Biking in the Port Towns

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Agenda

Background

Research Questions

Methodologies

Findings

Interviews with Bikers

Focus Group with Residents

Supplemental Interviews

Recommendations

Background

In partnership with the The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

to engage women and people of color in biking as transportation

to examine the association between biking and gentrification in the Port Towns
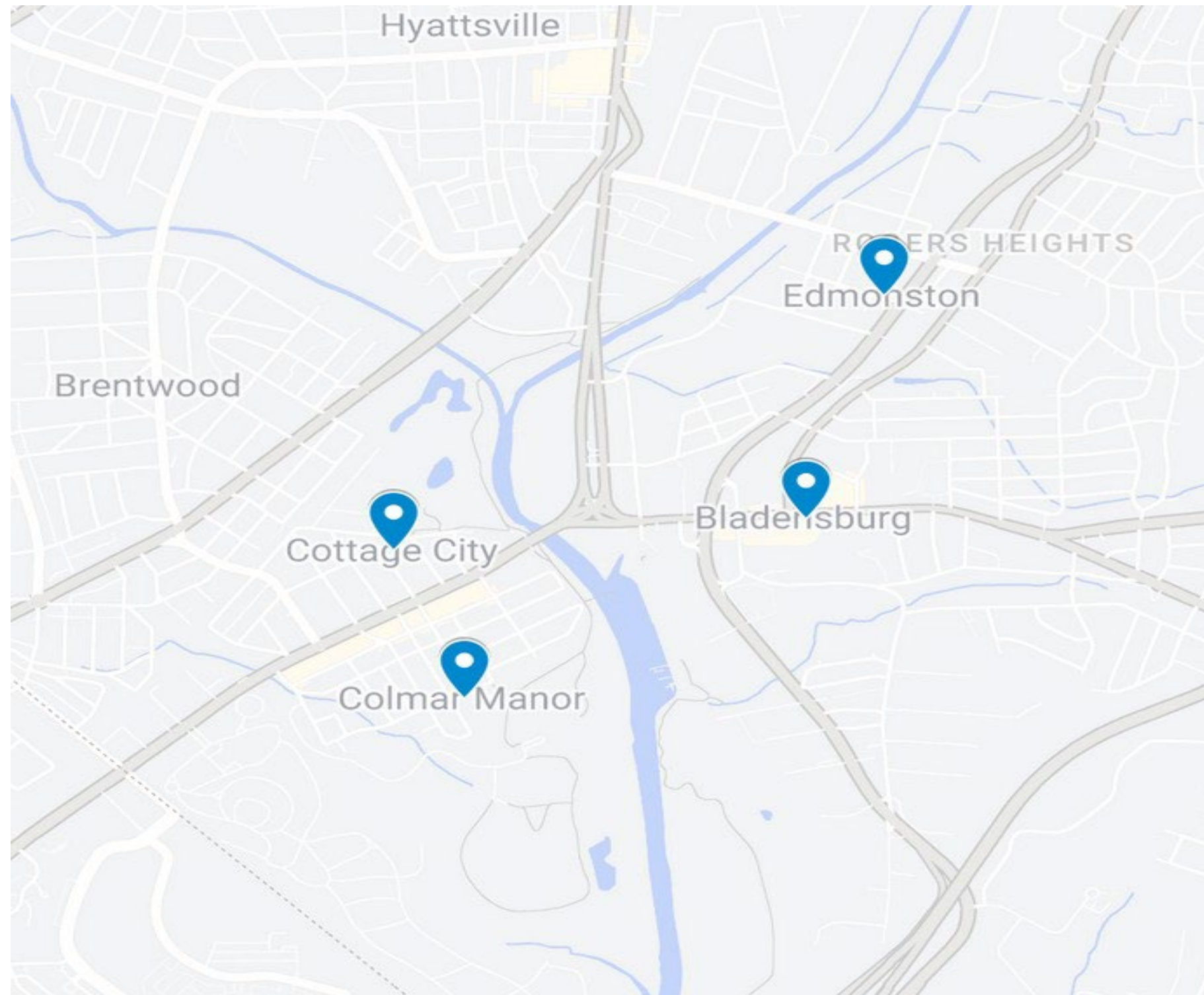
The Port Towns

