

PEOPLESTOWN PRIDE

THIS NEWSLETTER COMES TO YOU FROM YOUR PEOPLESTOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PEOPLESTOWN PLAN PRESENTED

Twice in three weeks, the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, corner of Martin and Haygood Streets, played host to Mass Meetings called by the Peoplestown Planning Committee. Residents turned out to hear Planning Committee Members and their Consultants report on the long-range and 1970 planning for the Model Peoplestown Neighborhood.

THE LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR PEOPLESTOWN

At the July 8th meeting, the recommended land use plan for Peoplestown was unveiled. There was general agreement that the proposals developed by the Planning Committee and Urban Research should become the long-range Plan for Peoplestown.

Many questions were asked by the Peoplestown residents. Streets and street conditions were a major concern. The Plan calls for widening Haygood Avenue and Farrington Avenue. A new road would be built to connect these two streets to provide Peoplestown with direct and improved access to Hill Street. No time table has been made for this improvement.

OTHER NEW STREETS

The long-range plan proposed solutions to the problems of dead-end and narrow streets that residents have complained about. One-way, loop streets are proposed for the Dunning Street, Linam Street, Fern Avenue and Violet Street area. The widening of Martin Street was also included in the long-range plan. The extension of Vanira Street or Tuskegee Street to Hill Street is also being considered.

MORE SPACE FOR PARKS AND SCHOOLS

Expansion of existing parks and schools and the addition of new facilities are proposed in the Plan. Both Stanton Park and Stanton Elementary School are expected to expand their grounds. This would bring Stanton Park up to City standards for neighborhood parks and provide much needed play space for the Stanton School area.

1970 PEOPLESTOWN ACTIVITY AREAS DISCUSSED

What should be accomplished in 1970 was the main topic of discussion at the July 29th meeting. The Planning Committee and Consultants presented two small clearance areas and one large rehabilitation area to be scheduled for attention in 1970. The proposals were favorably received and will now be discussed with City agencies.

About forty boys and girls attending the July 29th meeting indicated that more recreation facilities are needed in the western portion of Peoplestown. This matter will be seriously considered by the Planning Committee.

Residents assisting with the presentation included Mrs. Christine Cook, Rev. L.W.Hope, Mrs. Martha Weems, and Mr. Willis Weems. Deacon Charles Cook presided at both meetings.

A MAP OF THE RECOMMENDED 1970 ACTIVITY AREAS APPEARS INSIDE.

THE FACTS

ABOUT CLEARANCE & REHABILITATION AREAS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA WHERE HOUSES
WILL BE ACQUIRED AND CLEARED:

- You don't have to move right away!
- You will get a reasonable price for your property.
- You will get moving expense money.
- A relocation man will help you find another house or apartment.
- Your next house or apartment will be in good condition.
- A relocation man will help you get money for better housing.

THE ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS EXPERIENCED RELOCATION PEOPLE TO HELP MAKE YOUR MOVING AS EASY AS POSSIBLE. CALL YOUR RELOCATION MAN TO GET ALL THE CORRECT INFORMATION.

Don't listen to rumors--let the relocation man help you. That is his job!

If you have any questions, call the members of your Planning Committee whose names are listed in the first two newsletters. Or call one of these supervisors at the Model Cities Neighborhood Development Program Area Office. Their number is 523-0245 before September 1st. After September 1st, call 523-5851

W. R. Wilkes, Project Director
Thomas Walker, Assistant Project Director
Walter Reid, Family Services Consultant
Supervisor

IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA WHERE THE
HOUSES WILL BE REHABILITATED:

- Don't do any major remodeling until a rehabilitation advisor from the Atlanta Housing Authority comes to see you.
- Architectural services are available through the Atlanta Housing Authority.
- Rehabilitation grants and loans are available.
- Don't become the victim of an unethical contractor. Talk to your rehabilitation advisor first.

WHEN YOU DECIDE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY, CALL YOUR REHABILITATION ADVISOR.

Don't sign a contract for home improvements until it is approved by your rehabilitation advisor.

The Atlanta Housing Authority will get estimates from several reliable contractors. You and your advisor can decide which one will give you the most for your money.

