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## **MISSION:**

To eliminate systemic barriers and create pathways to education, economic advancement, and cultural legacy preservation for historically underserved Black communities in Montgomery County and the greater Washington, D.C. region.

## **VISION:**

A future where every child has the opportunity to succeed, every adult has access to meaningful work and wealth-building opportunities, and every community's legacy is honored and sustained for generations to come.

THE ROOTS OF PCF

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Century PROJECT

**A 2022-25 Effort to  
Uplift One of  
MoCo's Historic  
Black Communities**

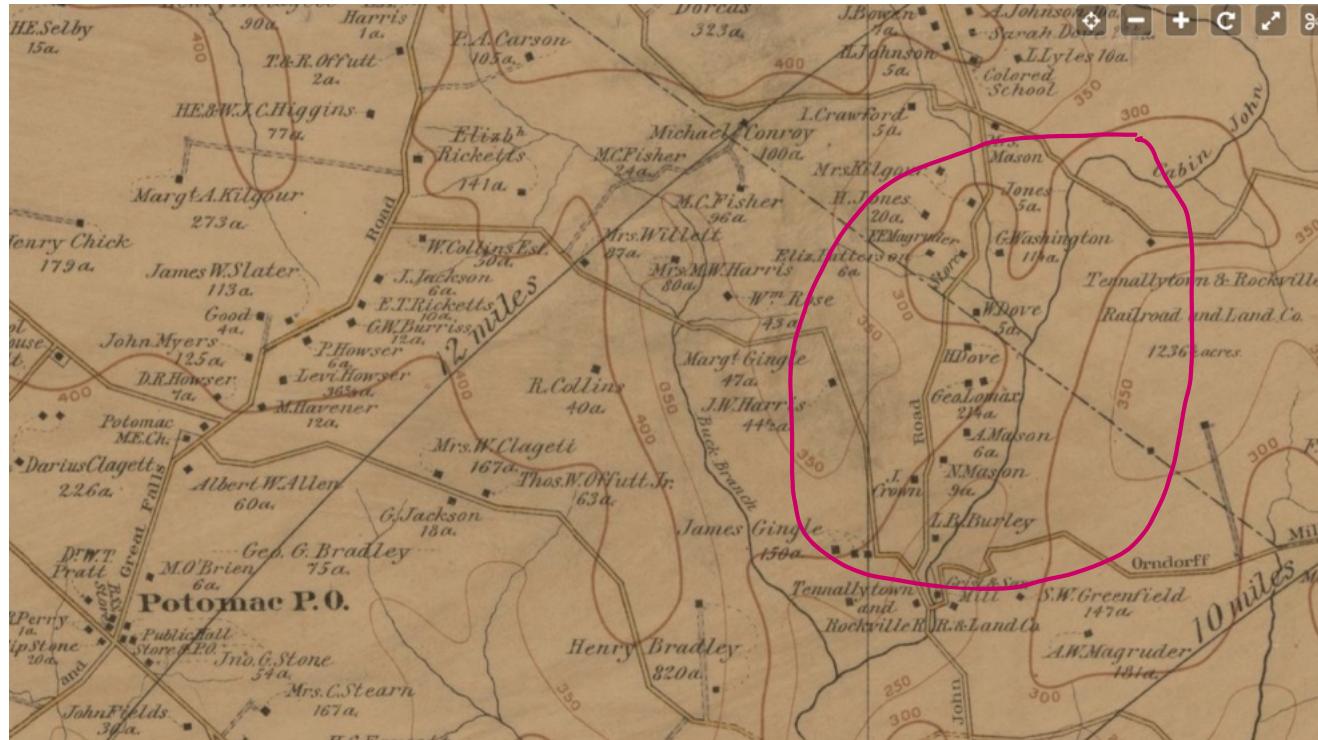
- A Fundraising Campaign
- A Public Awareness Effort
- Restorative Justice



Photo courtesy of Skip Brown Photography

UNDERSTANDING OUR SHARED HISTORY

# 1880: William Dove Settles in “Snakesden”



The community of Scotland dates to 1880, when a formerly enslaved Black man named William Dove purchased one 36-acre lot of the “Bedfordshire Carrier” property at public auction for \$210.22.\* The area was then known as “Snakesden” after a creek that meandered through what is now the Cabin John area. **This was the second place in Potomac where a Black man owned land.**

\*- Research by EHT Traceries

1894 map (Enoch Pratt Free Library)



**Scotland From  
the Air in 1957:  
Much of Seven  
Locks Road  
from  
Democracy  
Blvd. to  
Montrose Road  
was once  
owned by Black  
families.**

Photo courtesy  
of the U.S. Dept.  
of Agriculture,  
April, 1957

AN ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MAKING

## 2019: THE FINAL FLOOD



The re-routing of Seven Locks Road in the early 1960s had left the Scotland African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in a flood plain, which caused a chronically wet basement for decades. On July 7, 2019, unprecedented rainfall filled the basement with water and caused a structural wall to nearly collapse. In 2022, the Glenstone Museum and church leaders kicked off the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Project to raise money to rebuild.

