

# Greer Stadium

Needs and Expectations for the Future

September 21 & 24, 2016

Good Evening / Good Morning. Thank you all for coming out. We are here today to get community input on the future of the Greer Stadium site.

# Agenda

- Presentation
  - Brief History
  - Trends facing Nashville
  - Overview of Activities
    - The Future of Greer Stadium
  - Next Steps
- Activities

Today's presentation will include brief history of the area and the trends that are facing Nashville. Then provide an overview of the activities and the next steps. For the second part of the meeting there will be time to visit the stations to provide input on what you'd like to see for the future of the Greer Stadium site. We will try and go through the presentation quickly so the bulk of the time can be spent on the activity.



# History



Fort Negley, Credit: TSLA



WPA Reconstruction 1935-1937  
Credit: TSLA



Fort Negley Aerial Early 1940s  
Credit: Metro Archives

The site has historical significance as a Civil War fortification and 1930s Works Progress Administration reconstruction project. The Works Progress Administration was a New Deal program to put unemployed people to work on public projects. The reconstruction of the fort included stone retaining walls, pathways and four baseball fields with bleachers on what is today the Greer Stadium area of the site. WPA stonework is still present on the site today.

# History



Greer Stadium  
Credit: Metro Parks

In the 1970s land was leased to the Nashville Baseball Association and Greer Stadium opened in 1978. The guitar scoreboard was installed in 1993. The Sounds played their final game at Greer Stadium on Aug 27, 2014. Demolition of the stadium, not including the scoreboard, is recommended due to its deteriorated physical condition.

# Historical Landmark District



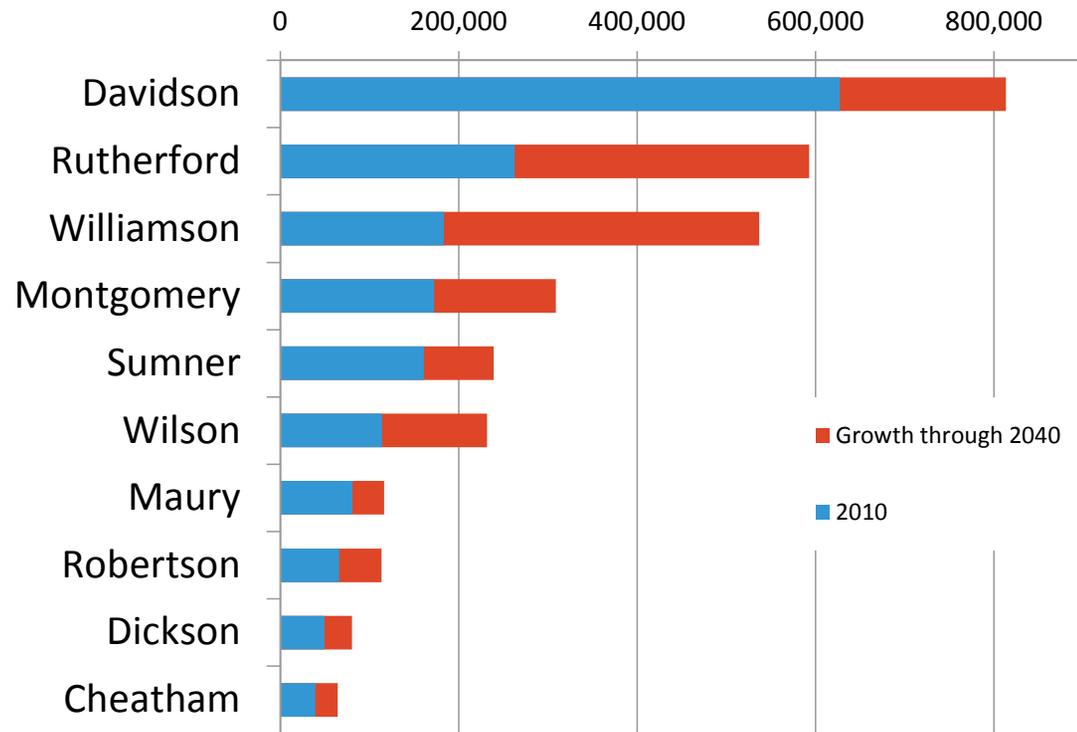
Historic Landmark District

The site was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 and in 2005 designated as a Historic Landmark District (red outline). Being in a Historic Landmark District means that the Metro Historic Zoning Commission must review permits for any improvements and alterations to the site.

