

STATE OF ALABAMA)(
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COUNTY OF BALDWIN)(

The City Council met in a Work Session
at 4:30 p.m., Fairhope Municipal Complex Council Chamber,
161 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532,
on Monday, 24 June 2024.

Present were Council President Pro Tempore Jack Burrell, Councilmembers:
Jimmy Conyers, Jay Robinson, and Kevin Boone; and Mayor Sherry Sullivan, City
Attorney Marcus E. McDowell, and Assistant City Clerk Jenny Opal Wilson. Council
President Corey Martin and City Clerk Lisa Hanks were absent.

Council President Pro Tempore Jack Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:33
p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Hope Community. Shawn
Graham, President, gave introduction and acknowledged board members and committee
chairpersons. Shawn gave brief on Hope Community as a non-profit organization formed
to nurture unity and relationships through food, healing, and education. Together, we are
preserving and revitalizing the area historically known as Fairhope South along with 156-
year old African American community of Twin Beech. Our plan calls for the
development of the Anna T. Jeanes property as a Teaching Farm and Education Center.
The mission is nurturing unity and relationships through food, healing, and education.
Our vision for Hope Community envisions a thriving and interconnected community
where all individuals have access to locally sourced healthy foods, employment
opportunities, and cultural enrichments which foster sustainable and resilient living. John
Fitzgerald, Finance & Fundraising Chairperson gave brief on funding opportunities.
Shawn and John addressed City Council questions and thanked the City Council. Council
President Pro Tempore Jack Burrell thanked Hope Community. Presentation is included
within minutes.

The second item on the agenda was a presentation by the Fairhope Arts and Crafts
Foundation. Laura English, President, gave introduction and acknowledged Steven
Roberts, Board Member. Laura gave brief update on this year's Arts & Crafts Festival
which was two days due to weather with an extension on Saturday evening. Laura
discussed over the past seven years the Foundation has put \$265,000.00 back into the
community through scholarships and donations. The Foundation would like to donate this
year \$20,000.00 to the City of Fairhope to go to Arts Alley to stain the Parking Garage
with our logo. A check will be issued to the City of Fairhope for the donation. Next
year's festival will be held on March 14 – 16, 2025. New board members on eighth year.
A new Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement forthcoming. Laura answered
City Council questions, and thanked City Council. Council President Pro Tempore Jack
Burrell thanked the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Foundation.

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The third item on the Agenda was a presentation on Tatumville Gully Outfall by Richard Johnson, City Engineer. Richard presented a copy of the Tatumville Gully Outfall – Magnolia Beach Condo Map to the City Council. Richard introduced Dr. Walker of Magnolia Beach Condos Association. Richard gave brief on the Tatumville Gully Watershed, which drains the southern third of the city proper, discharges (outfalls) into Mobile Bay through the center of Magnolia Beach Condominiums located at 710 S. Mobile Street. The gully flow is piped under S. Mobile Street in a multiple barrel structure and then flows between the condo development in a large trapezoidal concrete-lined channel until it discharges into Mobile Bay. The history of the channelization of the outfall is unclear and the work dates back approximately 50 years. The channel lies in a “no man’s land”. It is not part of Magnolia Beach Condo’s common area; it is not owned (or technically under the jurisdiction) of the City and per the tax map would be interpreted as “Waters of the State”. The channel serves as an important storm water infrastructure that facilitates City drainage as well as all private lands that connect. Due to age, natural degradation and environmental factors, the channel’s concrete lining is starting to fail. Panels have been subject to displacement, spalling, cracking, and undermining. Repair and maintenance are needed. Magnolia Beach Condominiums have had instances of damage resulting in costly foundation repairs due to the undermining of the channel lining. Magnolia Beach Condominium Association is seeking a Private-Public Partnership to address the needed repairs and maintenance of this important regional drainage infrastructure. Richard and Dr. Walker answered City Council questions. City Council will require further study. Council President Pro Tempore Jack Burrell thanked Richard and Dr. Walker. Tatumville Gully Outfall – Magnolia Beach Condo Map is within minutes.

