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POTOMAC
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Invest. Advance. Preserve.

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

www.potomaccf.org



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.

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THE ROOTS OF PCF

The 2nd Century PROJECT

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

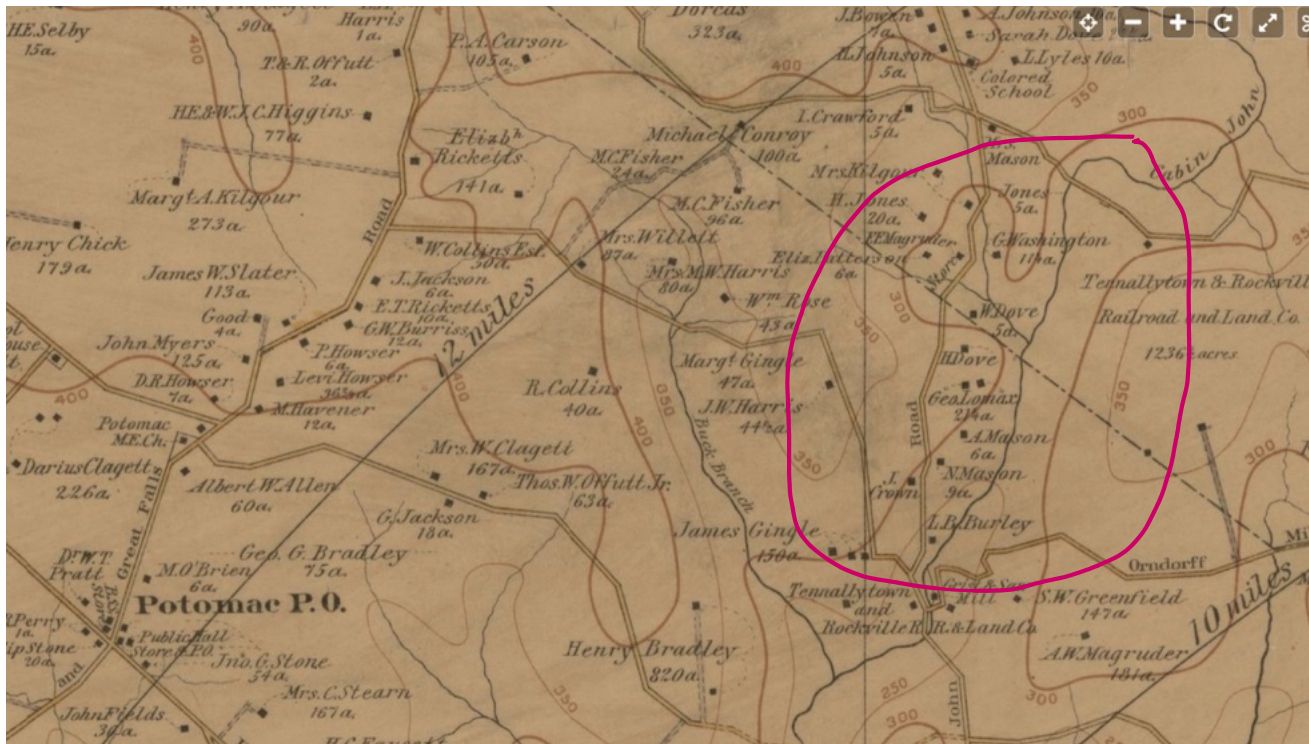
- A Fundraising Campaign
- A Public Awareness Effort
- Restorative Justice



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 Tracerics

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 2nd Century Project to raise money to rebuild.

Photo by Peggy McEwan/Potomac Almanac

THE SOLUTION: THE 2ND 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 2nd Century Project.

Photo courtesy of Frank Islam and Debbie Driesman

REMEMBERING THE PAST, PAYING IT FORWARD

May 29, 2024: Marriotts 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!