# Trends

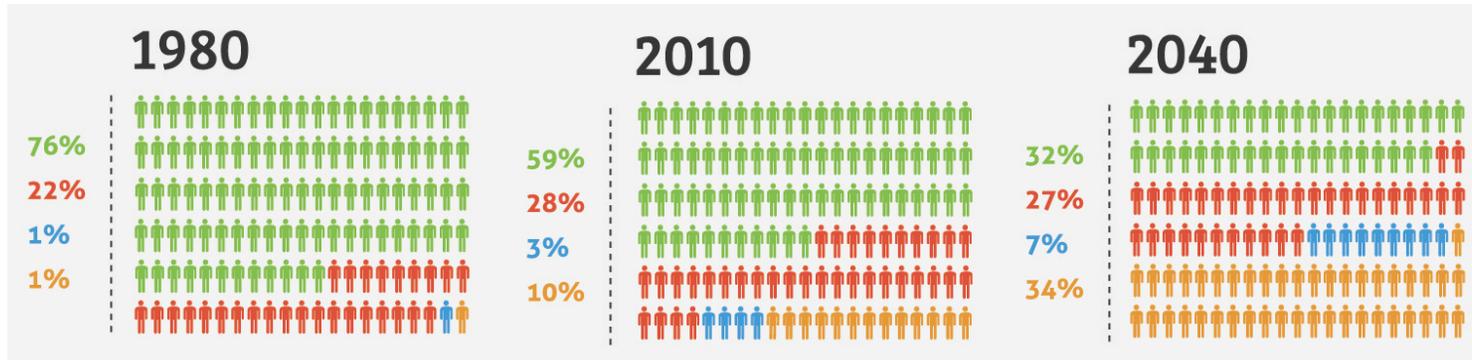
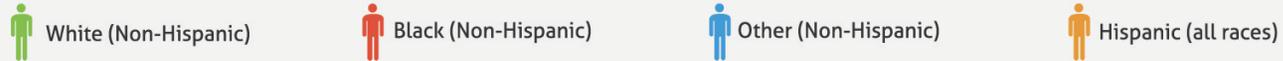
There are trends facing Nashville that should be taken into consideration.

# Trends: Population Growth



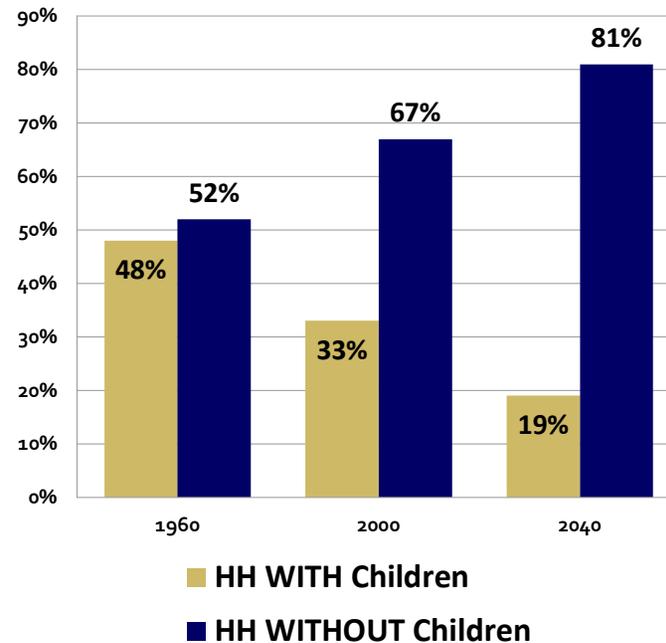
Based on research done for NashvilleNext, in the coming 25 years, Nashville/Davidson County is anticipated to grow by nearly 200,000 people and 300,000 new jobs.

# Trends: Population Diversity



Nashville/Davidson County is also growing more diverse. With increased cultural diversity there is a need to think about our parks and amenities in different ways.

