

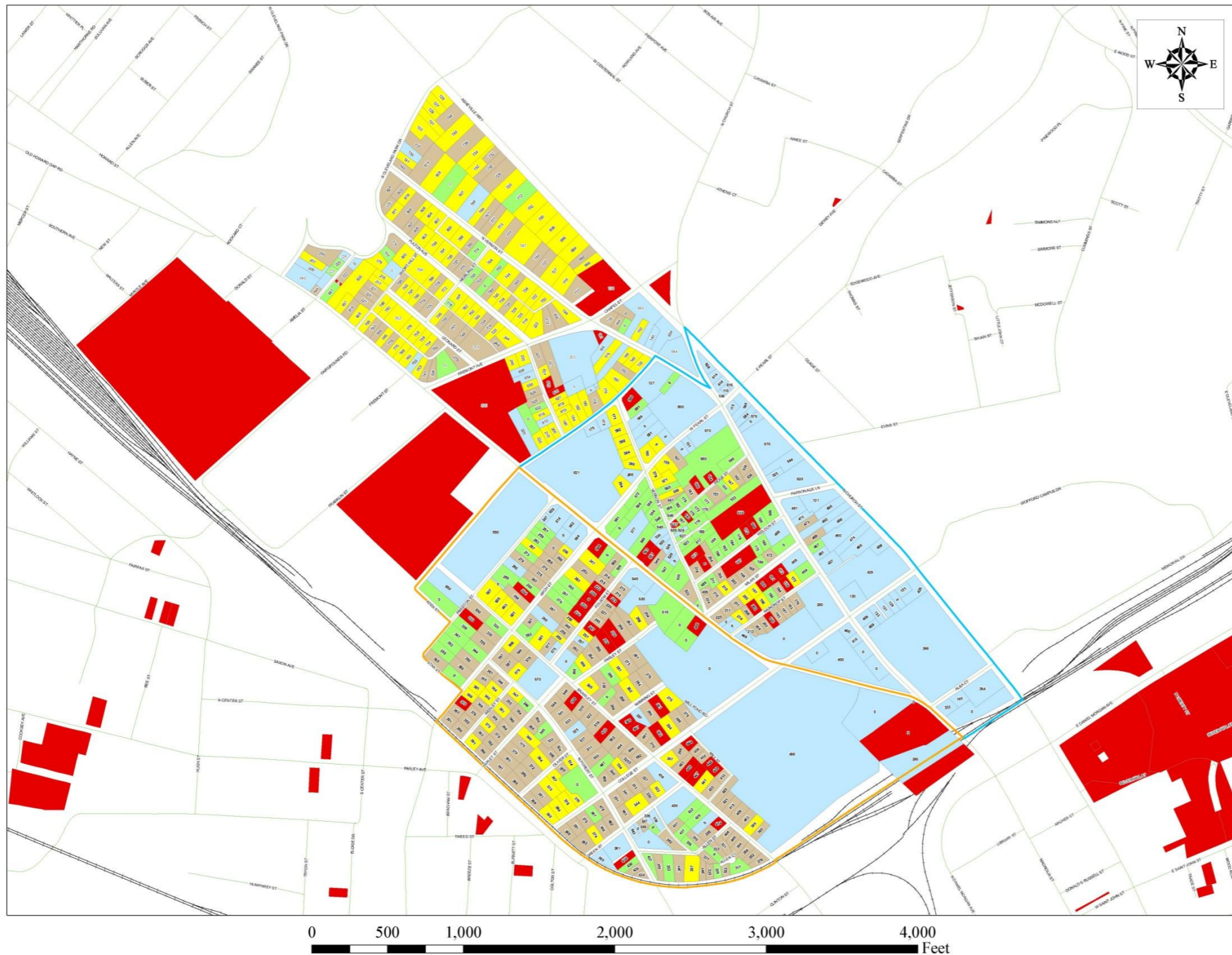
# Focusing Philanthropy - giving residents a seat.

A work in progress.....

# Background

- MBF is a private foundation
- Focused on Spartanburg, SC
- Active Living and Early Childhood Development are priority areas
- Involved as IF grant in an effort to take philanthropy deeper

# What does it look like?



## Northside Planning Area

### Owner Occupied Map

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Vacant Residential	94	25.61%
<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>367</b>	
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Extended Planning Area		
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Total		
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<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>549</b>	
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1 inch = 300 feet

### Legend

- Northside Study Areas
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Source: City of Spartanburg  
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# Detail



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# Philosophy

- To be sustainable we needed to involve the community
- Involvement had to be real and authentic
- Community had to have a real voice
- Understand and believe – community answers to community problems are best
- Equity = Community Engagement

# Structure

- Create a neighborhood leadership council
- Restructure grantmaking
- Give the community the opportunity to request funding
- Constantly work to grow the community's capacity and expertise.

# Success #1



# Success #2





# Success #3



# Partners

- Mary Black Foundation
- Butterfly Foundation (applicant)
- Hub City Farmers Market
- City of Spartanburg
- Private Sector
- Partners for Active Living
- Neighborhood Leadership Council

# Lessons Learned