The fourth item on the Agenda was Committee Updates. Councilmember Jimmy Conyers reported the Library Board met last week and addressed the State Library Board is looking at new policies that would go into effect July 15th, and Board has until next summer to implement. Renovation process is coming along nicely, and looks great. Councilmembers Jay Robinson and Kevin Boone had no updates to report. Council President Pro Tempore Jack Burrell reported the Fairhope Airport Authority has met since our last meeting and selected an FBO operator to negotiate, under contract October 1st. New terminal on the East side is 90% complete.

The fifth item on the Agenda was Department Head Updates.

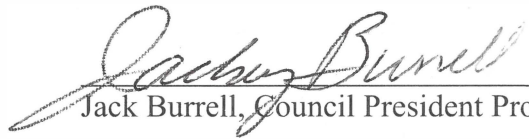
- Jeff Montgomery, Director of Information Technology addressed Item No. 19; and answered questions if needed.
- Daryl Morefield, Water and Wastewater Superintendent addressed Item No. 14, Item No. 15, Item No. 16, and Item No. 17; and answered questions if needed.
- Nicole Love, Grants Coordinator addressed Item No. 13; and answered questions if needed.
- Richard Johnson, City Engineer addressed Item No. 12; and answered questions if needed.

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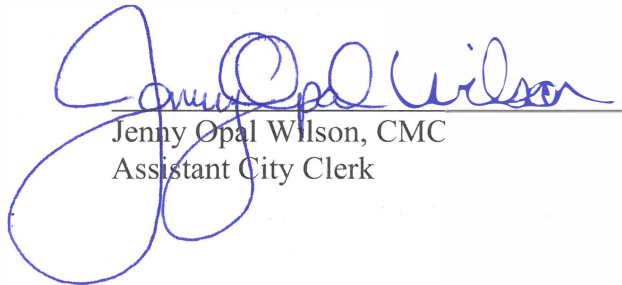
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- George Ladd, Public Works Director addressed Item No. 8, Item No. 9, Item No. 10, and Item No. 11; and answered questions if needed.
- Councilmember Jay Robinson addressed Item No. 5; and answered questions if needed.
- Mayor Sherry Sullivan addressed Item No. 18; and answered questions if needed.
- Hunter Simmons, Planning Director addressed Item No. 6 and Item No. 7; and answered questions if needed.
- Chief Stephanie Hollinghead, Police Department addressed Item No. 20; and answered questions if needed.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President Pro Tempore



Jenny Opal Wilson, CMC
Assistant City Clerk



HOPE COMMUNITY



**A VISION OF HOPE ROOTED IN
THE FAIRHOPE SOUTH
COMMUNITY**

About Us

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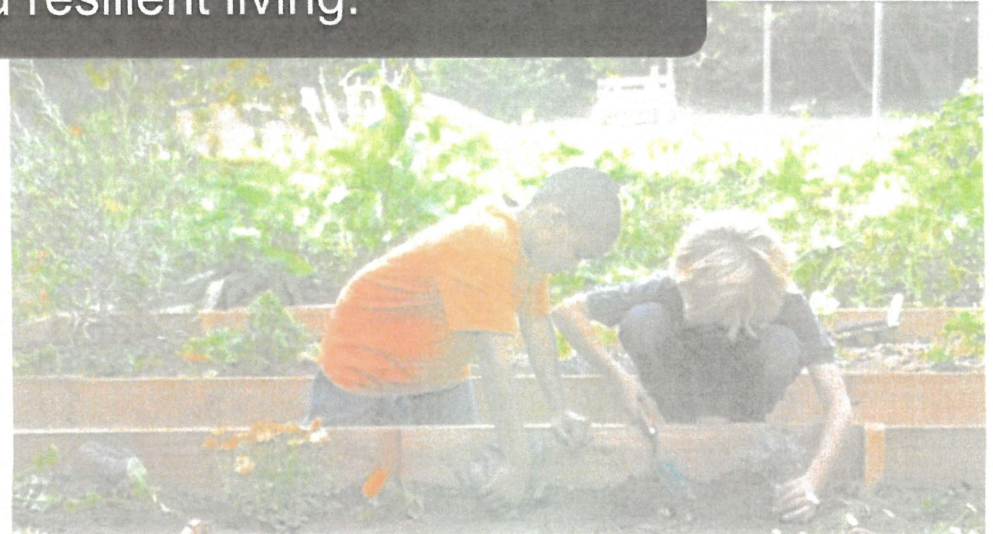
Our Mission