Photo by Peggy McEwan/Potomac Almanac

THE SOLUTION: THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CENTURY PROJECT

## April, 2022: First Major Donor to Help Rebuild



“I believe the local area has a moral obligation to do what is right and help these people, our neighbors, retain their dignity and heritage.”

— Bob Buchanan, founding board member of PCF

Photo courtesy of Washingtonian magazine

IT TAKES A VILLAGE . . .

## Community Leadership, Then and Now



Photos  
courtesy of  
Paul Tukey  
and The  
National  
Archives

A young Jewish activist named Joyce B. Siegel had stepped up to save the Scotland community once before, in the 1960s. Asked what Joyce meant to him and the community 60 years later, the grandson of the founder of Scotland teared up. “If it were not for Joyce Siegel, I wouldn’t have my home,” said Eddie Dove, now 90. Mrs. Siegel, her husband Alan, as well as Catherine and Ike Leggett, the three-term County Executive, served as co-chairs of the 2nd Century Project to ensure the legacy of Scotland will never be forgotten. The Leggetts and Siegels are still involved now with the PCF.

COMING TOGETHER AS ONE

## March 13, 2024: The Million-Dollar Gathering



After six months of planning the gathering and VIP guest list, Frank Islam and Debbie Driesman opened their home, Norton Manor, for a Scotland fundraiser that drew nearly 120 people and netted more than \$1 million for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Project.

Photo courtesy of Frank Islam and Debbie Driesman

REMEMBERING THE PAST, PAYING IT FORWARD

## May 29, 2024: Marriots Grant \$1 Million



Photos  
courtesy of  
Paul Tukey  
and WUSA9

David Marriott, the third-generation leader of the Marriott Corporation, recalled a strong historic family connection to Scotland when announcing a \$1M gift from his family's foundation.

AFTER NEARLY SIX YEARS OF WAITING TO COME HOME

## March-April 2025: Grand Re-Opening!!!



Photo  
courtesy of  
Paul Tukey

On March 9, 2025, the congregants of the Scotland AME Zion church were able to worship together in their own sanctuary for the first time since the 2019 flood.

