The Black Butterfly and the Complete Transformation of Baltimore City

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“Space has often been used in this country as a system of control and exclusion. ... Space has been intimately connected to racialized harm, so it must be part of the conversation on how we heal.”
Mount Clare Mansion on the Georgia Plantation: 1760

Home of Slaveowners Charles Carroll, Barrister and Margaret Tilghman Carroll
Orchard Street Church: 1837 & 1882

Original church started in 1837 by Truman Pratt. According to the GBUL, still existing tunnels beneath the property were associated with the Underground Railroad.
Slave Jail Locations in Baltimore: 1830-1861

Baltimore Sun, “Seeing the Unseen: A Somber Tour Through One of Baltimore’s Ugliest Chapters of Enslavement,” by Amy Davis, May 5, 2022

A 1841 “Manifest of Negroes, Mulattoes, and persons of Color, taken on board the Brig Splendid” records the transport to New Orleans of 76 enslaved people by Hope Hull Slatter. Men, women and children are listed by name, age, height and skin color. Courtesy of the National Archives, Department of the Treasury, Customs Service.
First Bloodshed of the Civil War
Black People Help Overthrow Slavery in the Civil War
Black Baltimore Fights for Transit and Education Equality

The Stewart Sisters

Martha  Winnie  Mary  Lucy
Baltimore Begins Urban Apartheid on December 19, 1910

The New York Times

The Washington Herald
Baltimore’s 1937 Residential Security Map
Housing Authority of Baltimore City (Public Housing) Increases Apartheid, 1940-2000

Maps by Karl Taeuber, Public Housing and Racial Segregation in Baltimore, Thompson vs. HUD case, UB Langsdale Library
The Scope of Baltimore’s Displacement, 1951-2000s

Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, 1966 Highlights, Enoch Pratt Central Library
Central Baltimore Before Highways in 1959
Central Baltimore after Highways in 2010
A Category 5 Hypersegregated Metropolitan Area

Hypersegregated Baltimore

2010 Census Block Data
1 Dot = 1 Person
- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Other Race / Native American / Multi-racial

What am I looking at...?
Baltimore Has Destroyed and Defunded Black Neighborhoods
Baltimore’s Destruction of Black Neighborhoods

Ecosocial Model of Black Neighborhood Destruction

Communalism (Solidarity)

1792-1900s

1910s-1920s

1950s-1960s

1970s-2000s

Today

Individualism (Root shock & chaos)

Communal bonds are severed
Loss of connectedness & cooperative work

Baltimore Uprootings

Trans-Atlantic ST
Domestic American ST
Pigtown
Great Forced Exodus (aka Great Migration)
Gallows Hill
Slum Clearance
Urban Renewal
Highway Construction
Mass Incarceration
HOPE VI
EBDI/BioPark
Rec Center Closings
School Closures
Mass Evictions
Mass Foreclosures
Gentrification

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THE BLACK BUTTERFLY

THE HARMFUL POLITICS OF RACE AND SPACE IN AMERICA

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Ongoing Damages Due to Neighborhood Redlining

FIGURE 2 Percent of Black populations with number of bank location. Source: Baltimore neighborhood indicators Alliance/Jacob France Institute and FDIC.
Building the Abolition Democracy
Repairing Black Neighborhoods

Abolition and repair should go beyond participatory politics to transfer or share resources with historically defunded communities, to build them up, and give [the] descendants [of enslaved people in the United States] some agency in how their communities develop and flourish” (p. 211).
Comprehensive Abolition Requires Full Equality

“The abolition of slavery meant not simply abolition of legal ownership of the slave; it meant the uplift of slaves and their eventual incorporation into the body civil, politic, and social, of the United States. ... The Negro must have civil rights as a citizen; [they] must have political rights like every other citizen of the United States” (p. 189).
How does Baltimore City complete the transformation from a slavery-loving municipality to a mature abolition democracy?
### How to Become a Mature Abolition Democracy

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A Kaleidoscope of Black Butterfly Inspired Efforts!

Benefits of the Platform
The Black Butterfly Exchange is the comprehensive platform for information and support for Baltimore's Black-owned businesses. We exist to pave the way by supporting the efforts of Black business owners across the city with free resources, educational materials, one-on-one support, and an ever-growing business directory. This site is free to use and has been initiated by Cohoze, Inc. in partnership with BBFMP: Community!
Rebuilding the Black Butterfly

The Baltimore City Racial Equity Social Impact Bond

- $3 billion
- $500 million (17%)
- $1.245 billion (41%)
- $100 million (3%)
- $255 million (9%)
- $100 million (3%)
- $500 million (17%)
- $200 million (7%)
- $100 million (3%)
- $100 million (3%)

- for permanent housing for people without homes
- for administration and management of the bond by the Baltimore Office of Equity and Civil Rights
- to hire & train local residents to do the lead abatement work
- to eliminate lead poison as a public health hazard to Baltimore’s children

- for violence prevention: funding a robust and renewed Ceasefire program along with expanding Safe Streets program to 25-30 neighborhoods

- for substance abuse treatment, social work, and counseling

- to help eliminate transit, biking, and food apartheid in the Black Butterfly

- for the top 25-30 disinvested, redlined neighborhoods for community-driven redevelopment

via Dr. Lawrence Brown