

Central Focus Area Projects

Druid Heights and Upton	
Short Term	
Vacant Lot Maintenance	
Short-term strategies for maintenance include Clean and Green.	
1	<p>Druid Heights Neighborhood Farm Relocation</p> <p>Due to impending development, this community farm needs to be relocated in order to keep serving the community.</p> <p><i>Next steps: HCD and DOP are developing a plan and budget to move the existing raised beds and replace fencing.</i></p>
Medium term	
2	<p>Druid Square</p> <p>A public square in this community-identified location could provide residents access to high-quality green space, including open active space and a Kaboom! playground; it could also become the asset needed to attract renovation and development to the surrounding residential blocks. This new park would support the Bakers View Townhomes (500 block of Baker Street), and would increase absorbent surfaces, especially by removing the Etting Street asphalt; this will help water quality (<i>image below</i>).</p>
3	<p>West North Avenue Corridor Greening</p> <p>The conceptual Master Plan for this corridor includes several greening elements, such as street-side tree plantings, intersection plantings (in pots or pits), and gateway plantings. In addition, vacant adoptable lots have been identified as opportunities for new community gathering spaces.</p>
Long term	
4	<p>Etting Street Greening</p> <p>As Etting Street has suffered disinvestment and has a concentration of vacancies, this street should be monitored for ongoing greening and development opportunities. It has the potential to be an attractive green connection between new development in Upton and the new Druid Square in Druid Heights.</p>

Future Opportunity Sites:

- 1 Upton Mansion:** This vacant historic landmark (811 West Lanvale Street) sits on a one-acre parcel and is currently owned by the City of Baltimore; it is in need of a new occupant and significant renovation. As a Baltimore historic landmark, it is eligible for historic tax credits for redevelopment.
- 2 1200-1300 blocks of Myrtle and Argyle:** This concentrated area of vacant lots and buildings slated for demolition requires further planning; a beneficial plan for these properties could include a combination of greening and redevelopment.