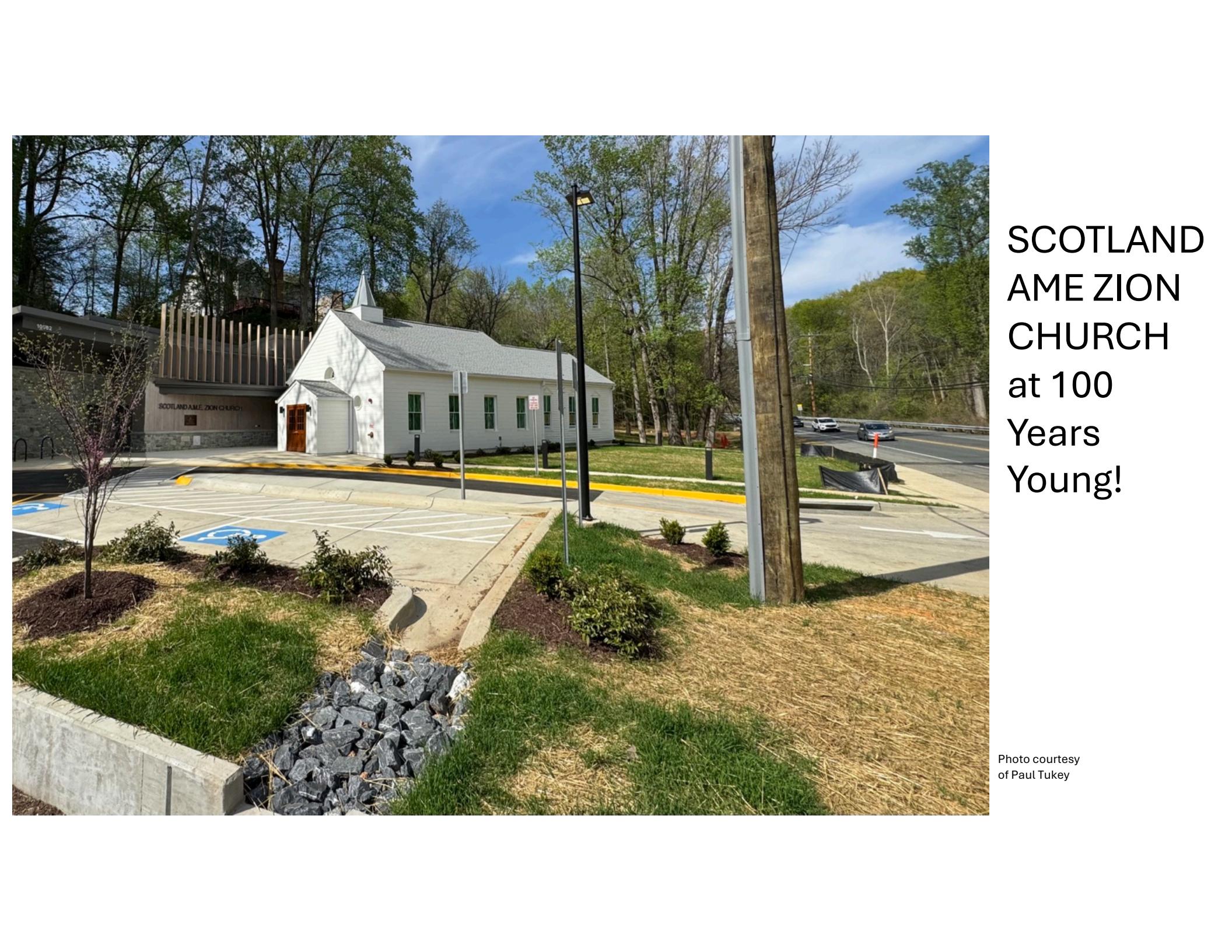
## HISTORIC RIBBON-CUTTING

# April 30, 2025: The Broader Community Celebrates



Photo  
courtesy of  
Clark Day

Just two months shy of the six-year anniversary of the flood, church leaders invited elected officials, other faith and community leaders, the construction team, congregants, and benefactors to cut the ceremonial ribbon — signifying the re-opening. **“This church shall stand as a symbol of what is possible when the community comes together,”** said the pastor, Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins.



