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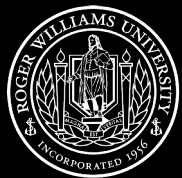
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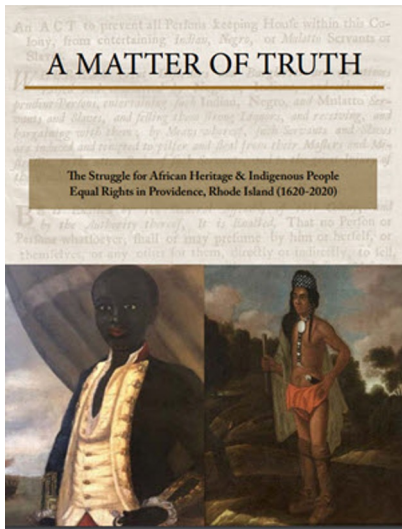




# TRUTH, RECONCILIATION, REPARATIONS Providence, RI



**RI Black Heritage Society  
1696 Heritage Group  
July 2020 - March 2021**



**Reconciliation Framework  
July 2021 - February 2022**



**Reparations Commission  
Report  
February - August 2022**

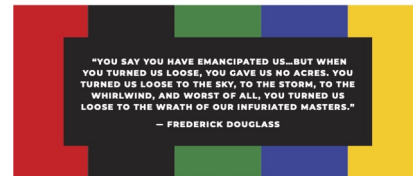


## REPORT OF THE PROVIDENCE MUNICIPAL REPARATIONS COMMISSION

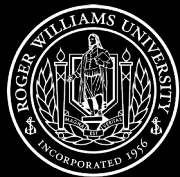
PREPARED FOR:  
Honorable Mayor Jorge O. Elorza  
Providence City Council

PREPARED BY:  
Providence Municipal Reparations Commission

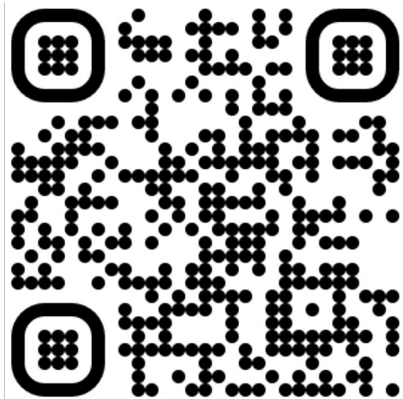
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# RECONCILIATION FRAMEWORK



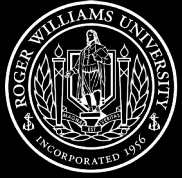
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**Objective:** Proposal and proofs of concept for community-driven, municipally supported reconciliation framework structured around engaging, accessible, and educational multimedia presentation of A Matter of Truth

**Focus:** Particular people (African heritage and Indigenous), places (4 neighborhoods), events (racist mid-twentieth century urban renewal and their legacies)

Outcomes:

- Events (approx. 10, n. 1,500)
- survey (n. 378): need for creative engagement, focus on housing, education, law, economics
- lead stakeholders (n. 16), interviews (n. 30): intentional harm, focus on housing, education, economics
- Creative proofs of concept: website, documentary, promotional video, art installation, soundscape, augmented reality rooms and tours



# CREATIVE VISION



**TRUTH & RECONCILIATION**

Introduction to Truth and Reconciliation is a look into the past through a series of Providence's historic neighborhoods and their neighborhoods: Upper Hill, West Elmwood, Fox Point, and Upper South Providence. The map highlights these areas with various colors and patterns.

FOXP  
SUBMIT

LIPPITT HILL  
FOX POINT  
UPPER SOUTH PROVIDENCE  
WEST ELMWOOD

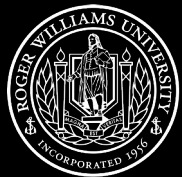
A collage of diverse people, including a man in a suit, a woman in a white shirt, and a group of people, positioned at the bottom of the map.

