



# HISTORIC DARDEN HIGH SCHOOL TRAIL

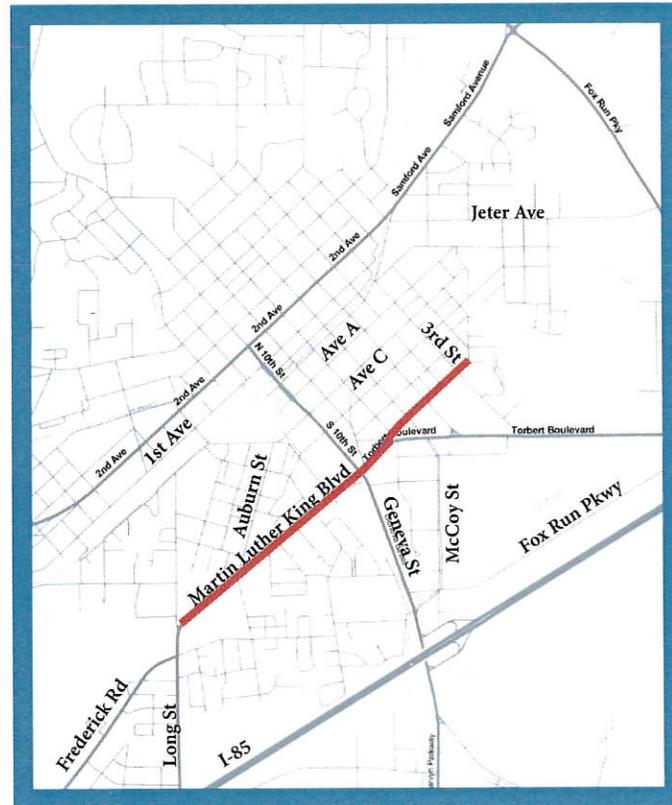
## CARVER, JETER & DOWNTOWN AREAS

Based on the historic route that many African American students in the Carver and Jeter neighborhoods took get to Darden High School, a historic trail should be provided that re-creates this significant pathway.

The trail should be educational and informational, offering moments that highlight the history of both the Carver and Jeter neighborhoods and the people who have been a part of the rich heritage of the past.

A group of citizens from the neighborhoods should be engaged to determine the sites along the path that will be established and the historic stories that will be told.

Study Area Reference Map





## SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

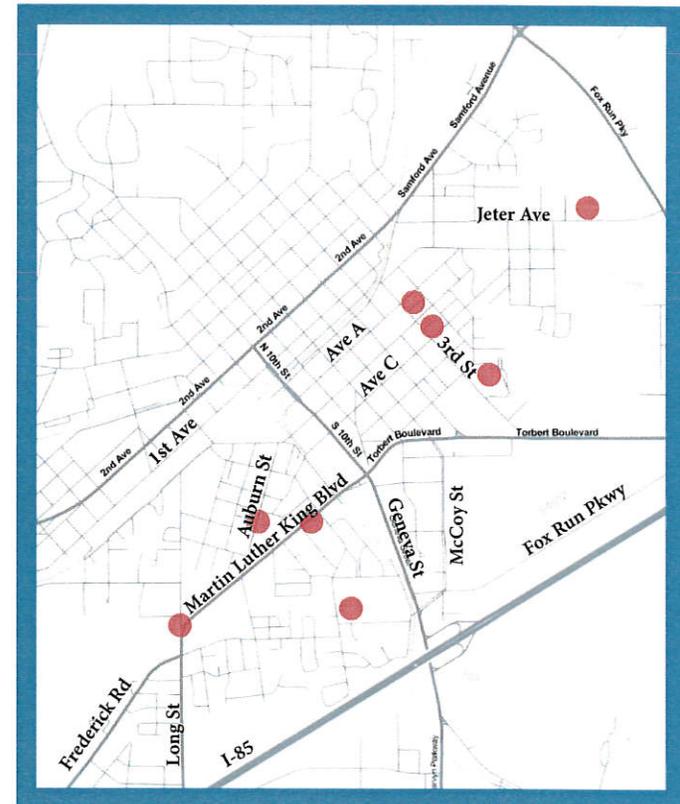
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Because hope is a powerful tool in helping others imagine their lives differently, it is important to preserve the legacy of the many past Carver and Jeter community residents who have come before.