# SCOTLAND AME ZION CHURCH at 100 Years Young!

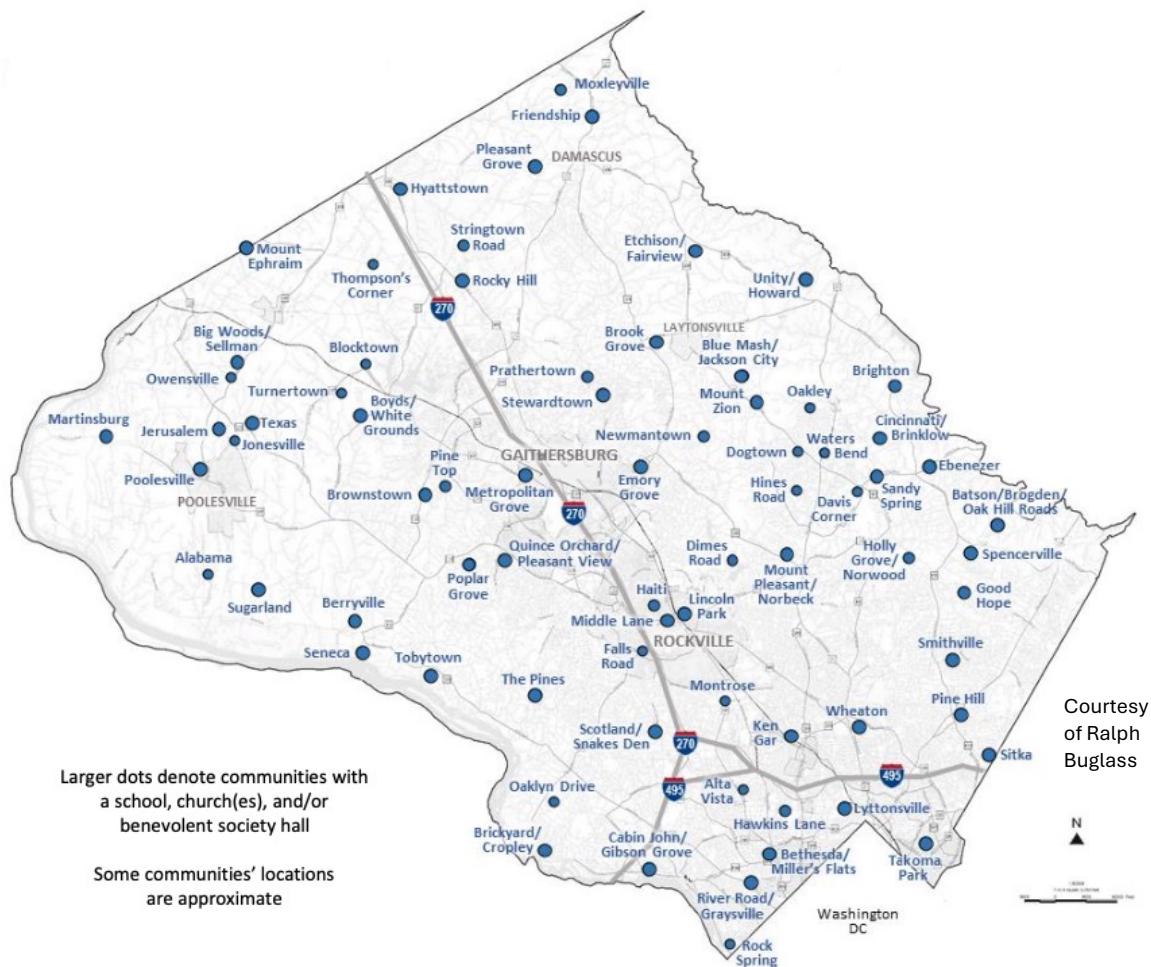
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## UNDERSTANDING OUR SHARED HISTORY

During the century after the Civil War, nearly 100 other Black communities formed in Montgomery County.



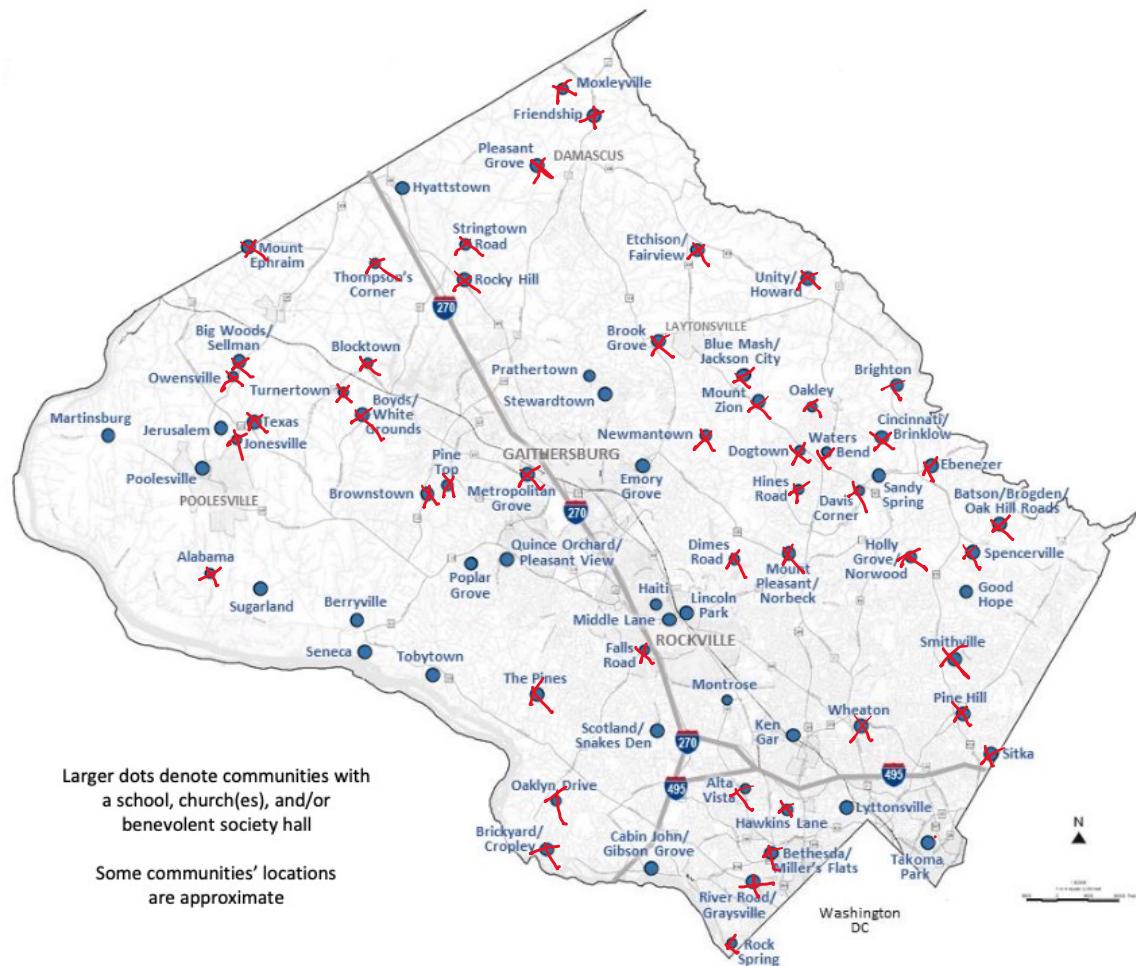
## LOCATIONS Montgomery County's Historic African-American Communities



