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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

THOROUGHFARE HISTORIC PARK

COMMUNITY MEETING #1

MARCH 7, 2026

 Collective

AGENDA

10:05 – INTRO PRESENTATION

10:15 – ENGAGEMENT STATIONS

11:15 – RECONVENE AND WRAP-UP

11:30 – CLOSING

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY



www.pwcva.gov/department/historic-preservation/thoroughfare-historic-park



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Thoroughfare Historic Park

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Thoroughfare Historic Park is a two-acre parcel of land located along the John Marshall Highway, located within the boundaries of the Thoroughfare Historical District, as recorded by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The Thoroughfare community was established after the Civil War by freed slaves and mixed-race families, including those of Native American descent, from Fauquier, Culpeper, Rappahannock, and Warren Counties. The County's property includes two of the community's cemeteries: the Allen-Fletcher Cemetery and Potters Field (also known as Allen Home Place or Payton Cemetery).

Currently Thoroughfare Historic Park is not publicly accessible. However, future plans for this property are to develop a public interpretive park about the history of the Thoroughfare community. If you'd like to learn more about Thoroughfare, visit our [online exhibit](#).

[Updates about the forthcoming Master Plan](#)



County Contact Info

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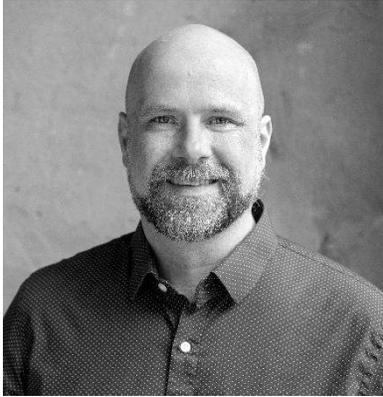


- Email the County
- Website Feedback
- Emergency Notifications
- News and Event Notifications

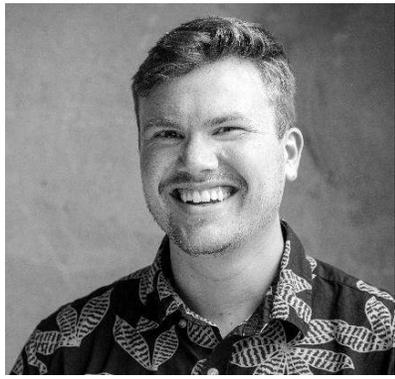
Additional Resources

- A-Z Department Directory
- Media Contact
- Report Areas of Concern
- Commonwealth of Virginia
- Board of County Supervisors
- Visit Prince William County

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[EM-PUH-THEE]

EMPATHY

Noun: The psychological identification with or vicarious experiencing of the feelings, thoughts, or attitudes of another.



[LAND-SCAP]

LANDSCAP

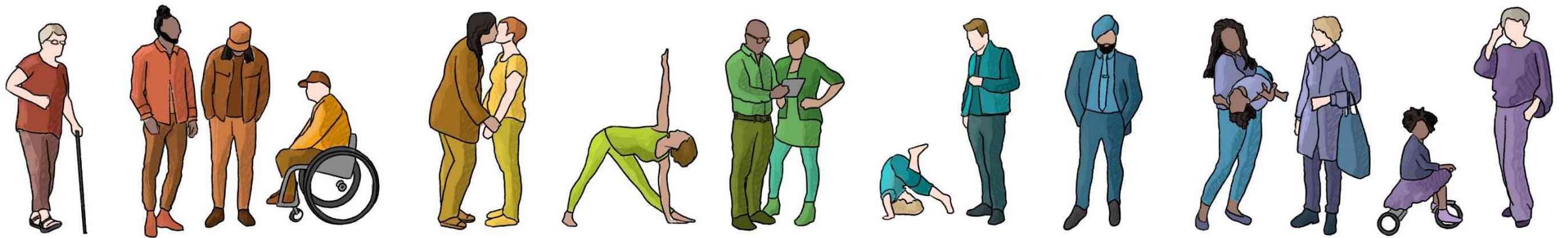
- Noun: *Archaic English* (mid-1600s) 1. landscape
- The suffix “scape” in “landscape” posits the presence of a unifying principle which positions one view, a bounded landscape, as representative of the larger environment or entire landscape.
- (Benjamin Lorch, The University of Chicago, *Origins of Media*, 2002)