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Colmar Manor
Cottage City
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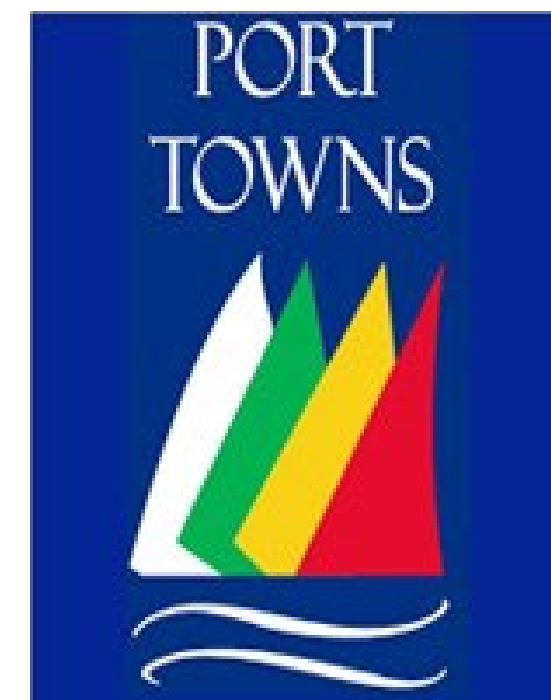
Research Questions

What barriers limit the accessibility of biking in the Port Towns?

How are development, gentrification, and biking perceived by residents in the Port Towns?

Problem Definition

Barriers to equitable access to biking include

Lack of adequate bike infrastructure

Biking culture focused on intense cyclists

Missing connection between existing bike paths

Affordability

Methodologies

Secondary Research

Current biking infrastructure

Connectivity

Safety

Bikeways and gentrification

Significance of community outreach

Methodologies

Primary Research

Interview with biking group member

Focus group with Port Towns residents

Interviews with elected officials

Interviews at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Bikers' Perceptions