UNDERSTANDING HOW HISTORY CAN BE LOST

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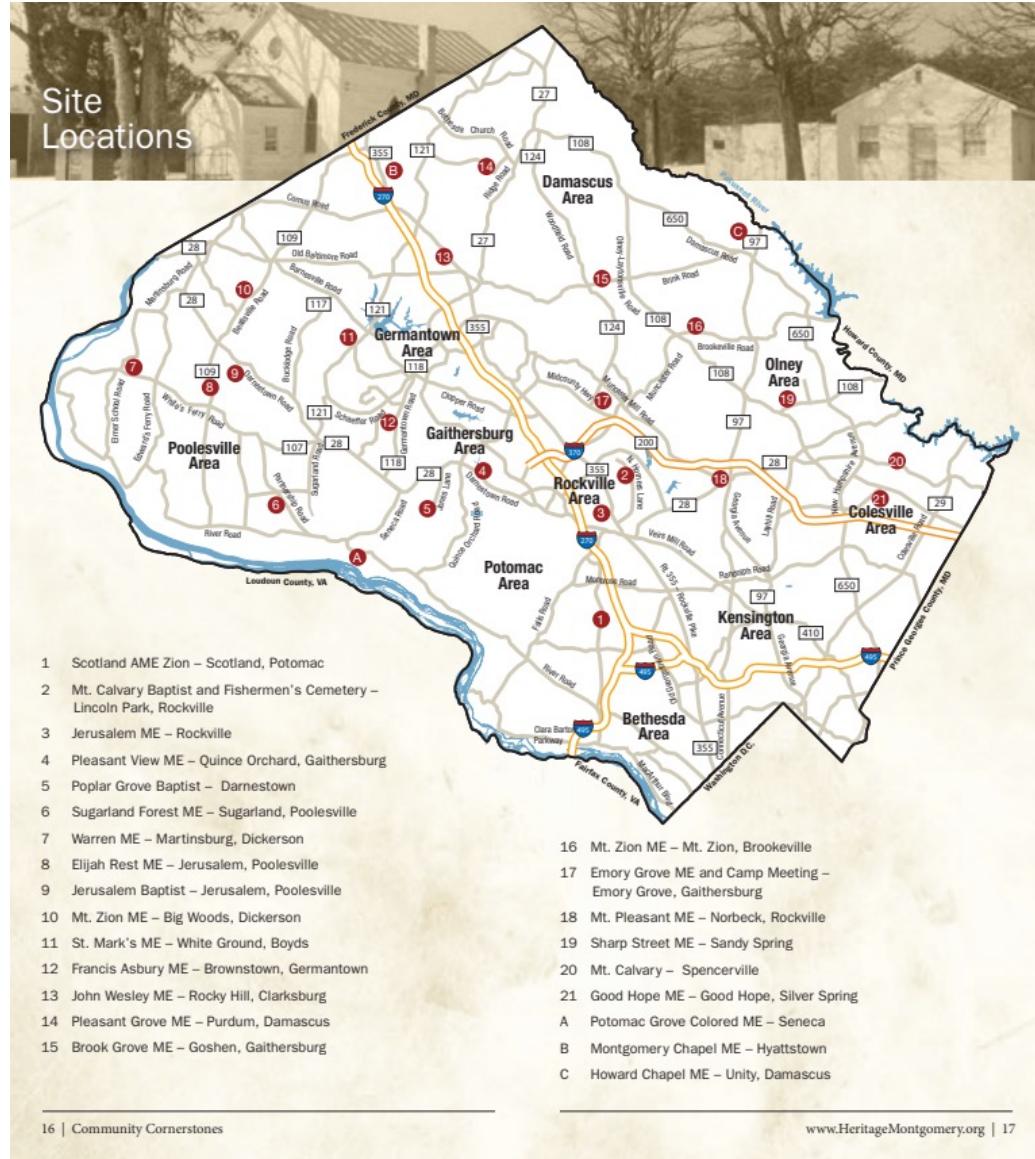
Only a handful of the original Black communities still remain due to lack of resources and discrimination.