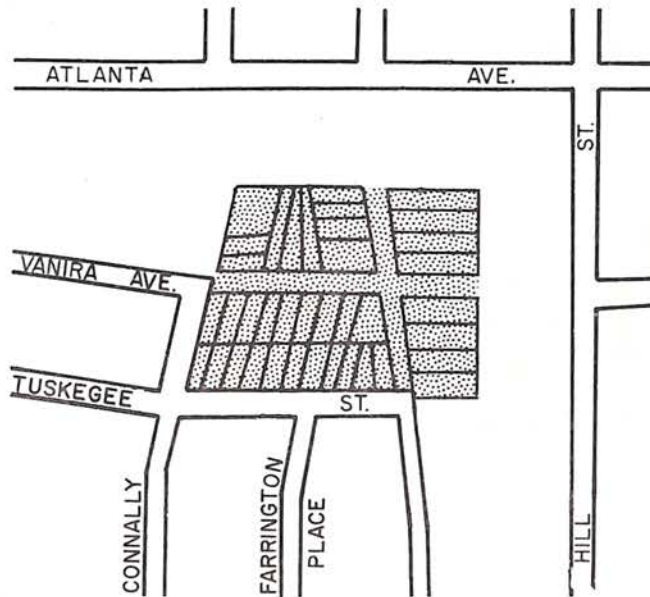
R. C. Littlefield, Rehabilitation Supervisor
C. V. Dickens, Financial Advisor
Miss Dorothy Moon, Secretary

IF YOU RENT, PLEASE SHOW THIS NEWSLETTER TO YOUR LANDLORD. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND HIM A COPY, IF WE RECEIVE HIS ADDRESS.

Here's The Information You Asked For

A Progress Report On 1969 Peopletown Activity Areas

AS OF THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY, 1969

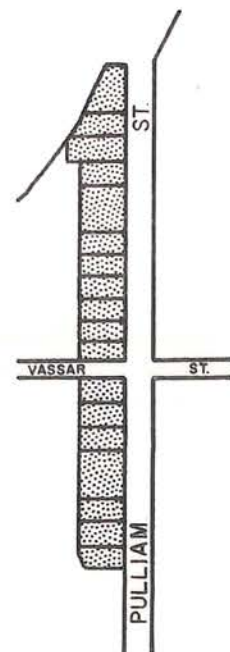


SITE NUMBER 69C4

Sixteen (16) of the parcels have been purchased and an option has been taken on one remaining parcel. Twenty-two dwelling units will be constructed for low and moderate income families. Eight of the houses are expected to be ready for occupancy by December 1, 1969.

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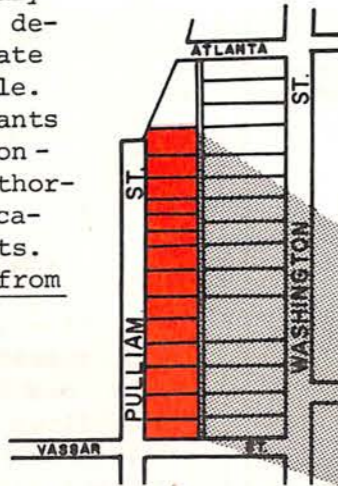
Eighteen parcels are scheduled for acquisition and clearance in 1969.



RECOMMENDED PEOPLESTOWN ACTIVITY AREAS FOR 1970*

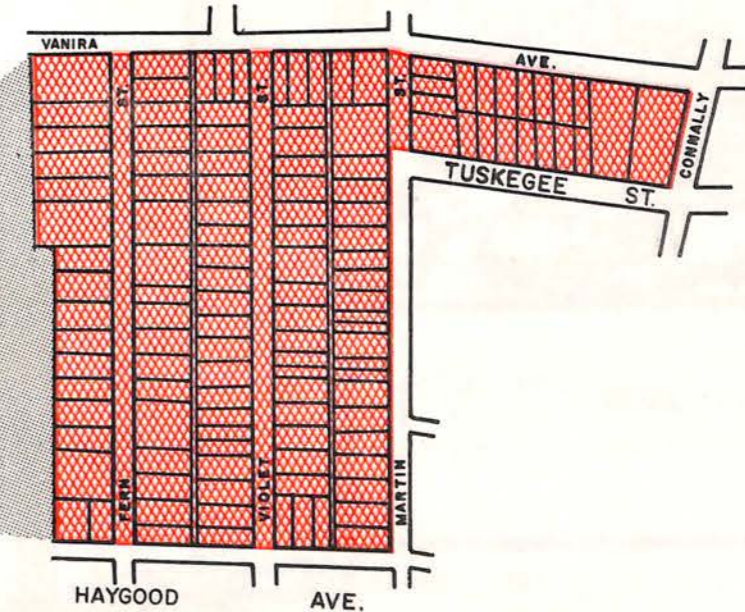
Clearance Area

Thirteen buildings will be acquired and cleared from this site during 1970. The land will be used for temporary housing until such time as development of low and moderate income housing is feasible. Property owners and tenants who move before they are contacted by the Housing Authority could lose out on relocation assistance and benefits. Sit tight until you hear from the Housing Authority.