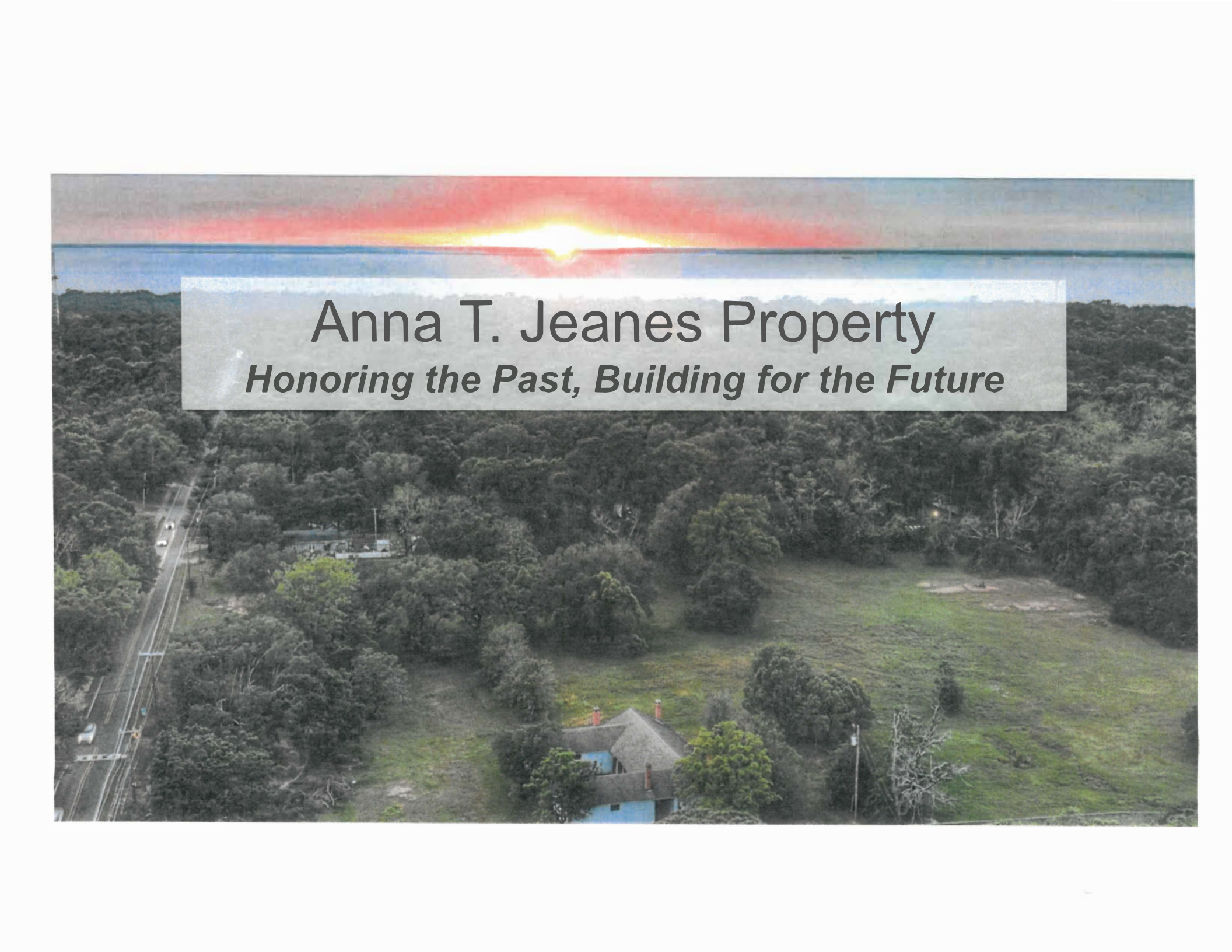
Nurturing Unity and Relationships
through Food, Healing
and Education



Our Vision

Hope Community envisions a thriving and interconnected community where all individuals have access to locally sourced healthy foods, employment opportunities, and cultural enrichments which foster sustainable and resilient living.