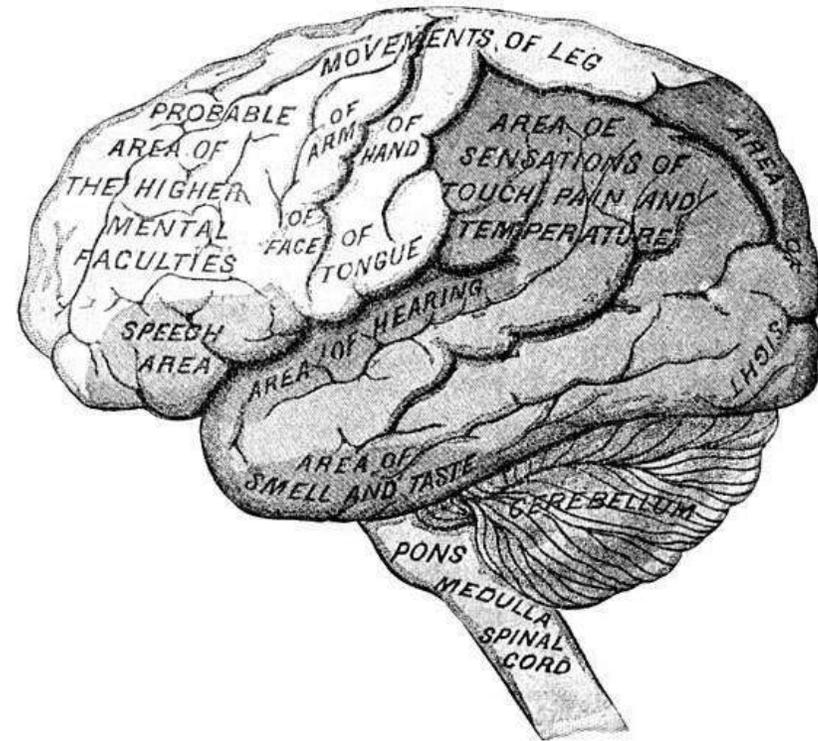
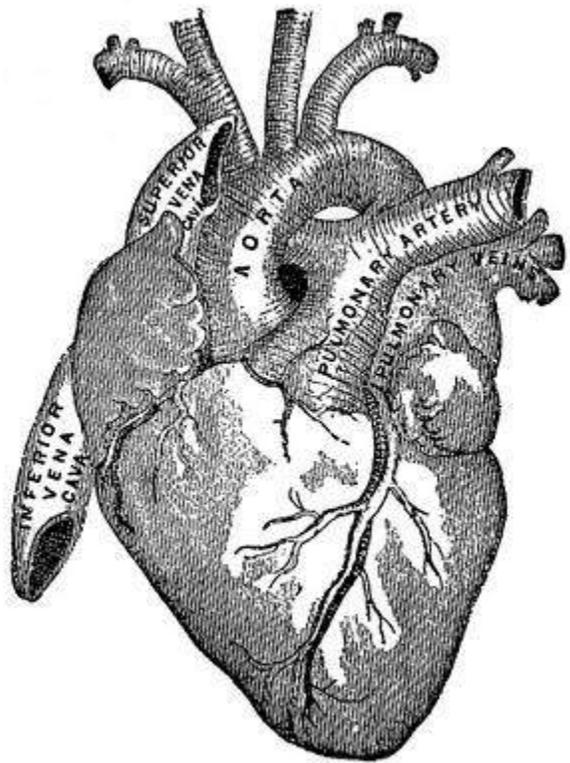
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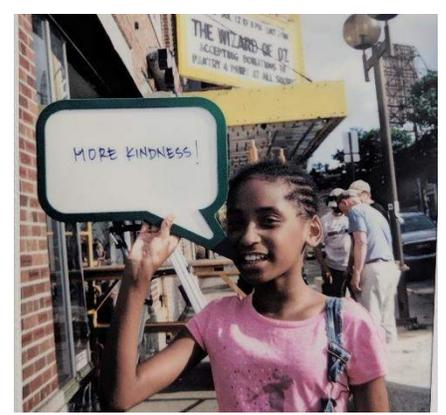
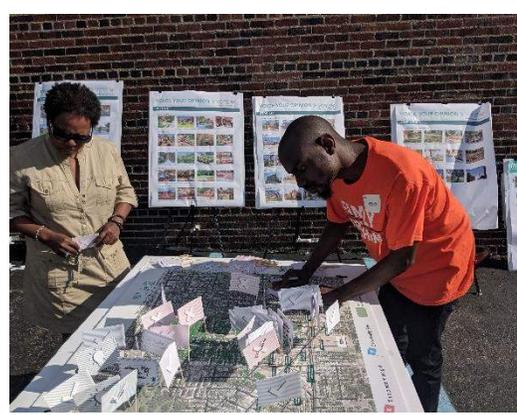