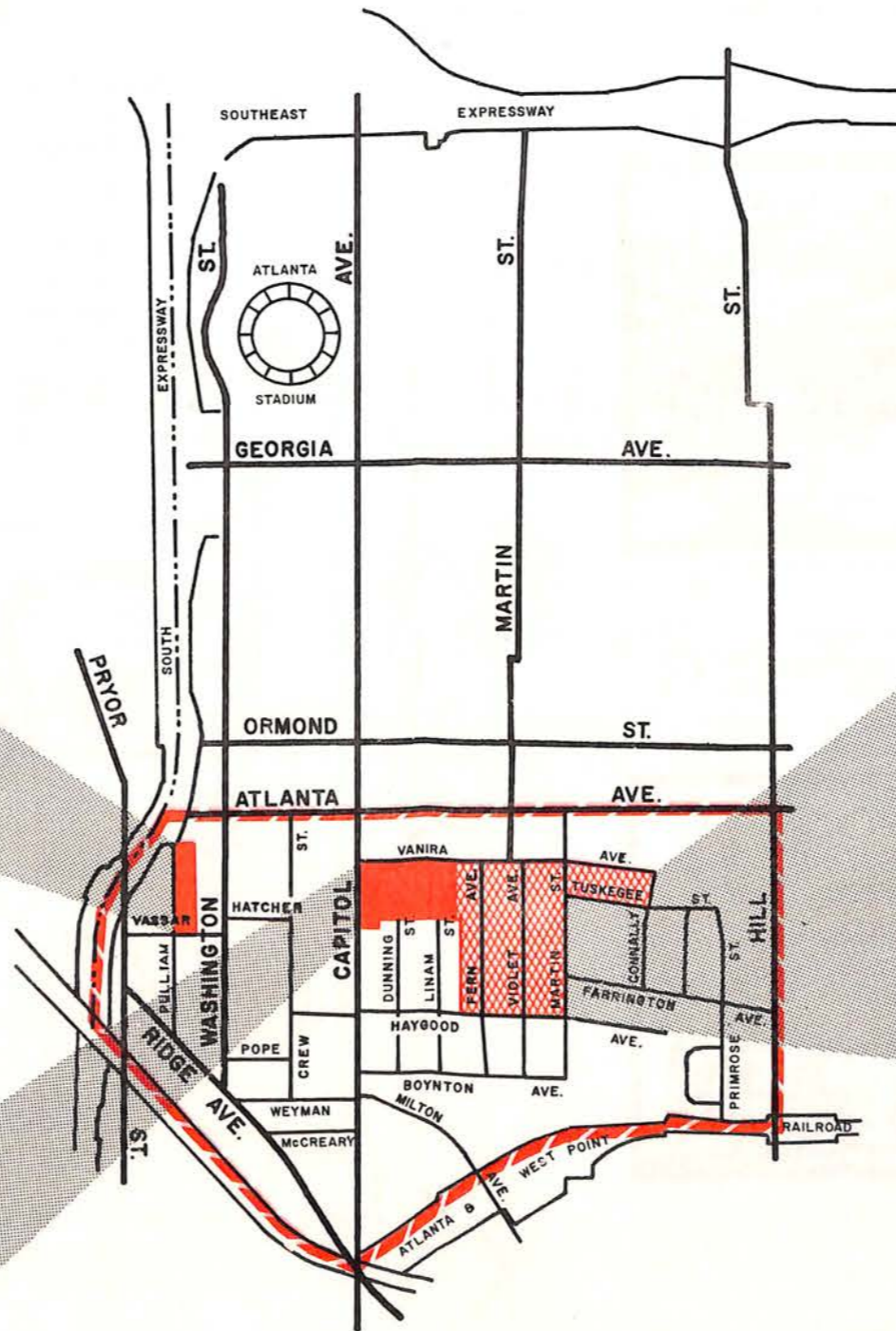
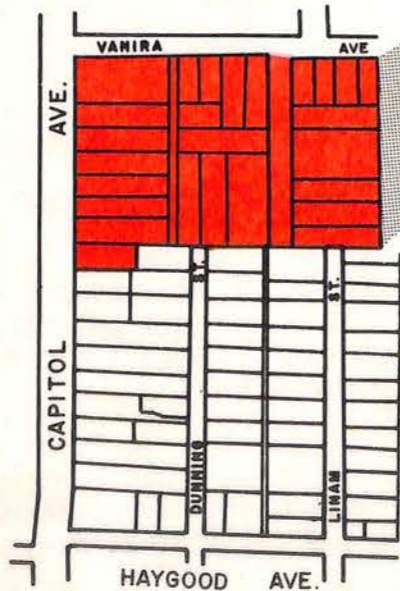
Rehabilitation Area