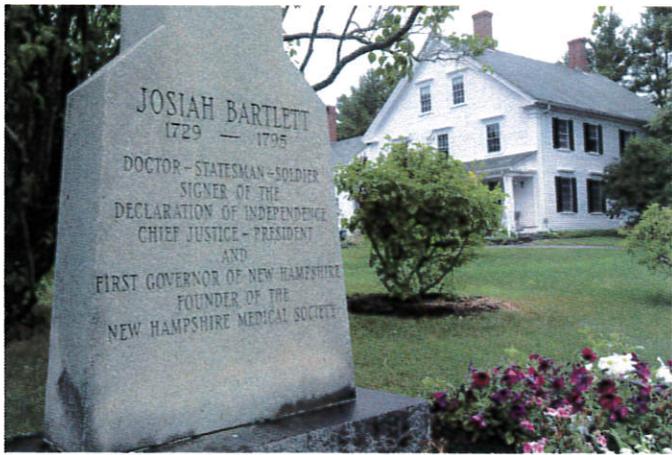
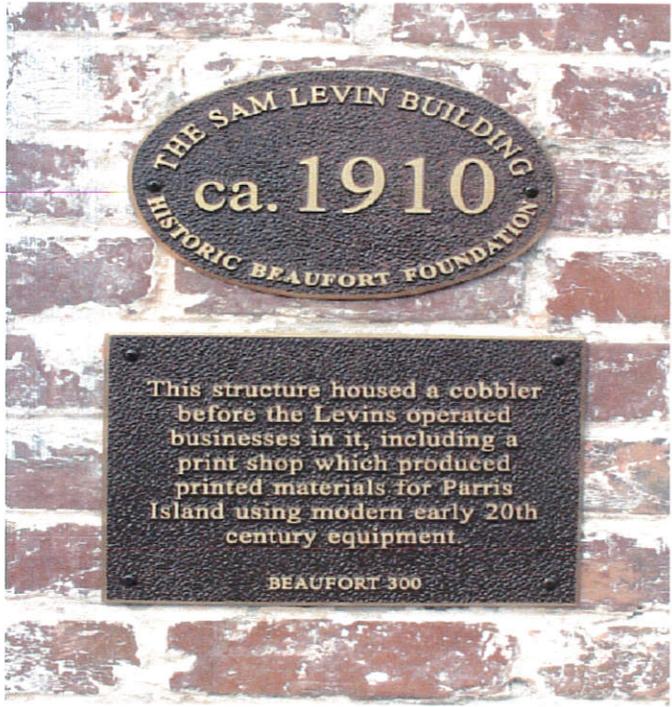
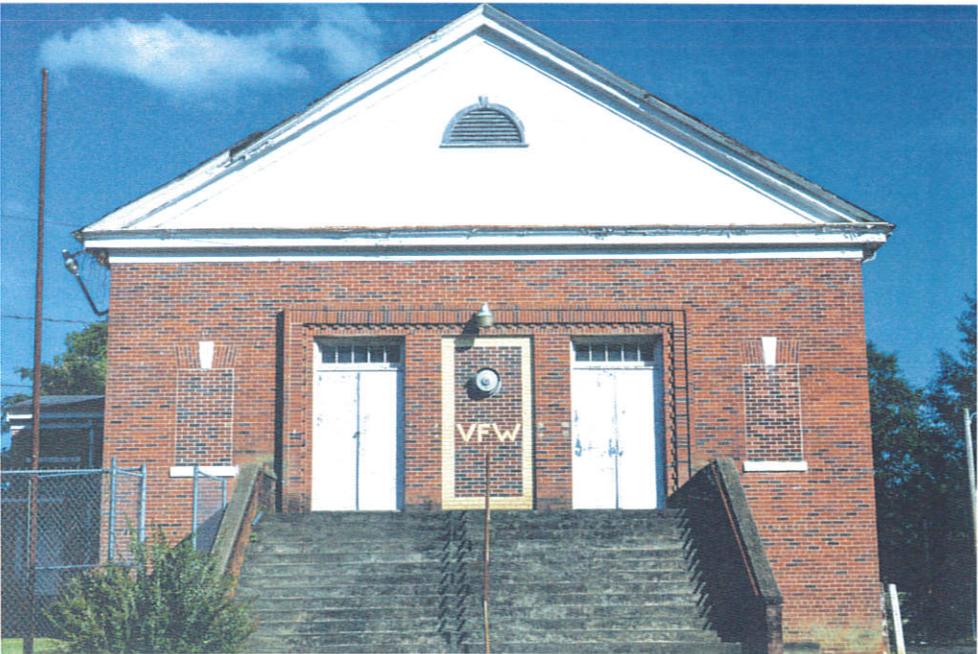
These individuals should reflect the rich history of the community and ought to include past or present entrepreneurs, educational leaders, religious leaders, public servants, and residents (including Housing Authority residents). A placard or sign is an ideal canvas for telling these vital stories of the history and heritage of the people of Carver and Jeter. These signs will tell the stories that should never be forgotten and will serve to inspire future generations that they too can achieve a life of significance.