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ACCESSIBILITY

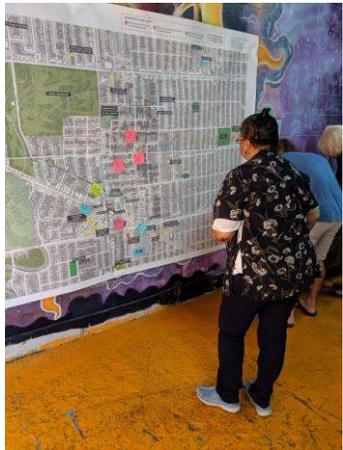
1. Noun: the quality of being able to be reached or entered.
2. Noun: the invitation to participate.



...may break their iron bands.

*And bid their waters murmur o'er the sands.
—Phillis Wheatley*

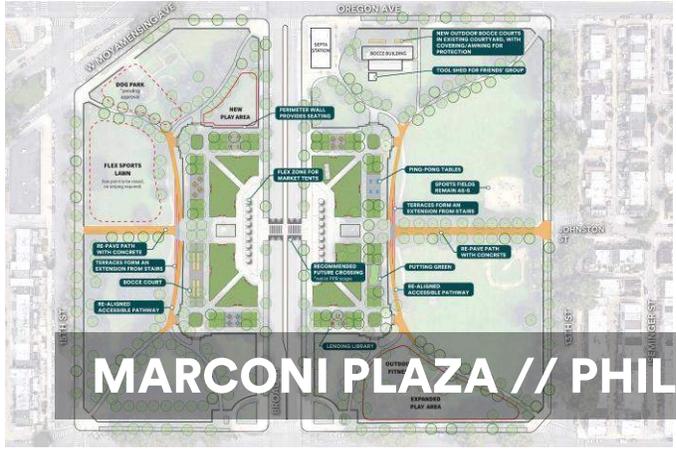




OLD REDFORD // DETROIT, MI



FRANKLIN PARK // WASHINGTON, DC



MARCONI PLAZA // PHILADELPHIA, PA



WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL // WASHINGTON, DC



READ HOUSE & GARDENS // NEW CASTLE, DE



Write a Love Letter to the Read House & Gardens

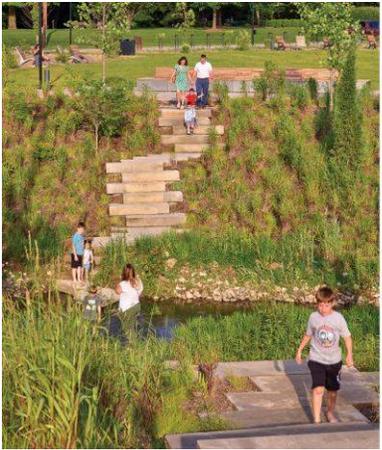
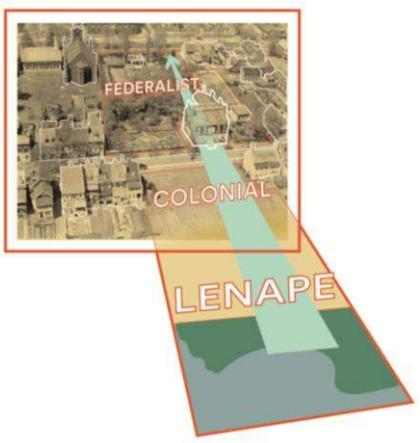
Common themes included:

- Imaging
- Views & Character
- Community Connections

We also heard...

Dear Read House & Gardens,
I feel our work is most connected when...
We discover new details and histories together.
You engage with diverse communities and narratives.
You awe, inspire, surprise and delight.
Your beauty & character.

Dear Read House & Gardens,
I love you because...
The beauty of the gardens.
The views from the Gardens & House to the Delaware River.
Your history and stories.
Your uniqueness and place.