This area contains 99 buildings will be scheduled for rehabilitation treatment during 1970. Where rehabilitation is not feasible, buildings will be acquired and cleared. The Atlanta Housing Authority is prepared to assist property owners to rehabilitate their buildings. Grants and low-interest rate loans are available to all who qualify. During 1970 the Housing Authority will contact property owners in this area.

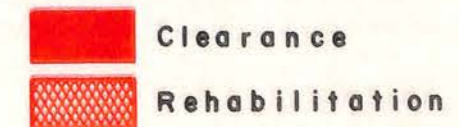


Clearance Area

Fourteen buildings will be acquired and cleared from this site to make room for development of low and moderate income housing. Property owners and tenants will be contacted by the Housing Authority in 1970. Don't move until you hear from the Housing Authority next year!



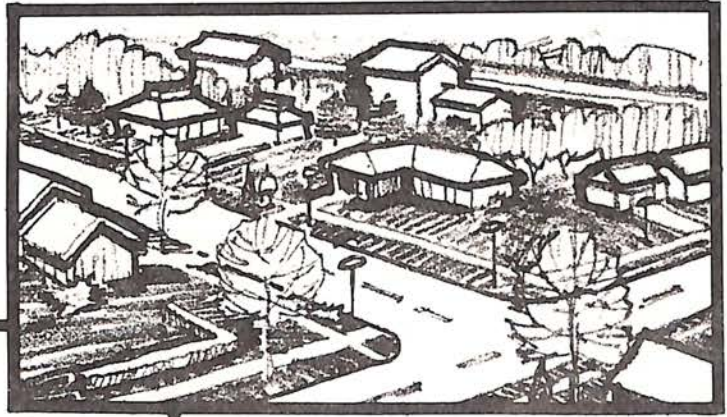
* Although the activities on this map are recommended for 1970, limited funds and time could delay some of the activities until after 1970.



WHAT KIND OF NEW HOUSING SHOULD COME TO PEOPLESTOWN ?

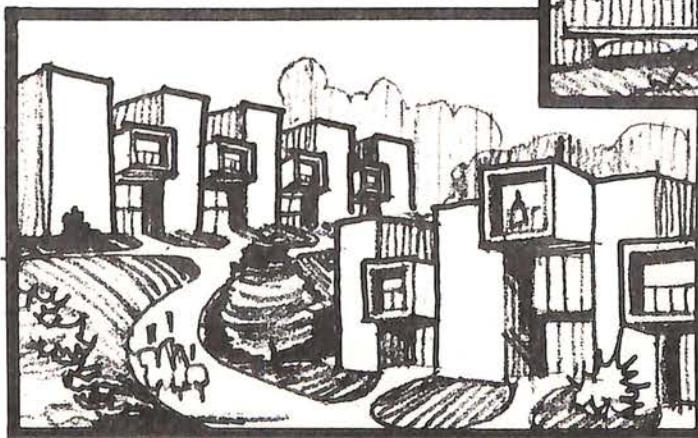
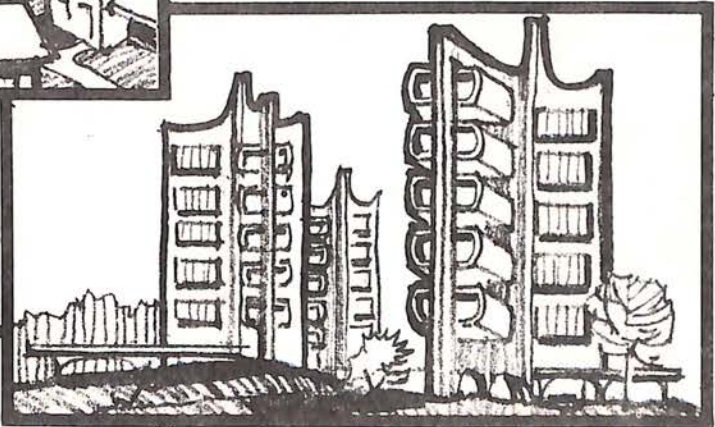
The new housing to be built in Peoplestown may take many forms.

