

Resurrection Sandtown – Project History

- July 2008 – Pastor Rod Hudson arrives as the new Senior Pastor at Ames Memorial United Methodist Church (Ames). Pastor Hudson meets Mr. Bill Adams, a retired Baltimore City employee and member of the Ames congregation, who provides Pastor Hudson with decades' worth of ideas and research, planting the seeds of what would ultimately become the Resurrection Sandtown project.
- 2008-2016 – Ames hosts many formal and informal community meetings to learn what resources and opportunities the community feels are most needed (still on-going).
- October 2016 – First meeting with Ames Trustees, the new Bishop (LaTrelle Easterling) and other senior leadership from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, Crystal Flowers (Director of Little Flowers Early Childhood & Development Center), and community and political leaders to explore whether the Resurrection Sandtown project was feasible.
- 2017 – First meetings held with potential partners and foundations (possible funding sources) to further explore the feasibility of proceeding with the Resurrection Sandtown project under the auspices of the Ames Shalom Community, Inc. (Ames Shalom), the Community Development Corporation (CDC) associated with Ames.
- February 2017 – First Structural Analysis of the Ames Church building, which was built in the late 1800s.
- Spring 2017 – Selection process begins to identify an architectural firm for the Resurrection Sandtown project which, after a year-long process, concludes with the selection of Mr. Kevin Day, now with HGA.
- 2017 – present – Many additional community meetings, plus meetings with potential project partners, government officials at all levels, and community leaders (still on-going).
- September 2017 – first meeting with a potential funding source (Weinberg Foundation). Introduced to Mr. Dan McCarthy from the Episcopal Housing Corporation, a developer of affordable housing, who provides pro bono advice for 3 ½ years.
- May 2018 – The Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church approves funding to acquire property from private owners and Baltimore City to expand the project's footprint.
- April 2020 – Ames Shalom purchases eleven lots across the street from the Ames Church building.
- May 2021 - Ames Shalom purchases eight additional lots from Baltimore City through the Vacants to Value program, which, when combined with the church structure and the first purchase of eleven lots, increases the Resurrection Sandtown's property asset footprint to 25,000 sq ft.

- October 2021 – Ames Shalom is contacted by Northeastern Supply concerning their Sandtown properties on Pennsylvania Avenue and North Carey Street, which abut existing Resurrection Sandtown properties. Northeastern Supply offers to donate their Sandtown properties to Resurrection Sandtown, a donation of over 36,000 sq ft, more than doubling Resurrections Sandtown’s footprint. The Resurrection Sandtown leadership is asked to not reveal this donation until the affected employees and customers are notified, which occurs in March 2022.
- March 2022 – Ames Shalom joyfully announces the property donation.
- April 2022 – Ames Shalom hires Mr. Fran Anderson from Real Estate and Construction Property Management as the project’s new Owner’s Representative.
- May 2022 – Ames Shalom hosts a Transfer-of-Property ceremony across the street from Ames to acknowledge the generosity of the Cook Family of Northeastern Supply.
- May 2022 – Ames Shalom Board begins to gather additional ideas and feedback from the community and to help determine the best path forward utilizing the combined 64,000 sq ft of property assets.
- May 2022 – present – cleanup of interior and exterior of donated buildings (volunteers)
- June 2022 to completion – complete property acquisition and consolidation process.
- July 2022 – sign contract with HGA for a Feasibility Study.
- October 2022 – over 24,000 pounds of metal and 21,000 pounds of paper are sold to recyclers, part of ongoing cleanup efforts.
- October 2022 – HGA delivers the Feasibility Study which delineates what campus properties can become with existing zoning and provides multiple options of combinations of potential mixed-use outcomes.
- January 2023 – interior lighting upgrade project completed.

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