Want more connections to new development around them

Biking is a great way of disconnecting from normal life & getting exercise

Current infrastructure fails to connect communities & is not welcoming or safe

Photo: M–NCPPC

Residents' Perceptions

Increased vehicle traffic

Displacement from cost of housing

Diverse racial demographics

Unsafe biking conditions

Supplemental Interviews

Hyattsville Resident

Focus on Seniors & Biking culture

Bladensburg Council Member

Feasibility

Upper Marlboro Resident

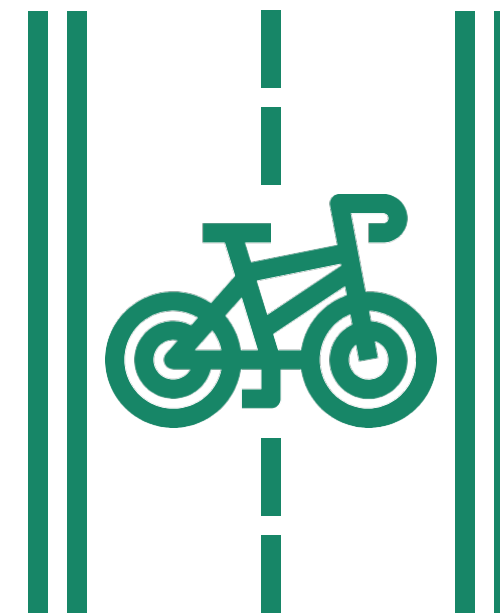Gentrification & Socioeconomic change

Discussion

Safety is a major concern

Concern about **housing costs** impacting neighborhood demographics

Developments and neighborhoods are **disconnected**

Residents want more **bikeways & bike-conscious development**

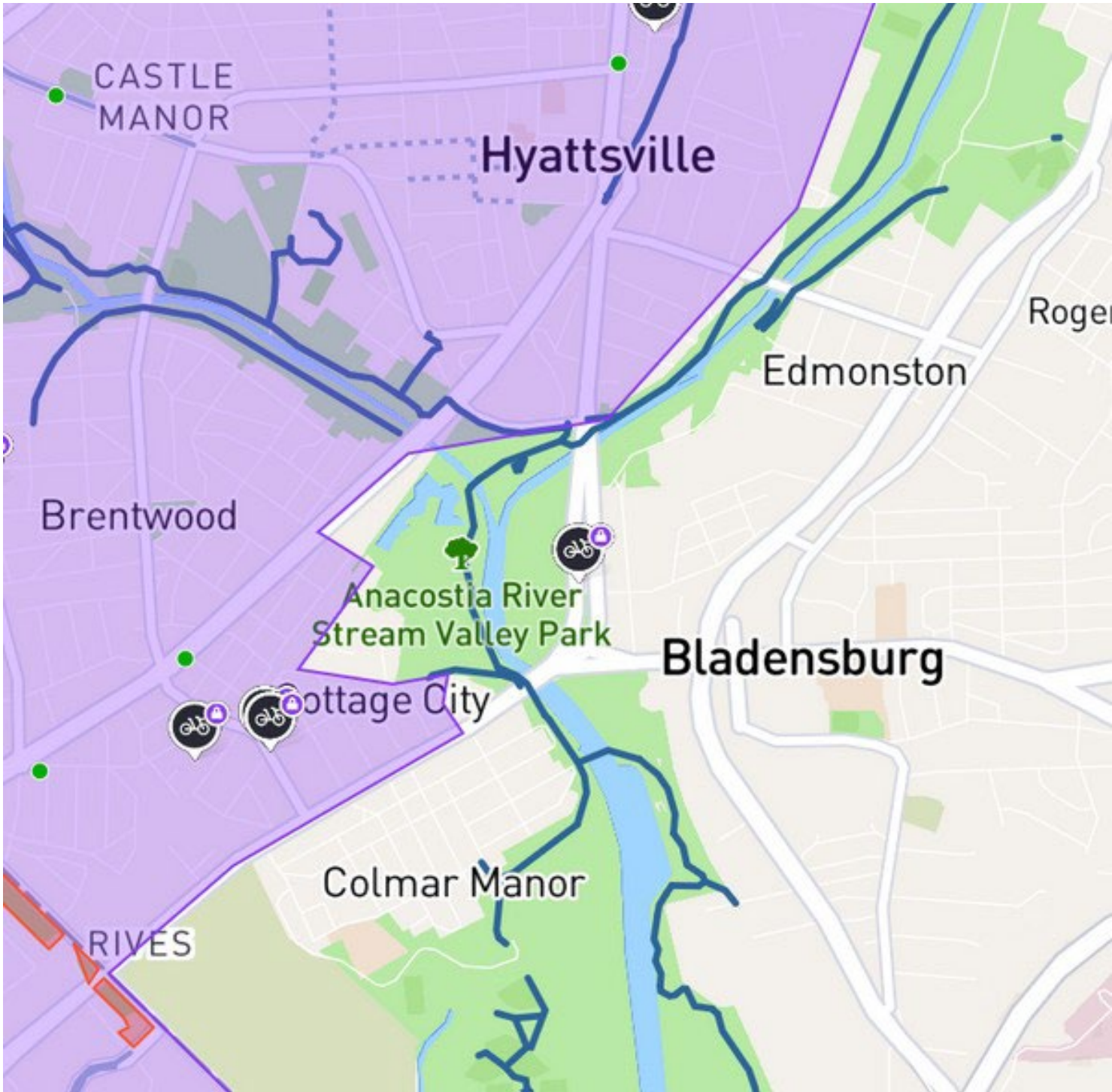# Recommendations

Require Mixed-Use Developments

Photo: Prince George's County Economic Development Council

Recommendations

Expand
Capital Bikeshare

Recommendations

Implement Bike Safety courses
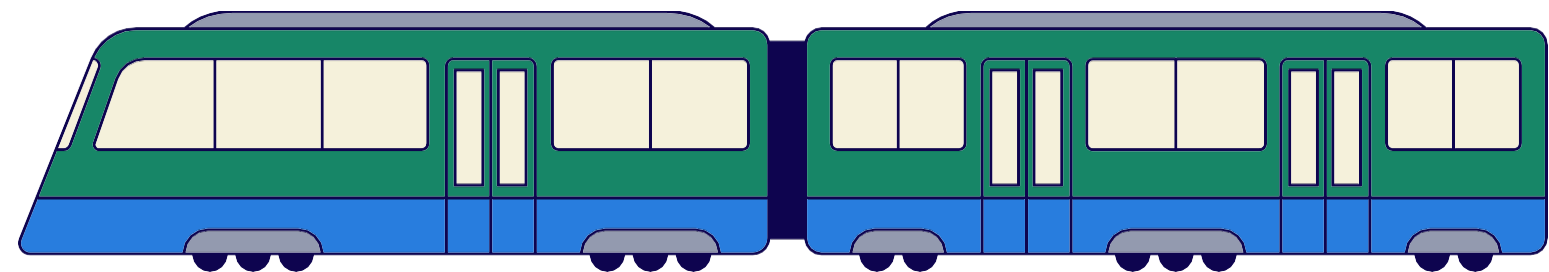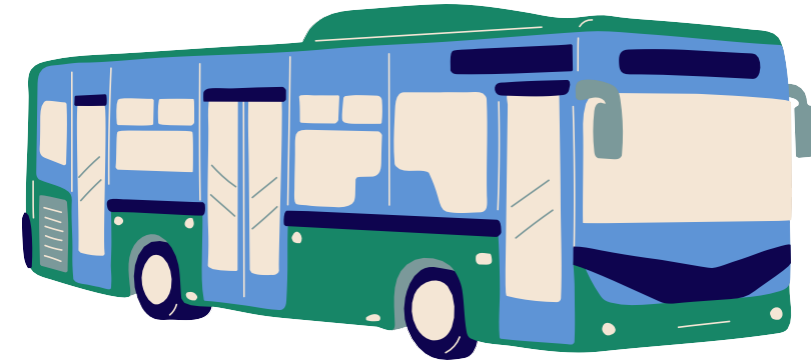at Prince George's County Public Schools

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Photo: PGCPS

Recommendations

Require Green Travel Plans for Major Employers

Recommendations

Pursue
Safe Streets for All
Grant

Questions?

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