An aerial photograph of a large property with a dense forest. A road with a few cars runs along the left side. In the foreground, there is a small building with a blue roof and a chimney. The background shows a body of water under a sunset sky with a bright sun and a red and orange glow.

Anna T. Jeanes Property

Honoring the Past, Building for the Future



1907

Anna T. Jeanes

Created a fund that donated \$1 million to the education of African Americans in the South. Booker T. Washington served as a trustee for the Jeanes Fund.

1907

Founding Families

The Smith & Hankin Families sold 12 acres to the State of Alabama for \$1,000 providing the site for the current Anna T. Jeanes School.

1913

Anna T. Jeanes School Erected

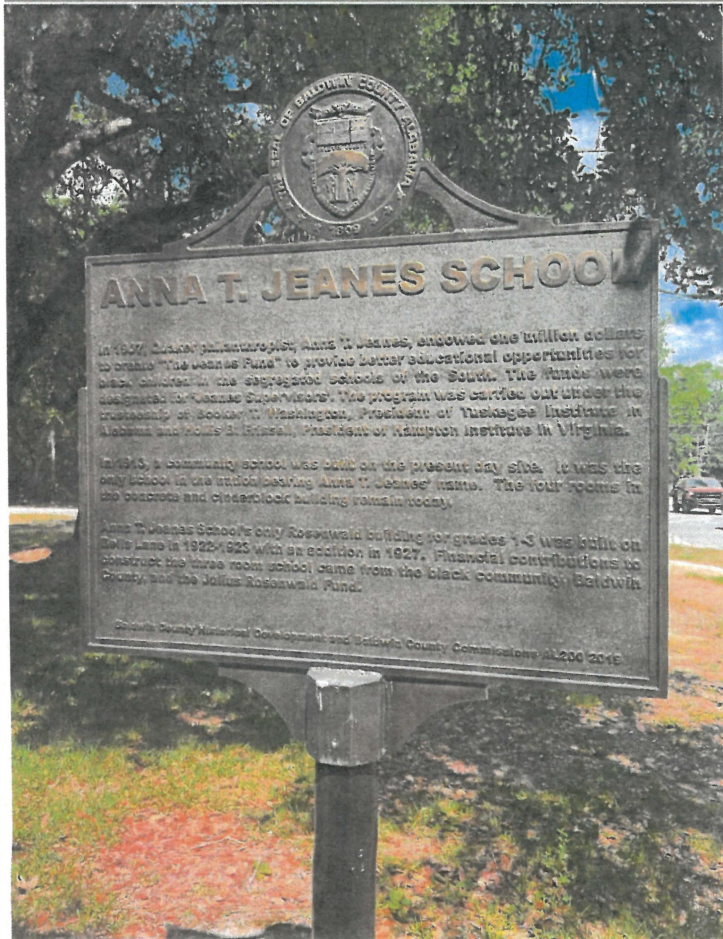
Original school was built in 1913 on the east side of Section Street. It burned in 1951. It was rebuilt on the west side of Section Street.

1970

Became Fairhope Intermediate School

After desegregation, Baldwin County created the Fairhope Intermediate School at the site followed by the Baldwin County Alternative School.

Historical Designation



Of the 5000 Rosenwald/Anna T. Jeanes funded schools for African American children, Baldwin County has the only school named after the philanthropist, Ms. Jeanes. Preservation is integral to the community's heritage.

April 29, 2021

Baldwin County held an unveiling ceremony for the marker, recognizing the Anna T. Jeanes Property as a historical property.

May 13, 2024

Hope Community Members along with the University of South Alabama's Department of History successfully had the Anna T. Jeanes property and building listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Historical Properties.

Anna T. Jeanes (ATJ) Community Hub

Teaching Farm and Education Center

Teaching Farm

Learn about growing practices,
nature & fresh food

Community Gardens

Regenerative Farming to include
in-ground and raised bed farming

Culinary Kitchen

FoodRX cooking classes - cultural
dishes & healthy eating

Farm Stand

Share produce with neighbors and
teach business skills



Event & Meeting Space

Host art, music & dance in the
Amphitheatre; Meeting spaces for
health and education classes;
Administrative Offices & Shared
Co-op Work Spaces.