Photo courtesy
of Paul Tukey

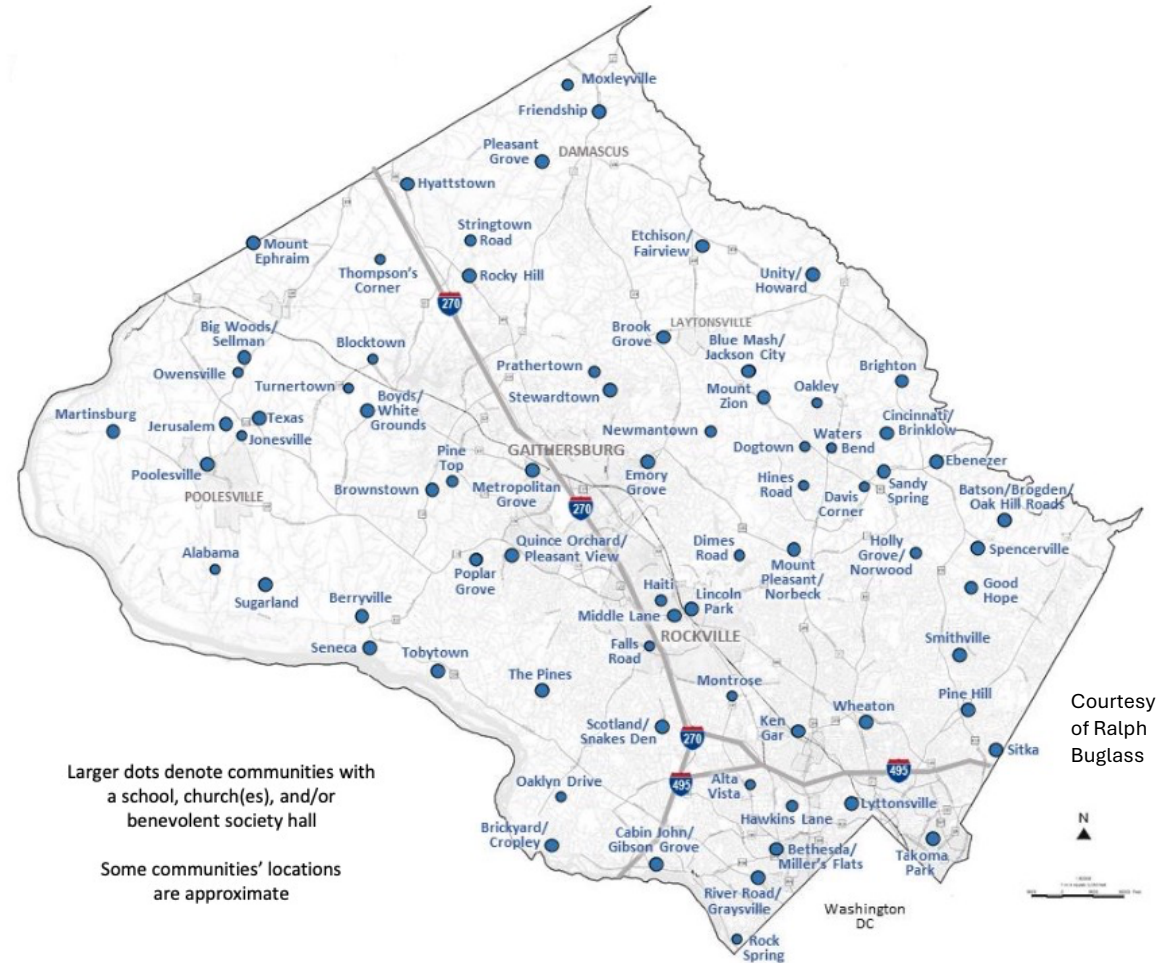


UNDERSTANDING OUR SHARED HISTORY

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



LOCATIONS of Montgomery County's Historic African-American Communities

