

THREE UNIQUE AREAS, WITH THREE UNIQUE PLANS

Within the Community Redevelopment Area boundaries are three individual redevelopment areas, and each has its own Redevelopment Plan.

The **Urban Core** area, established in 1984, has received substantial public and private investment. Major future projects identified in the redevelopment plan include community policing, affordable and mixed-use infill development, residential rehabilitation, targeted commercial façade improvements, complete streets and streetscapes, park and waterfront access improvements.

The **Westside** area, established at the onset of the great economic recession, suffered from a lack of Tax Incremental Revenue for many years, but the base year reset in 2014 has resulted in incremental growth in recent years. Needs within this district are substantial and include complete street improvements, affordable and mixed-use infill redevelopment, residential rehabilitation, targeted commercial façade improvements, park improvements and crime prevention, amongst others, as authorized and outlined by the plan. A bond issuance in 2017 provided the first major

source of project funding for the Westside district. The proceeds have been used for public improvements and property acquisition.

The **Eastside** area, established in 2004, is primarily a residential district, resulting in slow revenue growth. While incremental projects have been undertaken over the years as funding was available, major financing and grants have been necessary to initiate catalytic projects. A City loan and bonds issued in 2017 funded the renovation and expansion of the historic General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. home site to create a museum and youth flight academy. Other recent efforts include property acquisition for affordable housing and targeted residential property improvements near the museum and flight academy. Major future plans include enhancement of the Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park/Urban Greenway and Maggie Field sports field. In partnership with FDOT, the conversion of the two primary neighborhood streets, MLK & Davis, from one-way pairs to two-way traffic as identified in the redevelopment plan is also moving forward.