GRAND JUNCTION PARK & PLAZA // WESTFIELD, IN





Thoroughfare Historic Park





Thoroughfare Historic Overlay District

Thoroughfare Historic Park



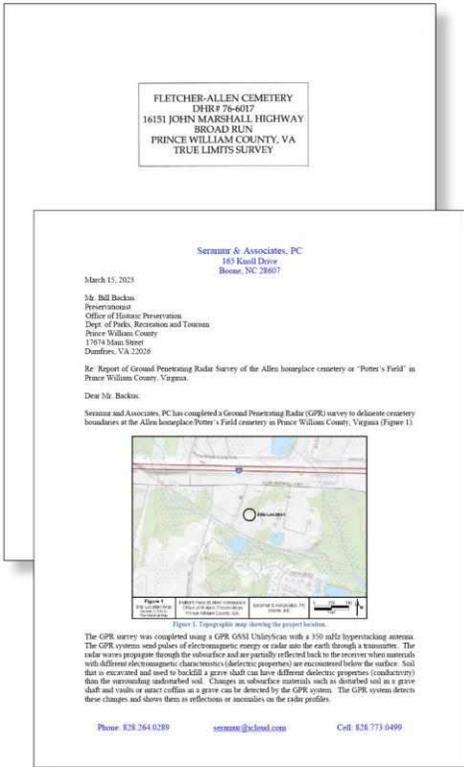
Fletcher/Allen Cemetery

Potters Field

JANUARY DESIGN TEAM SITE VISIT

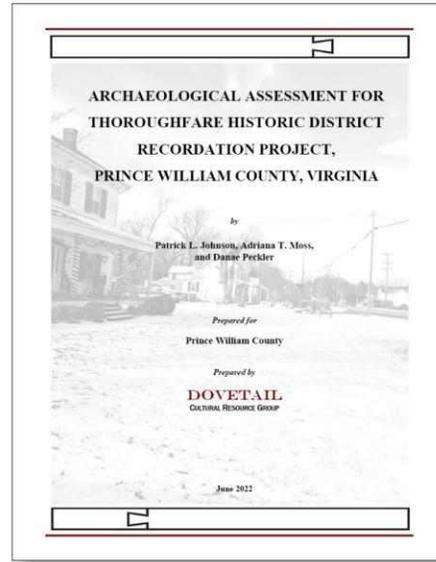


PREVIOUS STUDIES & CONTEXT



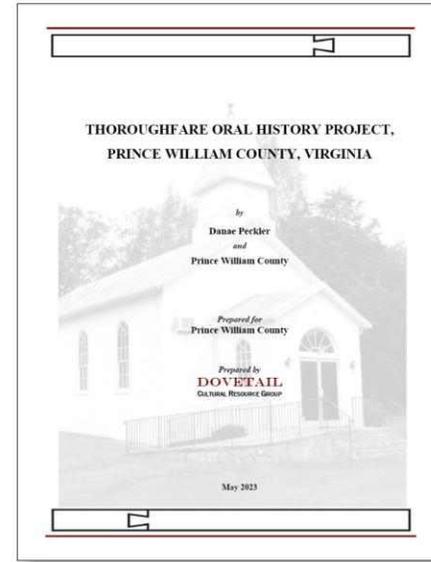
**FLETCHER-ALLEN CEMETERY
DELINEATION REPORT**
2021 (Browning & Associates, LTD)

**GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY REPORT OF
THE ALLEN HOMEPLACE CEMETERY OR "POTTER'S
FIELD"**
March 2023 (Seramur & Associates, PC)



**ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR
THOROUGHFARE HISTORIC DISTRICT RECORDATION
PROJECT (PHASE IA)**
June 2022 (Dovetail Cultural Resource Group)

(Additional archaeological work ongoing)



THOROUGHFARE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT
May 2023 (Dovetail Cultural Resource Group)



**PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) –
THOROUGHFARE HISTORIC DISTRICT**
