

Mapping the Road to Freedom From . . .

The Road to Freedom is a vision of partnership with nature and area residents in the creation of a trail revealing a history hidden in plain sight.

The Trail connects the lives and structures of a tight-knit community with ancestral ties to those enslaved by Maryland's 15th governor, Charles Carnan Ridgely, and successive generations.

This Trail is a testament of Historic East Towson's commitment to prevail in the face of massive environmental degradations and building encroachments, both past and present, to shape a livable and vibrant new future on the Road to Freedom!



. . . Hampton Plantation to Historic East Towson

Conceptually the trail has a multi-purposeful impact on fitness, education, environmental and historical conservation. A walking/cycling trail that will connect all of the historic points between the Hampton Historic Site and Historic East Towson, which would include:

- Parker House
- Jacob House
- Carver Colored School
- St. James AUMP Church
- Mt. Calvary AME
- Howard Cooper Memorial Marker
- Pleasant Rest Cemetery (African American Cemetery)
- Mt Olive Baptist Church
- Community formerly known as Sandy Bottom
- The Pride of Towson Lodge
- Goucher College's Hallowed Ground Project
- Hampton Historic Site's slave quarters, overseer's house, spring house and the mansion

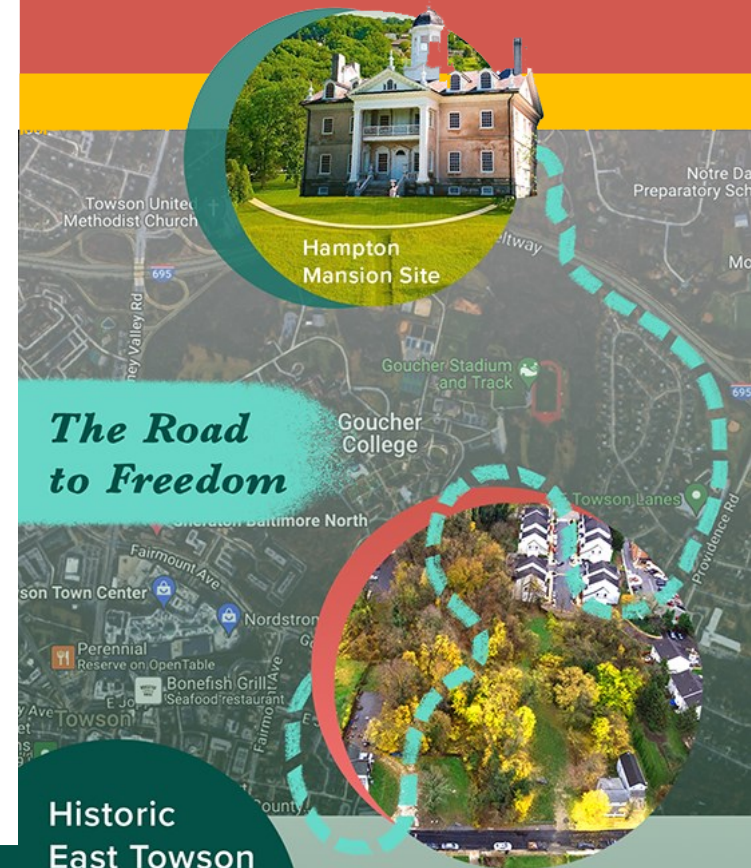
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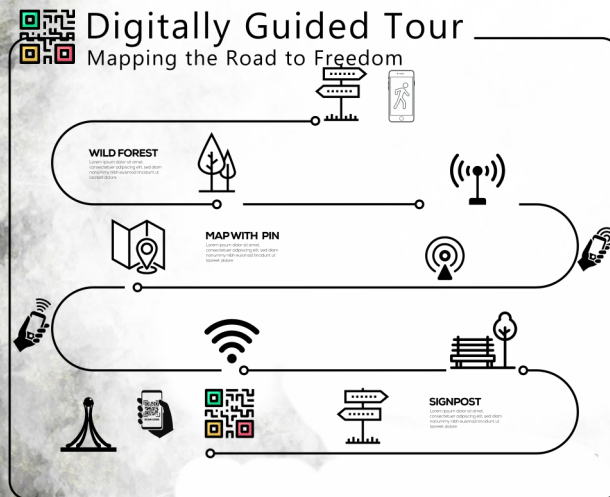
Connecting Historic and Public Open
Spaces to reflect, heal and experience the
heritage of Historic East Towson



Trail Benefits

The Freedom Trail brings together a history, heritage and cultural integrity to form new relationships that will extend well into this 21st Century. These sacred places & spaces can finally be reclaimed and connected as areas for healing, learning, fitness and peace. The trail not only connects the surrounding communities, it bridges our past and future in meaningful ways moving forward.

- The Freedom Trail provides much needed access to public open space from Historic East Towson to the Hampton Historic Site.
- It is rich with opportunities for hiking, jogging and cycling
- Historical sites surrounding the greenspace add substance, value and distance to the Trail.
- It provides connectivity to the various communities and academic entities nearby the trail and along its route.
- Uses location-based technology to deliver a digitally guided tour and a world class learning experience.



Infographic illustrates how Location-based Technology is used to enhance the pedestrian or cycling journey and experience on the Freedom Trail

Our Challenges

Sometimes our greatest opportunities arise in the midst of our greatest challenges:

- Marginalization of Historic East Towson
- Loss of cultural identity
- Declining community cohesion
- Lack of open space
- Stormwater runoff
- Household income below the median and the concentration of poverty
- Aging population
- Disconnectedness of downtown Towson from everything that surrounds it (the Hampton Community has the lowest walk score among all of the inner suburbs in the County)

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