# Trends: Changing Households



*Census for 1960 and 2000, 2025 adapted from Martha Farnsworth Riche, How Changes in the Nation's Age and Household Structure Will Reshape Housing Demand in the 21st Century, HUD, 2003. and Source: Arthur C. Nelson, Ph.D., FAICP; GREATER NASHVILLE Trends, Preferences and Opportunities 2010 to 2025 and to 2040*

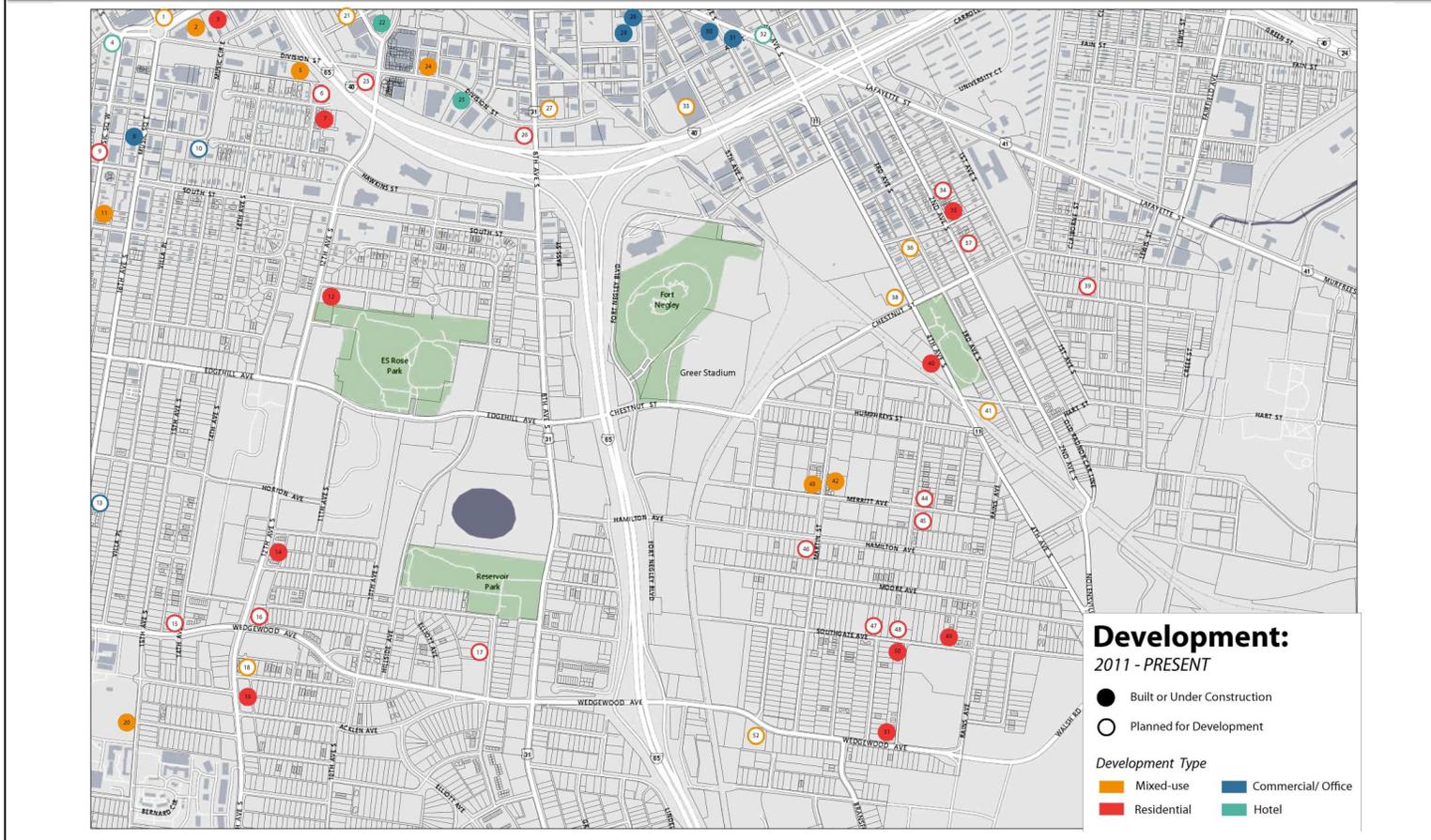
Household sizes and the types of housing that people want are also changing. The number of households with children is expected to continue to decline and more people are looking for housing that is near amenities and services, with the ability to walk, bike or take transit.

# Trends: Affordable Housing



Housing affordability is one of the top issues. Housing costs are rising at a rate greater than incomes. Mayor Megan Barry's Housing Priorities will focus on how Metro Nashville can fund, build, preserve and retain affordable housing options.

# Trends: Development



The area is also facing development pressure. The map shows larger developments. If single family or duplexes were added it would be even more intense. There are opportunities for the Greer area to become the new center for the Wedgewood Houston/Chestnut Hill neighborhoods.

# Activities

Stephanie is going to go over the activities that we have setup...