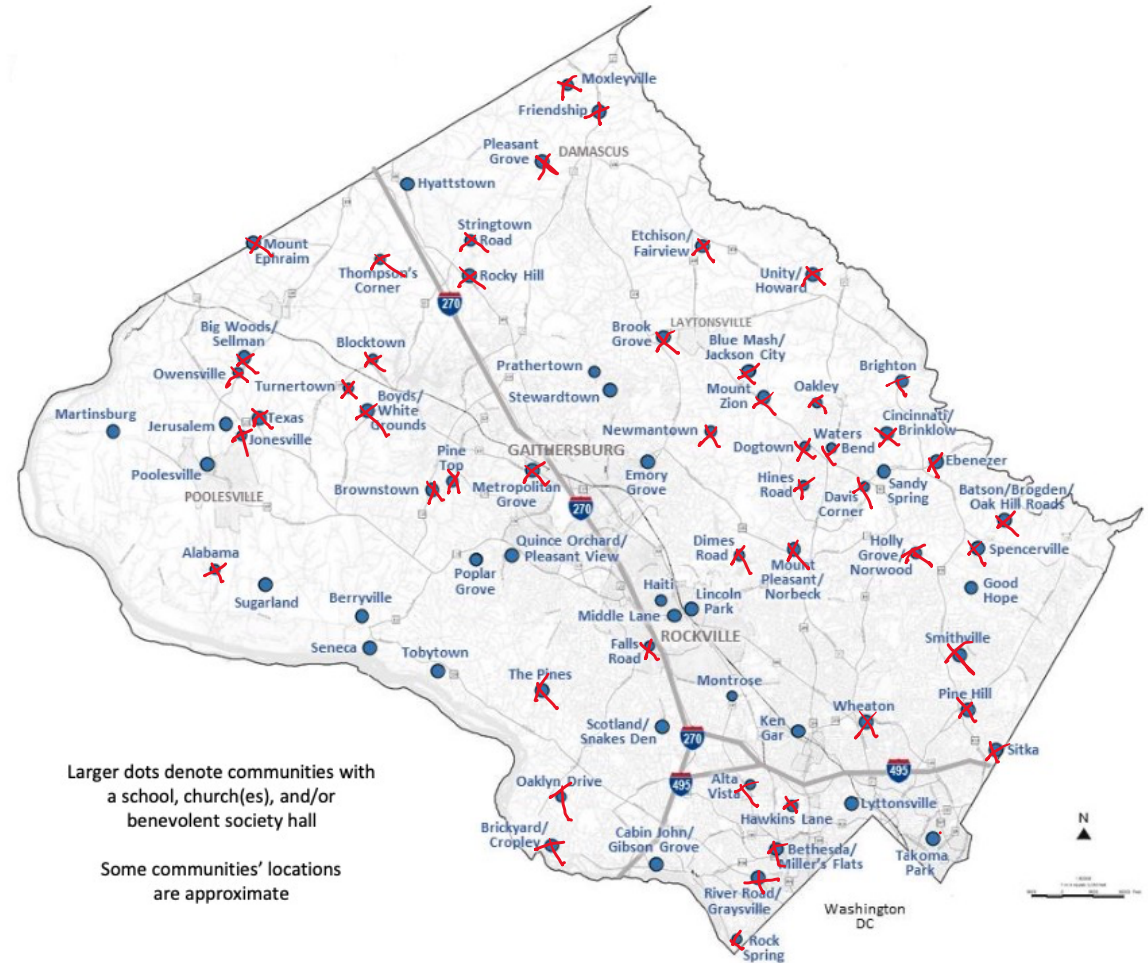


UNDERSTANDING HOW HISTORY CAN BE LOST

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


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