A group of both Carver and Jeter residents should gather annually to nominate past or current residents whose inspiring stories need to be preserved and told within the community.

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The Historic Darden High School Trail and newly created plaques that tell the stories of figures of significance from Carver and Jeter, will become a powerful tool for preserving the rich heritage of the community. This new infrastructure will further serve to inspire future generations to take pride in their community and to live up to the lofty legacies established by their predecessors.





## HISTORIC DISTRICTS

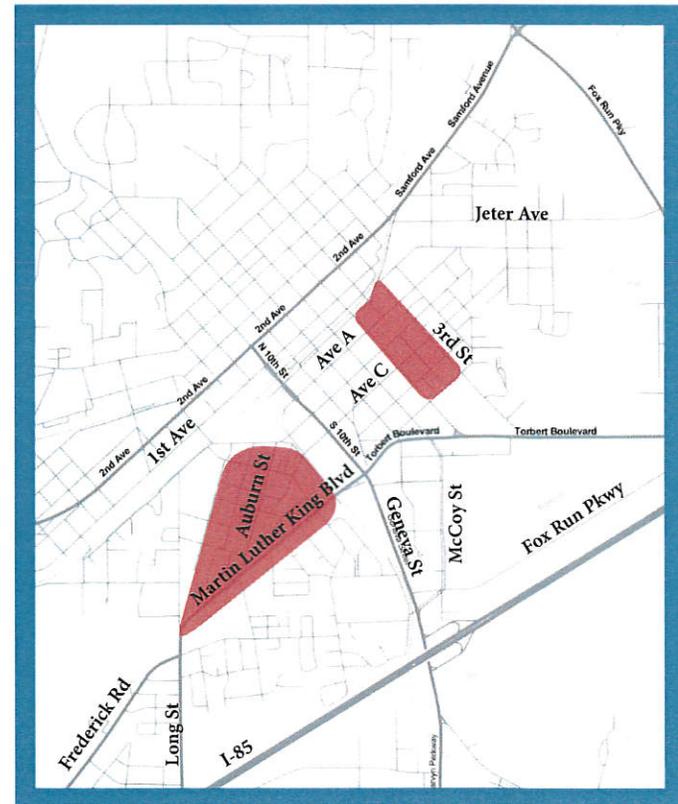
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To continue to preserve the heritage and character of these historic Opelika neighborhoods, new historic zoning districts should be established. These districts should focus on the historic heart of the communities where there still exists a significant number of historic structures.

Historic districts are powerful tools that enable the historic built fabric of the community to be preserved and thereby honoring a period of time that was pivotal in the lifetime of these neighborhoods.

These districts further enable additional federal and state tax credits to be utilized as an incentive towards preserving the condition of the historic structures of the district. These tax credits would be a valuable asset to existing and future home owners within both the Carver and Jeter neighborhoods.

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# DREAM CATCHER

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A new process should be initiated to further engage individuals within the communities to share their personal dreams for their own futures. This should be done in a way that is fun and accessible for all. Once people begin seeing the dreams of others, they may become inspired or perhaps see a way they can help someone else fulfill their dream.

These following ideas provide inspiration for various ways to further engage the community.

- Create 'dream boxes' in public areas like the library or at the Housing Authority offices.
- Transform an un-used pay phone into a mobile call box for residents to access and to leave voice messages that tell of their "wildest" dream and what they wish to achieve.
- Identify vacant properties and walls that could become candidates for a "before I die..." interactive art installation which enables local residents an opportunity to dream out loud about the life that they wish to live.



*Fun, cost-effective and creative opportunities should be provided within the community that encourages residents to dream big and dream out loud. This exercise could help to unlock the hidden potential of Carver and Jeter residents.*