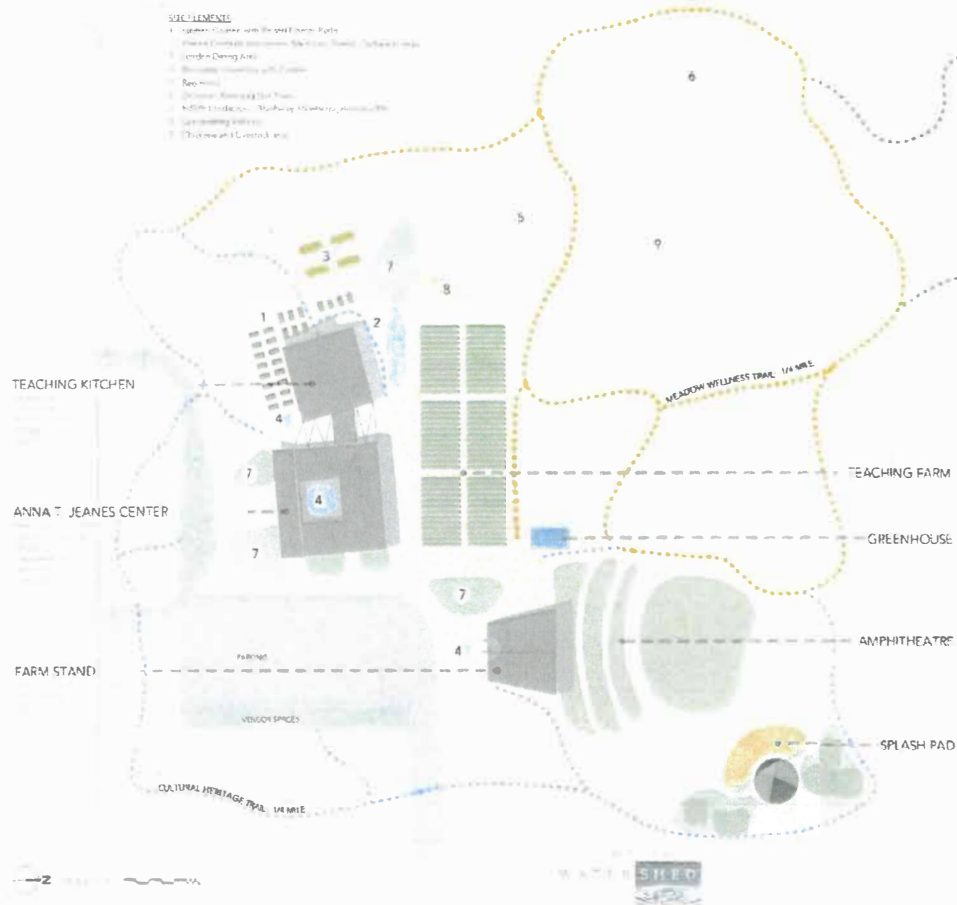
Cultural Museum

Showcase local African American
History in the last building
standing.