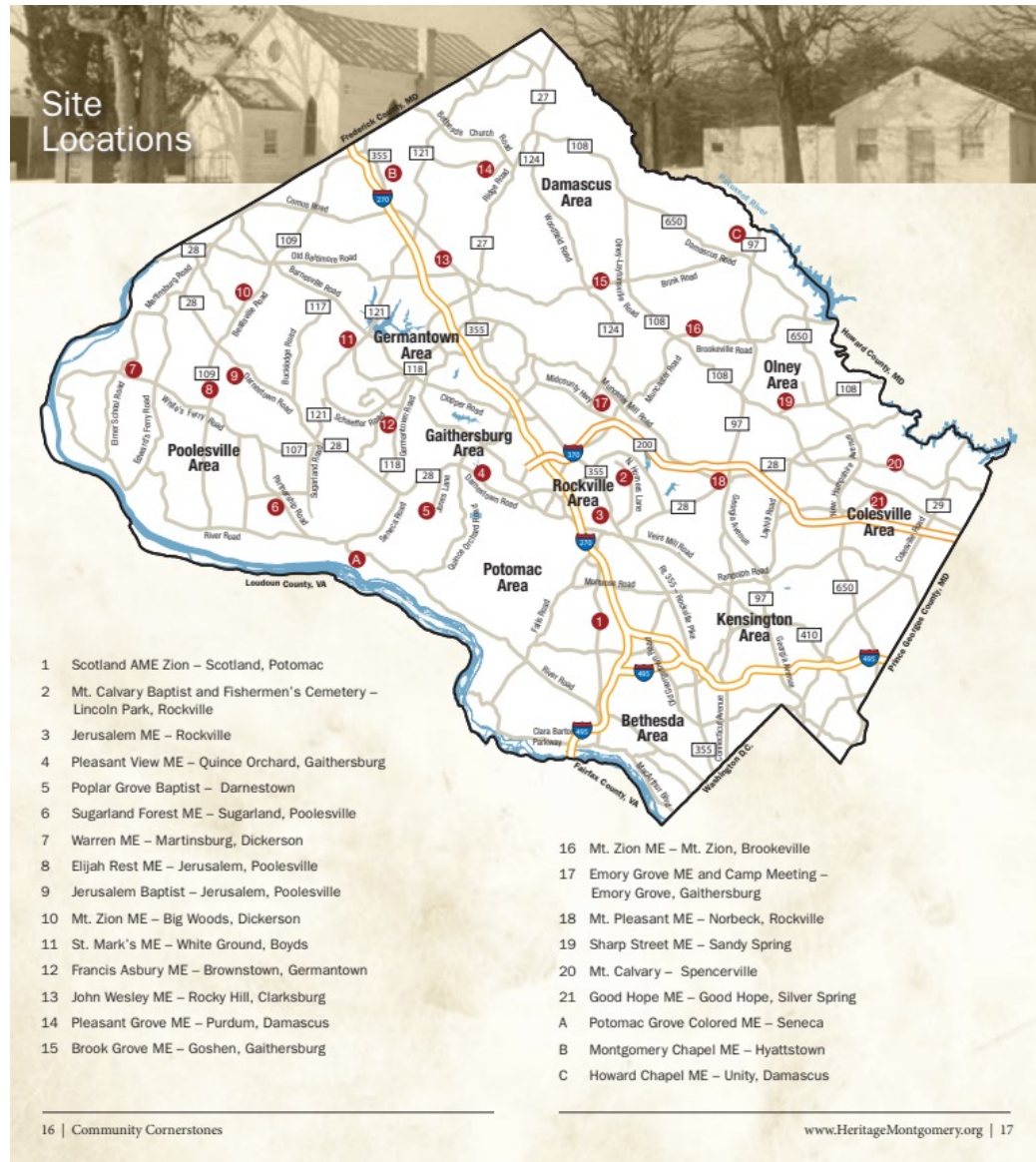
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PCF STEPS IN TO FILL A NEED

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

Enter, the Potomac Community Foundation.