Some of it will be
SINGLE-FAMILY
housing.



We will have some
new TOWN HOUSES,

Some interesting
HIGH-RISES,



And GARDEN APARTMENTS.

NOTES AND QUOTES FROM PEOPLESTOWN

Some very interesting statements are made at meetings called by the Peopletown Planning Committee. The Committee would like to share some of them with people who could not attend the meeting.

JOHN A. WHITE, Director of the Stanton Park Recreation Center, had this to say at a Mass Meeting.

"The Recreation Center is like a new neighbor in Peopletown. When you move into a community, there's something your neighbors can do to make you feel wanted. Right now I don't feel wanted because we don't have very much participation from the community, other than the kids."

(Editor: If you haven't seen the new Recreation Center Building, make up your mind to visit it soon. It's worth seeing and has many programs to offer.)

REV. DAVIS, Community Organizer for the Atlanta South Side Comprehensive Health Center, called a problem to the attention of the Planning Committee.

"What can be done about the junkyard on Capitol Avenue? We've been working on this problem without much luck. With the Health Center across from it, something will have to be done about it."

(Editor: The Planning Committee was glad to have this problem brought out into the open. The Plan for Peopletown will include standards to protect the public from unsightly storage.)

REV. HOPE, Member of the Peopletown Planning Committee.

"If we're going to have a Model City Program, I believe it is necessary for us to have some safe sidewalks, not only for the children but for adults too. There are some fellows who try to make speedways out of the streets that are very narrow. It is necessary that sidewalks be placed on these streets to protect the residents."

EARL WEEMS, Member of the Peopletown Planning Committee.

"Regardless of what this Planning Committee does, it can't satisfy everybody. I hope everyone realizes that something has to be done in Peopletown. You either have to change with the times or get trampled."

**ATLANTA SOUTHSIDE COMPREHENSIVE
HEALTH CENTER**
Ridge Avenue, Peopletown

YOU JUST WON 'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL YOU SEE IT FOR YOURSELF! It took some kind of a miracle to turn the old bed spring factory into one of the most modern comprehensive health centers in the entire United States.

Of course, the perseverance of Mrs. Grace Barksdale's Health Sub - Committee of the Central Advisory Council helped that miracle along quite a bit. As Grace tells it, the Committee "Just didn't rest until it knew that the first tooth would get pulled at the new Comprehensive Health Center Building."

But the Center does more than just pull teeth. Mrs. Martha Weems, the Center's Public Relations Director, likes to describe the Center's services by saying, "We've got everything from Pediatric Doctors to Podiatrists on our staff." We are just as prepared to help the arthritis victim cope with this problem as we're prepared to fit eyeglasses and diagnose ear, nose and throat problems.

Can you believe it? If you live south of Georgia Avenue in the Peopletown or Summerhill Neighborhoods, and can qualify under the OEO income guidelines, all the services of the Health Center are available at NO COST TO YOU. There isn't even a charge for medicine; and a Pharmacist is on duty to serve you whenever the Center is open.

If you qualify for services at the Comprehensive Health Center, all you have to do is register. The Health Center staff will take it from there and see that you receive the kind of help you need.

And while you're at it, bring the whole family along to be registered. That way you'll save time when other members of your family need treatment.

You don't even have to worry about the little ones getting in the way. The Center is equipped with a Child Care Section staffed by folks who are trained to take good care of your children while you are visiting with the doctor.

If you don't have a way of getting to the Health Center all by yourself, don't fret. The Center is even prepared to do something about that problem. If you call the Center, they will arrange for one of their drivers to call

for you. When you are ready to leave, you will be delivered back to your home.

YOU'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE WHEN YOU VISIT THE CENTER FOR THE FIRST TIME. The offices and rooms are the brightest and cheeriest colors you can imagine. The whole place is as pretty as a picture.

And the Staff just couldn't be nicer. We're sure you'll recognize some of your neighbors because the Center has an educational unit for training community residents who then become members of the Center's staff.

Why not take advantage of the Center's services? Plan to get the whole family registered now!