Outdoor Walking Trails

Multiple nature trails with
historical and botanical education

Design by Watershed

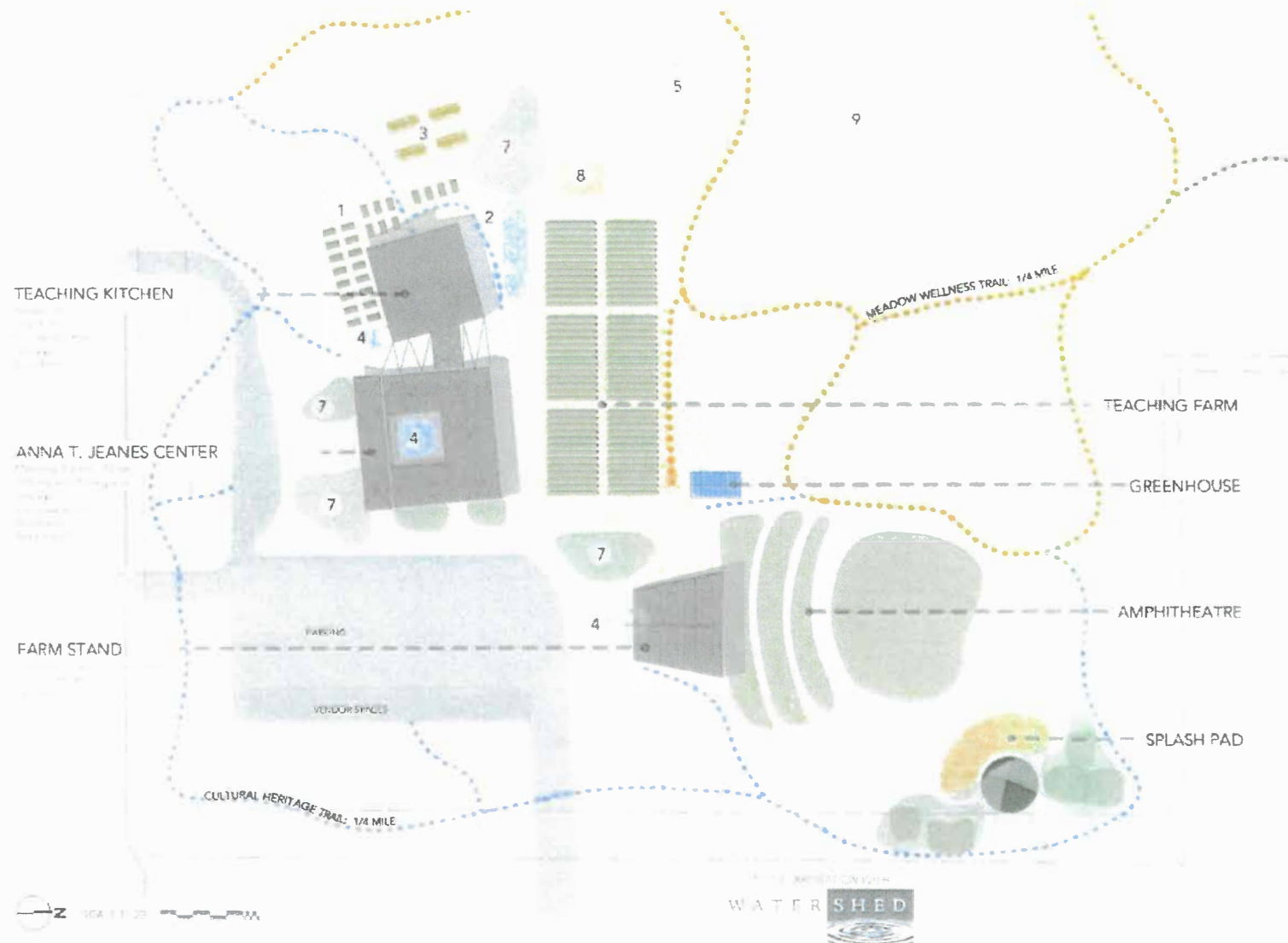


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**ANNA T. JEANES CENTER
AND TEACHING FARM**

LET'S KEEP
HOPE GROWING





Home Community's Elements for Success



- One Community
- Team of Volunteers
- Expert Collaborations
- Engaging Community
- Local Strategic Partners

MEET THE BOARD



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President



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Vice President



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Director



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Director



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Communications

Andolyn Fitzgerald



Finance & Fundraising

John Fitzgerald



Community Development

Lorie Ward



Culture

Ann Lemis



Events

Gil Wright



Prison Ministry

Stacy Sheehan

Hope Community Volunteers

We are 500 members strong and growing with over 1,000 Facebook followers. Our volunteers share their skill sets and expertise to enrich our community.



Collaboration with Jones Valley Teaching Farm Birmingham, AL



- Model our farm after a successful community teaching farm that is making an impact
- Adopt farming, educational and training strategies
- Learn from their staffing and operational structure



JONES VALLEY TEACHING FARM IMPACT

"The farm is not just about food. It is about teaching. It is about investing. It's about pouring in and giving back, and maturity for our youngest generation. I can tell you that Jones Valley Teaching Farm has a very promising place in Birmingham's growth and future."