Remaining
Black
churches
of MoCo



“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	1795		2008 150
Jerusalem Baptist Church Cemetery			80
Poplar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery	1904		2017 40
St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic C	1860		2018 650
St. Marys Catholic Cemetery	1917		2018 1000
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church C	1886		2013 170
Mutual Memorial Cemetery	1878		2017 260
Montgomery Chapel Cemetery	1883		1968 38
Jerusalem/Mt. Pleasant United Met	1893		1962 28
Scotland AME Zion Church Cemetery	1906		
Round Oak Missionary Baptist Church	1850		2012 35
Warren United Methodist Church C	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	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 Fish	1920		2015 475
Seneca Community Church Cemetery	1841		2017 82
Oak Grove AME Zion Church Cemetery	1913		2002 11
Friendship United Methodist Church	1885		2014 220
Franklin Family Cemetery	1883		2
John Wesley United Methodist Church	1871		2014 275
Tobytown Cemetery			
Martinsburg Community Cemetery	1972		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	1883		2018 500
Clipper Family Cemetery - Stonecut	1903		1924 30+
Button Farm Cemetery - Black Mill Cemetery			6
Martin Family Cemetery	1926		2
Ashton Methodist Episcopal Church	1893		2017 24
Pleasant Grove Community Church	1884		2003 70
Burton Family Cemetery	1893		20
Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery	1903		2006 53

Image and sample chart courtesy of M-NCPPC

BLACK EDUCATION IN CRISIS

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

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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

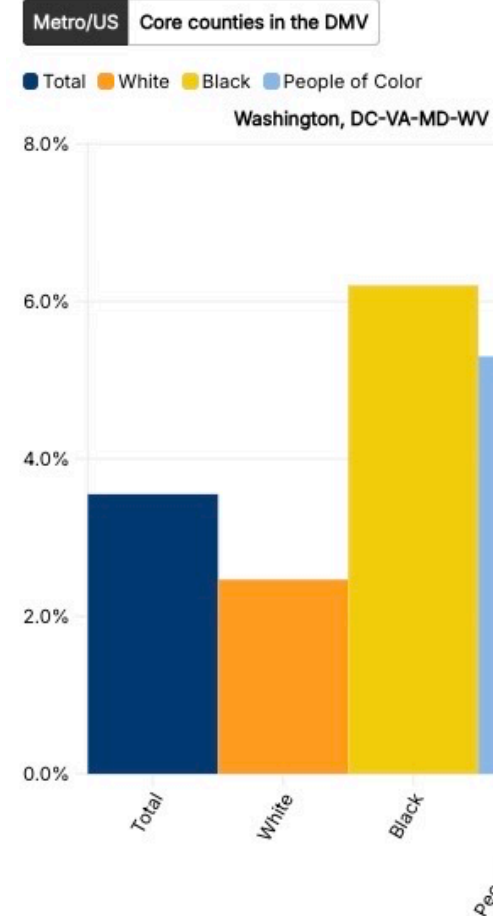
WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY IN CRISIS

