



UPTON COMMUNITY CORE APPLICATION OVERVIEW 2021

What is Project C.O.R.E and how will it benefit Baltimore City?

On Jan. 5, 2016 Governor Larry Hogan announced a four-year partnership to demolish thousands of vacant buildings to serve as the catalyst for redevelopment, reinvestment, and stabilization in Baltimore. Project Creating Opportunities for Renewal and Enterprise – or Project C.O.R.E. – is the name of this initiative.

The goal of this historic partnership is to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in Baltimore City neighborhoods. It is a far-reaching initiative designed to address the needs of the existing population as well as expand opportunities for the development and expansion of small businesses that will benefit the community, the city and the entire state of Maryland. Project C.O.R.E investments will result in safer and more attractive neighborhoods, more jobs, more green space, and more quality, energy efficient affordable housing for the benefit of existing residents.

Will the community be involved in choosing the sites for demolition?

Yes. The community will be a valued partner throughout the process. Baltimore City has established a transparent and ongoing process to engage communities in identifying targets for demolition as well as identifying new purposes for resulting open spaces. The city engages affected communities regularly through its ongoing Vacants to Value (or V2V) program. The schedule of Project C.O.R.E. demolitions will continue to be determined after substantial community input.

Will this initiative lead to the involuntary relocation of residents in the city?

No. Project C.O.R.E will not forcibly displace residents. For those residents living in affected areas, provisions will be made by Baltimore City for their relocation in accordance with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (or Uniform Act). The goal of Project C.O.R.E is to empower residents by improving economic opportunity and quality of life in existing neighborhoods. Additionally, it is expected that Project C.O.R.E will result in the creation of jobs and housing opportunities for new residents to live and work in revitalizing neighborhoods.

Will Project C.O.R.E. create employment opportunities?

Yes. Project C.O.R.E. will link job-seeking residents with demolition, deconstruction, stabilization, and redevelopment activity supported by the initiative. In addition, Project C.O.R.E. will support training programs and partner with local trade organizations, non-profit organizations, and other agencies within the State of Maryland to provide a range of workforce development services.

UPC C.O.R.E. Application

UPC will be submitting one application for the Upton community to DHCD. UPCs DHCD application will itemize properties in the Upton Community that have been targeted to receive CORE funding. DHCD will be asked to support UPCs neighborhood request for CORE funding. We are asking for all developers and property owners seeking C.O.R.E support in Upton to provide details of their request to UPC by no later than **October 9, 2020**. Please submit the CORE letter of interest to upcwestsidecdc@gmail.com.