March 2025

**PIF – THOROUGHFARE HISTORIC DISTRICT
(ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADDENDUM RESEARCH)**
March 2025

+ SUPPORTING MAPS & FIGURES

PROJECT SCOPE

Understand Community

*Read Past Reports,
Talk With
Stakeholders*

Listen

*Help To Represent
The Ideas Brought
Forth By You!*

Collaborate

*Document A Vision For
The County To Use
In Future Planning Of
The Park*

Envision

*Finalize A Plan And
Test Feasibility*

PROJECT SCHEDULE





Engagement Exercises

STATION 1



 Mapping Exercise

Personal Map

-  Where I live
-  Favorite place to hang out
-  Where I go to work/school



STATION 2



 Analog Instagram

A collection of approximately 15 Polaroid-style photos scattered on a white background. Each photo features a yellow border and a black silhouette of two people talking. The photos are arranged in a roughly circular pattern.

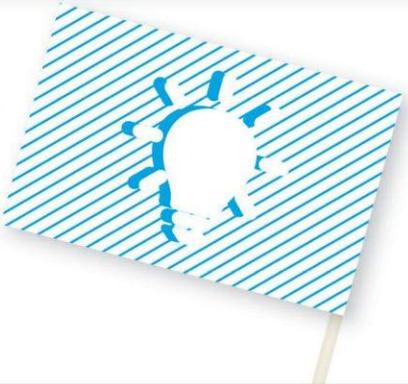
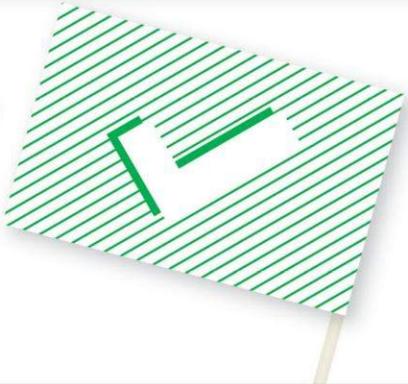
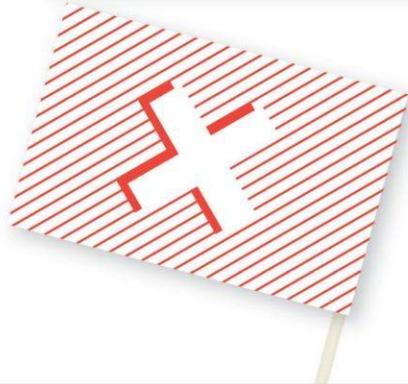
STATION 5