## PCF STEPS IN TO FILL A NEED

During the Scotland project, many of the remaining Black communities asked if we could help them, too.

## Enter, the Potomac Community Foundation.





“More of our churches will be lost forever if we don’t do something soon!”



*Montgomery Chapel*



Montgomery Chapel, at left, was torn down after serving as a church, school, and meeting house. The Sugarland Forest Methodist Episcopal church, above, barely survives now until funds can be found for new floor joists.

Images courtesy of Heritage Montgomery and Paul Tukey

# The 50 Black Cemeteries of MoCo are ALL in Disrepair



The Clipper family cemetery, Potomac/Seneca in 2025

NAME	EARLIEST_D	LATEST_DAT	BURIALS
St. Marks United Methodist Church	1827	2017 275	
Howard Family Cemetery	1885	1965 8	
Allen Chapel AME Church Cemetery	1894	2000 40	
Good Hope Union United Methodist Church	1795	2008 150	
Jerusalem Baptist Church Cemetery			80
Poplar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery	1904	2017 40	
St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Cemetery	1860	2018 650	
St. Marys Catholic Cemetery	1917	2018 1000	
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery	1886	2013 170	
Mutual Memorial Cemetery	1878	2017 260	
Montgomery Chapel Cemetery	1883	1968 38	
Jerusalem/Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church Cemetery	1893	1962 28	
Scotland AME Zion Church Cemetery	1906		
Round Oak Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery	1850	2012 35	
Warren United Methodist Church Cemetery	1920	1984 10	
Elijah United Methodist Church Cemetery	1871	2014 90	
Unknown Family Cemetery			1
Haiti Cemetery	1868	1983 33	
Pleasant View United Methodist Church Cemetery	1890	2015 70	
Mt. Calvary A.U.M.P. Church Cemetery	1850	1975 25	
Holland Family Cemetery - Prospect	1816	1911 12	
Musser Family Cemetery - Graff Farm	1823		5
Waters (Washington) Family Cemetery	1844	1882 20	
Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88 Cemetery	1894	1973 250+	
Hill Farm Cemetery	1847		26
Mt. Zion Church Cemetery	1922	2017 100	
Lincoln Park Cemetery - Galilean Fellowship	1920	2015 475	
Seneca Community Church Cemetery	1841	2017 82	
Oak Grove AME Zion Church Cemetery	1913	2002 11	
Friendship United Methodist Church Cemetery	1885	2014 220	
Franklin Family Cemetery	1883		2
John Wesley United Methodist Church Cemetery	1871	2014 275	
Tobytown Cemetery			
Martinsburg Community Cemetery	1792	2016 50	
St. Paul Community Church Cemetery	1871	2017 305	
Union Wesley Methodist Church Cemetery	1910	1952 50	
Emory Grove UM Church Cemetery	1890	2016 150	
Emory Grove UM Church Cemetery	1874	1923 1	
Awkard Family Cemetery	1880	1883 5+	
Brooke Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery	1883	2018 500	
Clipper Family Cemetery - Stoney Creek	1903	1924 30+	
Button Farm Cemetery - Black Mill Cemetery			6
Martin Family Cemetery	1926		2
Ashton Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery	1893	2017 24	
Pleasant Grove Community Church Cemetery	1884	2003 70	
Burton Family Cemetery	1893		20
Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery	1903	2006 53	

Image and sample chart courtesy of M-NCPPC

In Montgomery County,  
only **48.3%** of Black students  
are proficient in English. Only  
**22.9%** are proficient in Math.