Hi everyone, thank you again for coming out. I want to take you through tonight's exercise quickly, and then turn you loose to get to work!

# The Future of Greer Stadium

- Greenspace
- Historical aspect
- Improve well-being

Activities for input

The future of the Greer Stadium site will definitely include greenspace in some form, and will need to take into consideration the historical significance of the site. The built environment affects quality of life and it is important to consider how the future of the site could improve the well-being of individuals and society. The activities that are setup at the stations take into consideration that these factors will need to be at the forefront of any plan.

# Activity: The Future of Greer

- What should the future of Greer be?



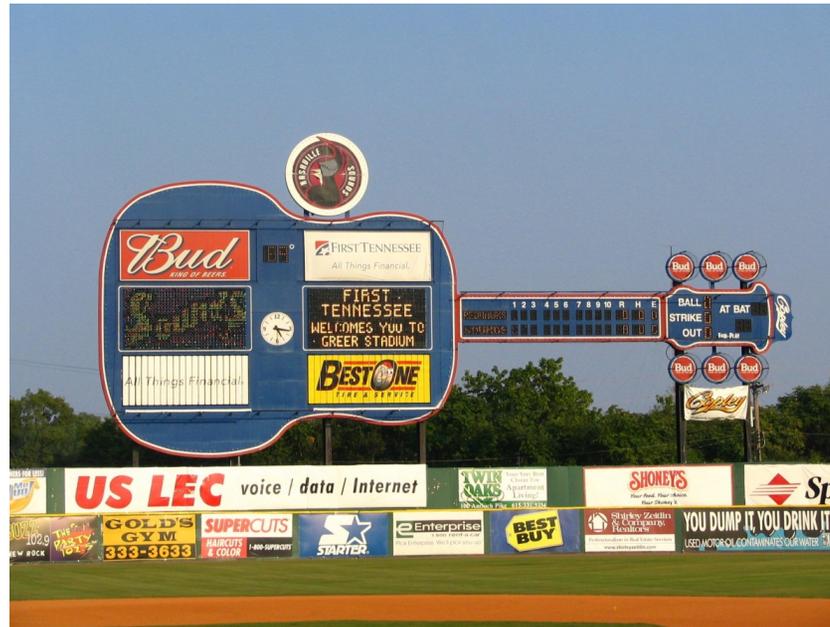
- Education/Children's Resources
- Housing
- Neighborhood Resources
- Entertainment/ other activities

We have two identical boards for you to use to post your ideas on what should be included in the future plans for Greer. As we have already mentioned, there will be some version of green space included in the project – we've placed that in the center of each board. You will also see that there are words around that green dot: Education/children's resources, housing, neighborhood resources, and entertainment/other activities. These are here to help spark ideas – if

you have an idea that doesn't necessarily fit into these categories (or could fit in a number of categories), that's ok! Just write it down, draw it out, whatever, on a post it note, and stick it on the board. If you see an idea that you like – you don't need to write it down again. You can put a star on the post-it. If you want to add to an idea, write your addition on a post it and place it next to the original, with an arrow connecting the two.

# Activity: Scoreboard

- What should be done with the scoreboard?

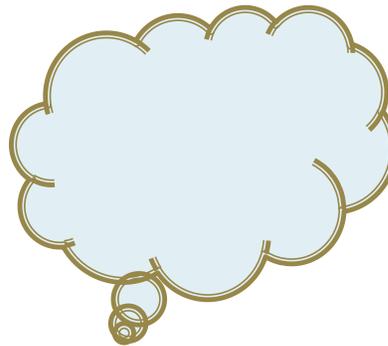
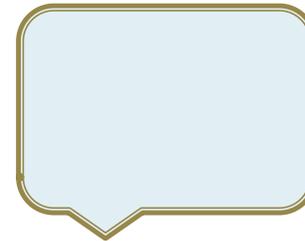


Credit: Originally posted to Flickr as Guitar scoreboard for the Nashville Sounds - Brent Moore  
<https://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:GreerStadiumScoreboard2.jpg#mw-jump-to-license>

What should be done with the scoreboard? Please use the sticky notes to provide ideas.

# Activity: Other Thoughts

- Other thoughts and considerations?



If you are shy and don't want to post your idea on the board (although I don't think anyone here is shy – and we are all friendly people, right?) we have comment cards as well. Feel free to write your comment down and give to me or any of the planners here tonight.

# Next Steps

- Feedback to assist Metro Parks in developing the RFP.
- Stay tuned....once a team has been selected it will come back to the community.