**TRUTH**

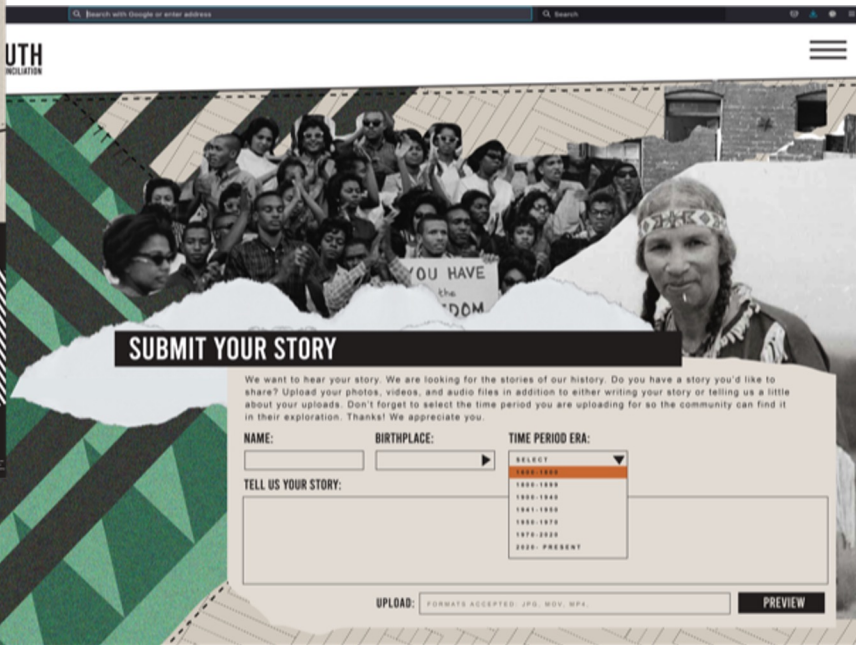
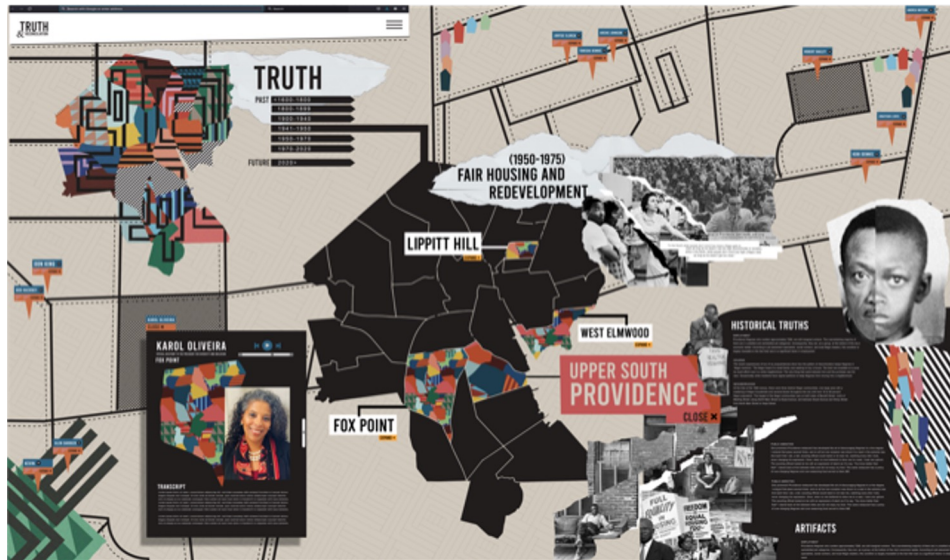
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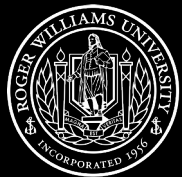
A map of Providence, Rhode Island, overlaid with a grid of dashed lines. The map is divided into various colored regions corresponding to the legend, with some regions having patterns like stripes or dots. The colors include orange, green, blue, purple, and red.





# CREATIVE VISION





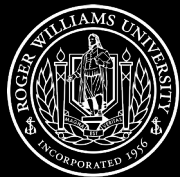
# IMPLEMENTING THE FRAMEWORK



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT







# IMPLEMENTING THE FRAMEWORK



## INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT



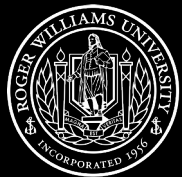
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Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor | Bonnie Nickerson AICP, Executive Director

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**EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**



*Welcomes You*



# IN THE DESIGN CLASSROOM



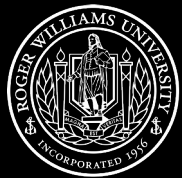
LIPPITT HILL 1952



LIPPITT HILL 1962



640 Families 499 Families of Color + 42 Minority Businesses | Shopping Mall + 350 Apartments "University Heights"



# IN THE DESIGN CLASSROOM



Transgress Boundaries | REconnect



REengage | Complicate Autonomy



Students: Naomi Cruz & Jacob Plasencia



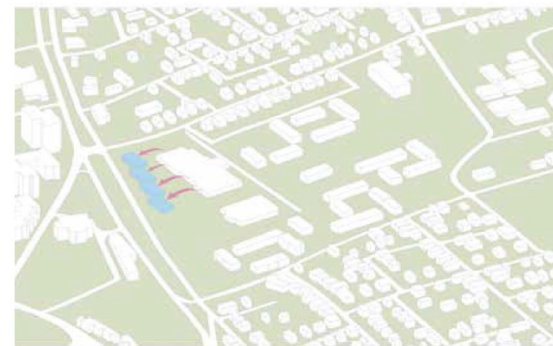
Program Diagram



Urban Master Plan

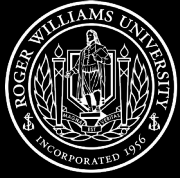


Bridging Across Community



Pushing Retail to Street





# IN THE DESIGN CLASSROOM



## UPPER SOUTH PROVIDENCE

Place Based Strategies of REclamation & REpair

Demolition to make way for:

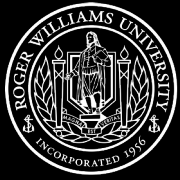
Highways, Hospital Expansion and Parking Lots, Light Industry, Elsewhere: Roger Williams Memorial Park, Shopping Malls, Middle Class "University" Housing, Parking Lots, Industrial Parks, Postal Facilities



DEMOLITION DUE TO HIGHWAY AND HOSPITAL EXPANSION

CURRENT FIGURE GROUND

Students: Maria Cruz, David Perez, Camila Uriona Gamboa



# IN THE DESIGN CLASSROOM



## College Hill Study RExamined: South Main Street

### College Hill Plan for Historic Area Renewal 1959 + East Side Renewal Plan 1965

**266 SO. MAIN ST. FIRST FLOOR DEMOLISHED 1960**

OCCUPANTS	RELATIONSHIP	BORN
MANUEL CRUZ (26)	HEAD	RHODE ISLAND
LAURA CRUZ (28)	WIFE	MASSACHUSETTS
RONALD CRUZ (8)	SON	MASSACHUSETTS
MANUEL L. CRUZ (3)	SON	RHODE ISLAND
PAULETTE CRUZ (2)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND

NOTE: \* CAPE VERDEAN DESCENT  
● RACIAL PROFILE

RACIAL KEY: AFRICAN AMERICAN CAPE VERDEAN WHITE

**264 SO. MAIN ST. FIRST FLOOR DEMOLISHED 1960**

OCCUPANTS	RELATIONSHIP	BORN
MARIA A. LOPES (48)	HEAD (WIDOWED)	CAPE VERDE
ERNESTINA LOPES (21)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
MARSELINA LOPES (19)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
ADALINA LOPES (16)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
JOHN LOPES (13)	SON	RHODE ISLAND*
ANTONIO LOPES (11)	SON	RHODE ISLAND*
THERESA LOPES (9)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
ELIZABETH LOPES (8)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
ALBERT LOPES (6)	SON	RHODE ISLAND*

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**266 SO. MAIN ST. SECOND FLOOR DEMOLISHED 1960**

OCCUPANTS	RELATIONSHIP	BORN
MARY MAURICE (52)	HEAD	CAPE VERDE
PERPETUA MAURICE (26)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
ALDA MAURICE (25)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
ANNA MAURICE (17)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
ANTONIO DELGADO (38)	SON IN LAW	CAPE VERDE
ANTONIA DELGADO (35)	DAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
ANTONIO DELGADO (12)	GRANDSON	RHODE ISLAND*
CYRIL DELGADO (11)	GRANDSON	RHODE ISLAND*
MERILYN DELGADO (8)	GRANDDAUGHTER	RHODE ISLAND*
JOHN NEVES (75)	COUSIN	CAPE VERDE

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**432 SO. MAIN ST. 1ST 2ND 3RD FLOOR DEMOLISHED 1960**

OCCUPANTS	RELATIONSHIP	BORN
LAWRENCE FONTE (57)	HEAD	CAPE VERDE
JOSEPH MIRANDA (47)	HEAD	CAPE VERDE
DOROTHY MIRANDA (34)	WIFE	FLORIDA
JAMES DIAS (54)	HEAD	CAPE VERDE
MAUD DIAS (53)	WIFE	NEW YORK
JOAO A.A. REAL (57)	HEAD	PORTUGAL
GRETCH MORRES (88)	HEAD	CAPE VERDE
ALBERT MOURICHO (50)	COUSIN	CAPE VERDE
WAYLAND H. PERRY (53)	HEAD	RHODE ISLAND
ELIZABETH A. PERRY (46)	WIFE	MASSACHUSETTS

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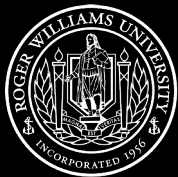
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EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

SITE PLAN

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"



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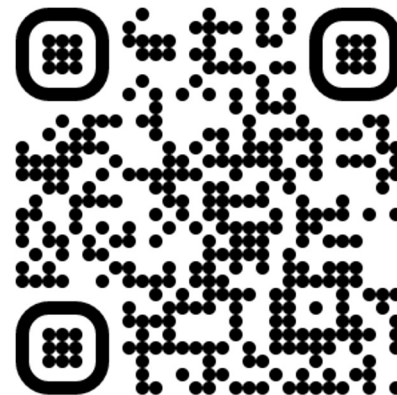


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