Sept. 29, 2025

Opinion

# Opinion: ‘Shockingly low’ math, reading test scores for Black, brown students require urgent attention

Early warning to parents about poor class performance among needed steps

## WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY IN CRISIS

Black Unemployment in Montgomery County is Soaring, While Black Income is Currently Only 60% Compared to White Income.



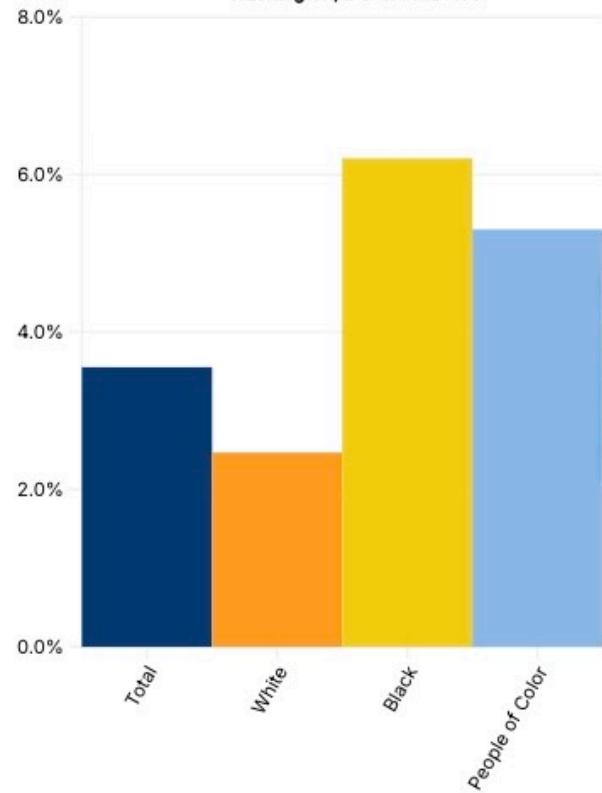
### Unemployment rate by race

3-month rolling average ending June 2025 (seasonally adjusted)