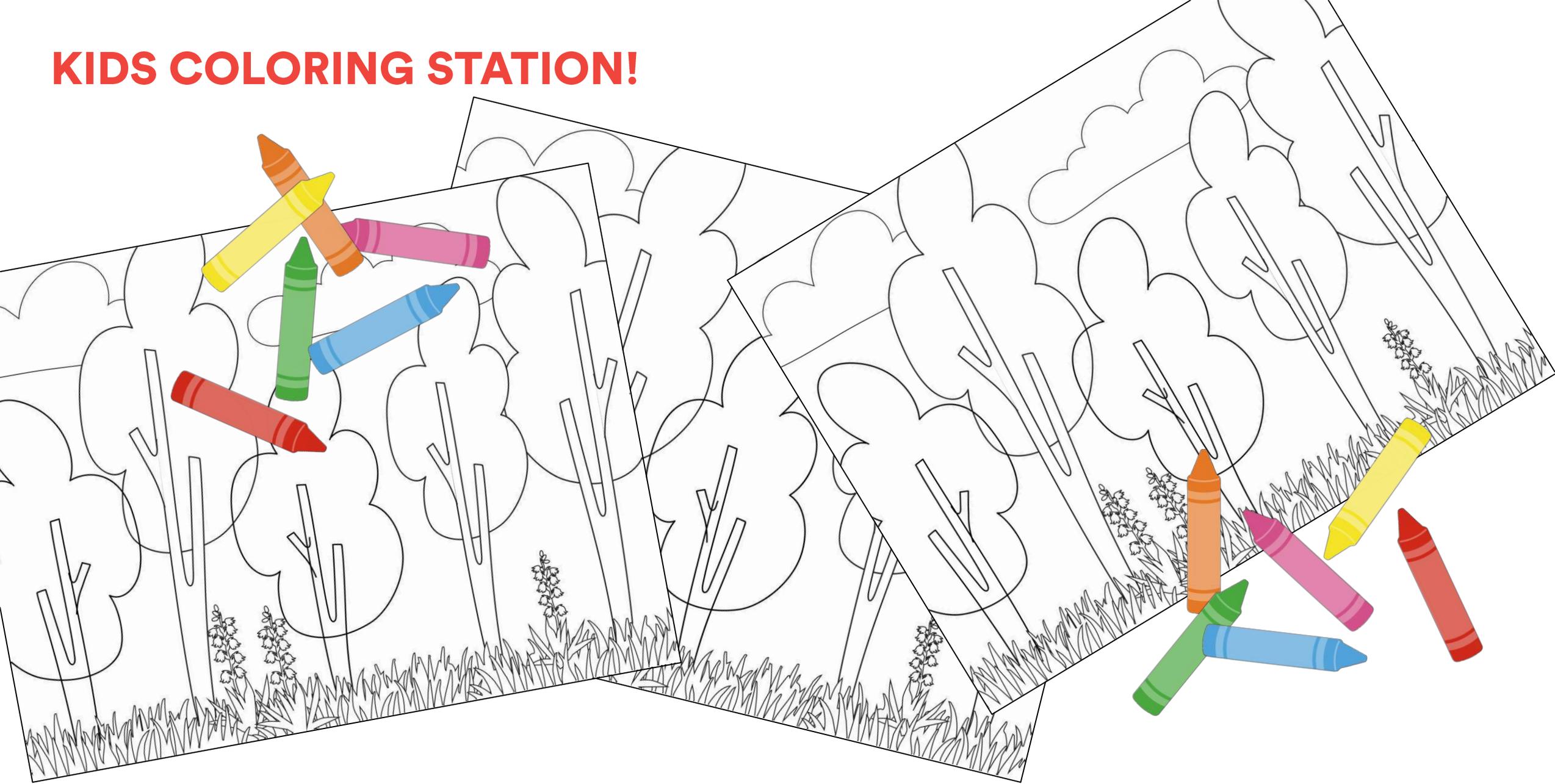
THIS IS A CHALLENGE

I LIKE THIS!

I SEE AN OPPORTUNITY!



KIDS COLORING STATION!



Reconvene here at 11:15 to discuss



Wrap-up

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THANK YOU!

_____**Collective**