Randall L. Woodfin
Mayor of Birmingham, AL

Site Clean-Up at Anna T. Jeanes Property

3rd Saturday of the Month

Mowing, Gathering, Planting, Maintaining, Preserving, Composting & More



Raised Beds Installation

Phase 1 - 2024 Summer of Raised Beds

Coming Attraction - 16 New Raised Beds



Harvest Days at Anna T. Jeanes Property

Winter Garden Harvest in early April 2024 featured harvesting techniques, food demonstration and potluck dinner on the property. Over 50 residents attended.



Community Engagement Food Rx Classes at USA Mapp Family Campus

- Led by local Chef and Internal Medicine Physician
- Teaching the community how to cook healthy dishes to prevent and better manage chronic conditions
- Monthly classes have been filled with waiting list
- Offer low-cost registration and FREE for Fairhope South residents



Community Engagement Story Slam



- Building Community through Stories
- Collaboration between Fairhope Storytellers and Hope Community
- Quarterly Events with fresh, new themes



Community Engagement Monthly Meetings

Fairhope Museum of History
February Speaker Series

The Black Education Experience in Fairhope:
A Hope Community Presentation



Presenters:

- Gartrell Agee** - Director of the Baldwin County Black Education Museum
- Vickie Graham** - Former student of the Anna T. Jeannes School
- Pam Williams** - Vice President of the Hope Community Board

February 24th, 1:00pm
Fairhope Museum of History Council Chamber

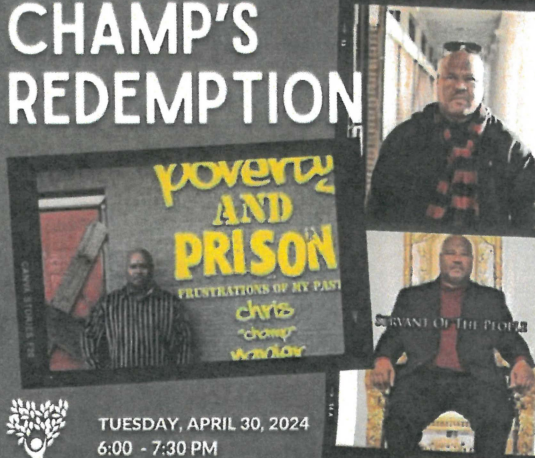
Admission is FREE and Open to the Public!

Building Hope through
Education

Public Meetings each month
with a featured speaker

FILM SCREENING & BOOK SIGNING

CHAMP'S REDEMPTION



TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024
6:00 - 7:30 PM
FAIRHOPE LIBRARY

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BLUE ZONES®

live longer, better®

Collaboration with Home Recovery Alabama Program

Hope Community Partnered with HRAP in 2023 to assist 12 residents in Baldwin County in submitting applications for home renovations following damage by Hurricane Sally. Homes are now beginning to be rebuilt.





Our Partners

Supporters & Partners

USA HEALTH



the Mapp Family
foundation



COASTAL ALABAMA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE





FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Non-Profit Funding Opportunities

Hope Community
Membership Fundraising

Private & Corporate Donations

Grants

Sustainable Income





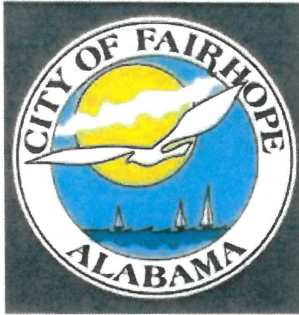
2023-24 Hope Community Membership Fundraising*

HOPE IS GROWING

May 2023 - Fundraiser with matching donor	\$47,000
May 2024 - Fundraiser for raised beds with matching donors	\$57,000

**Raised over \$100,000 from this
Community in 13 months!**

* Over 80 donors to include individuals, foundations, churches, businesses



Benefit to Our Town

- **Green Space & Environmental Benefit for all of Fairhope**
 - Expand to include more green space
 - Bridge between Fairhope South and Downtown Fairhope
- **Economic Development**
- **Lifetime Learning Opportunities**
- **Increased Access to Fresh Produce for all Residents**
- **Improved Public Health**
- **Social Connectedness**
- **Environmental Sustainability**



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Thank you!