Metro/US Core counties in the DMV

Total White Black People of Color

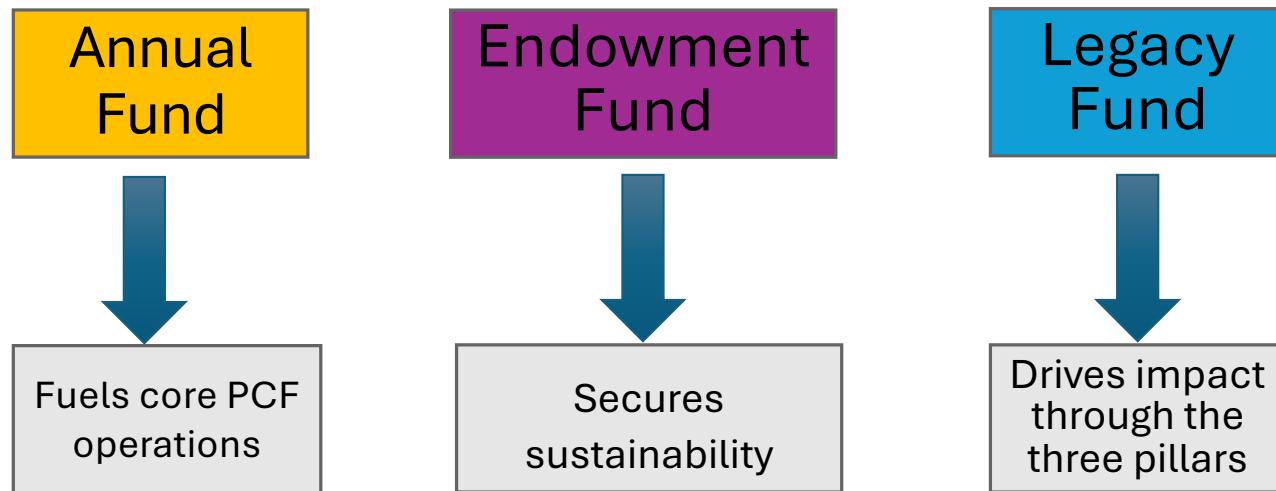
Washington, DC-VA-MD-WV



Source: Brookings analysis of Lightcast and Bureau of Labor Statistics data



# Philanthropy Can Change The Game

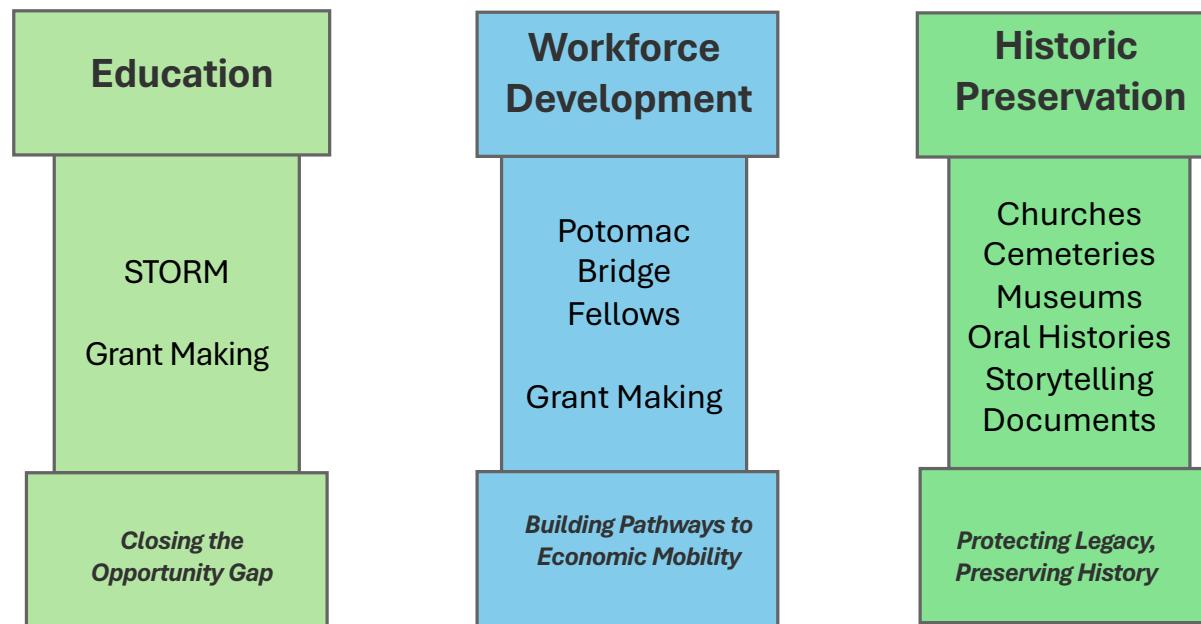


*“Investing in Montgomery County’s Historic Black Communities.”*



# The Three Pillars of Our Legacy Fund

*“Investing in the past, present and future.”*



# LEADERSHIP TEAM

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founder and board chair

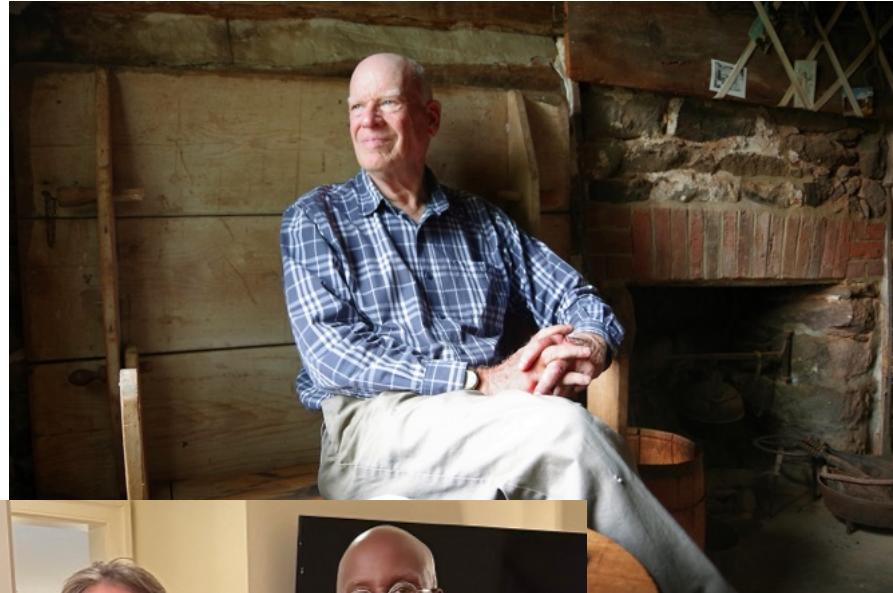
Krystal Davis,  
executive director

Paul Tukey,  
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how you  
can help . . .

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