bridge with new lighting and new design to enhance safety.

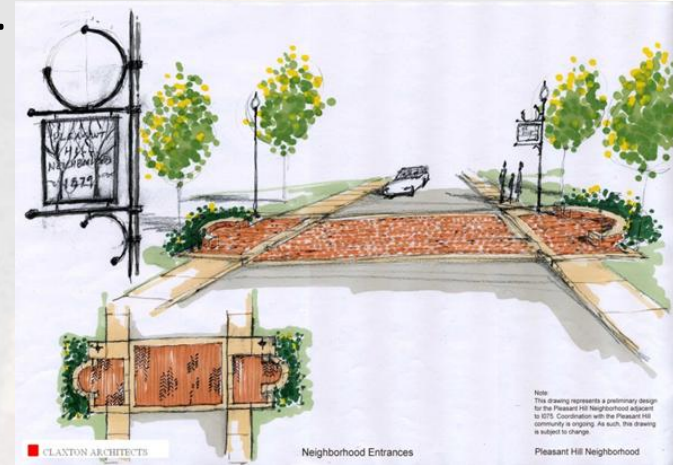


- Extend Middle Street to Walnut Street and rehabilitate pavement on portions of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues.



# New Streetscapes, Lighting, and Greenspace

- Streetscape improvements, to include sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping will provide a walking path for a heritage tour.



- Transform an existing open drainage ditch into a grass covered culvert.



# Constructing Noise Walls and Visual Barriers

GDOT commits to:

- Construct noise and visual barriers.



# Moving and Restoring Homes

GDOT commits to:

- Move and fully restore up to 26 historic properties.



# Historic House Rehabilitation

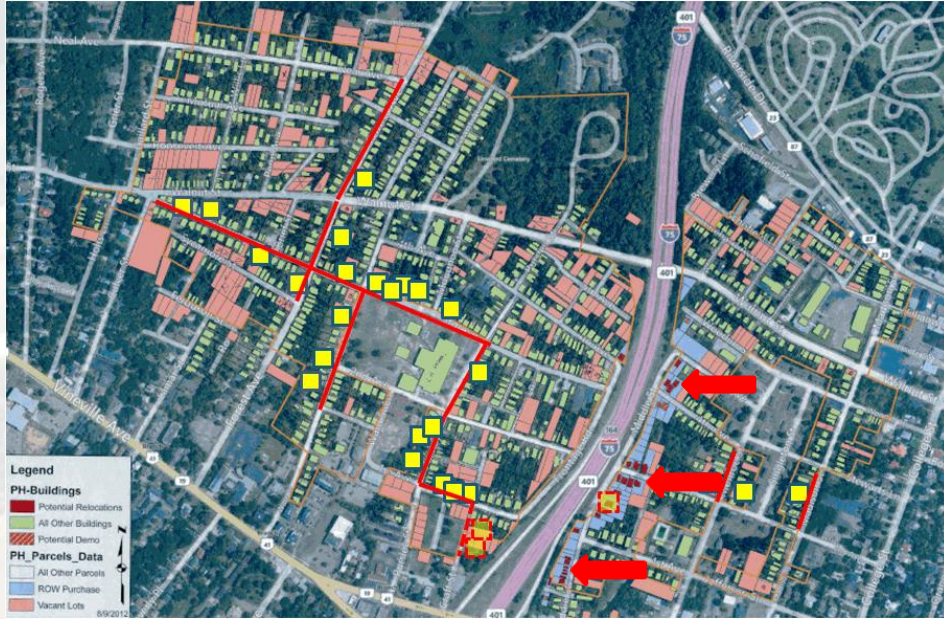
**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



# Challenging Project



# TEAM EFFORT

- Office of Program Delivery**
- Office of Environmental Services**
- Office of Communications**
- Office of EEO**
- Office of ROW**
- Local Representatives**
- Regulatory Agencies (i.e., SHPO)**
- Pleasant Hill Community**