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



Unemployment rate by race

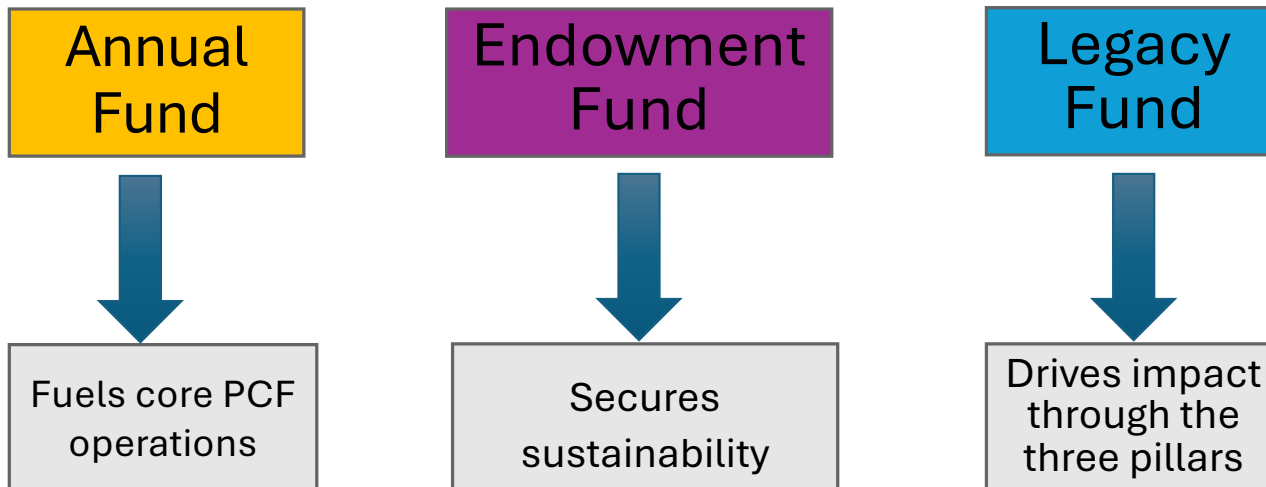
3-month rolling average ending June 2025 (seasonally adjusted)



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



Philanthropy Can Change The Game

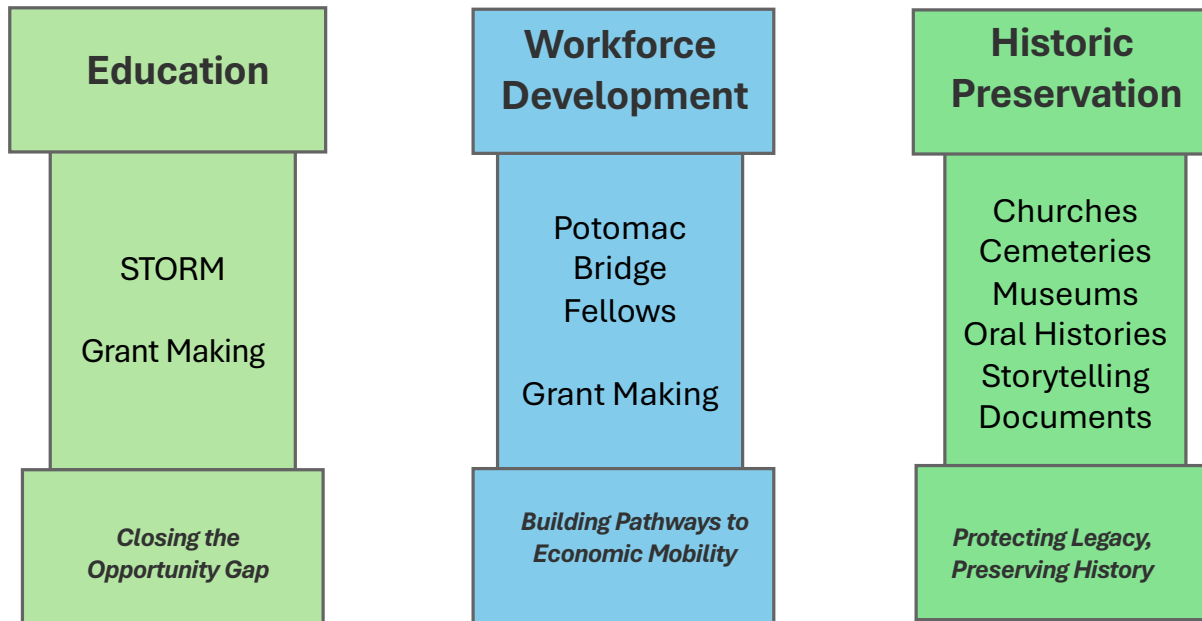


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The Three Pillars of Our Legacy Fund

"Investing in the past, present and future."



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