

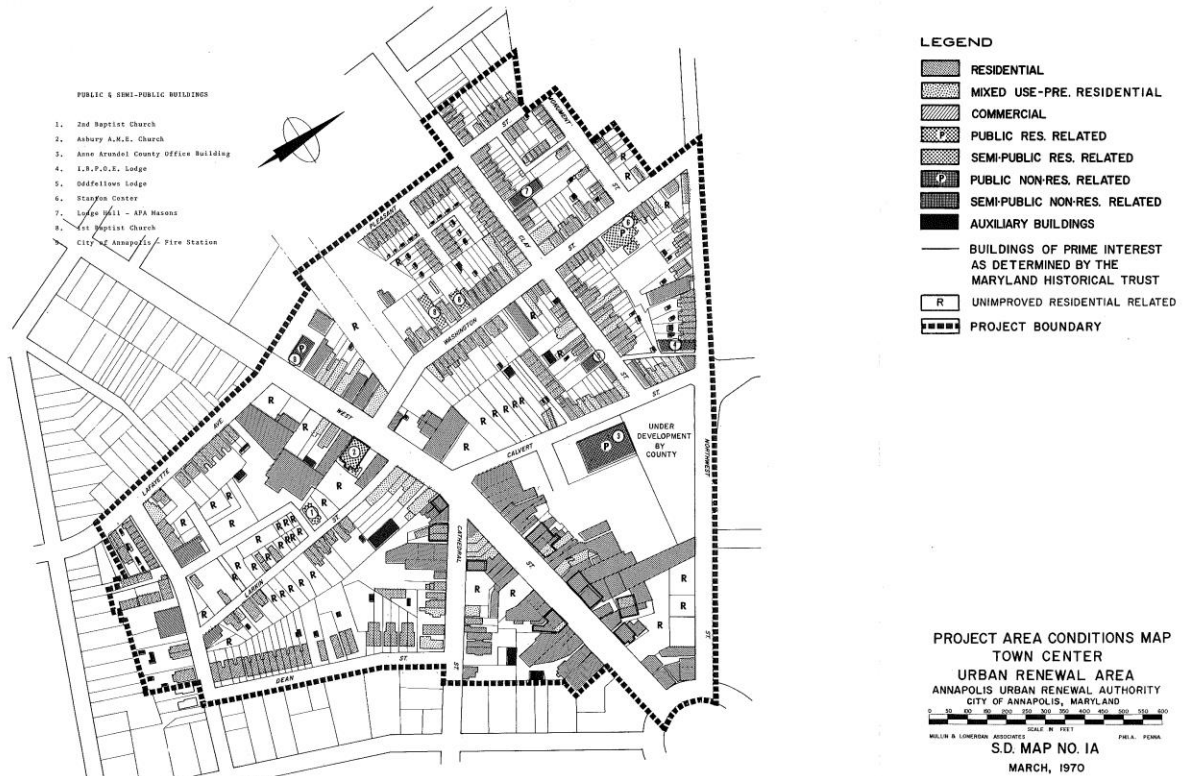


## STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley  
 From: Sally Nash, Director of Planning & Zoning  
 Date: April 20, 2020  
 Subject: O-13-21, Urban Renewal Projects - Repeal

Urban renewal was enabled by the federal Housing Act of 1949. This legislation created a process where privately owned properties within a designated renewal area could be purchased or taken by eminent domain by a municipal redevelopment authority, razed, and then re-conveyed to selected developers. Components of the legislation aimed at reducing housing costs, raising housing standards, and enabling the federal government to aid cities in clearing slums and rebuilding blighted areas. The program emphasized new construction.

The City of Annapolis applied for urban renewal funding in 1970 under Mayor Roger Moyer. The original project area designated 32.6 acres for revitalization. See map below.



The purpose of urban renewal was to rejuvenate what was perceived by some to be a rundown area. Unfortunately, in the process of trying to expand and update rundown areas, urban renewal also destroyed buildings that had cultural heritage value, relocated businesses and people, and tore apart communities.

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