

Community Development & Organizing in Patterson Park

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Fairmount Avenue looking east from Linwood Avenue, 1910 and 2019

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Patterson Park, 1939. *Baltimore Sun*



Patterson Park, c. 2018. *Friends of Patterson Park.*

**Hampstead Hill
donated to
Baltimore in 1827**

“The city authorities have very much neglected this beautiful lot, but have been partially preserved – the breastwork and battery... which was thrown up in 1814 for the defense of the city. The growth of Baltimore is fast extending towards the Patterson Park, and we hope the city council will make an appropriation to put it in good condition.”

—*Sun* newspaper, March 1852

**Patterson Park
formally opened to
the public in 1853**



“White House” built in 1868. Boat Lake expanded to present size by 1875.



**Patterson Park Pagoda
built on Hampstead
Hill in 1892**



**St. Elizabeth
Catholic Church
established in 1895**



Original church building, now Patterson Park Public Charter School, erected in 1895

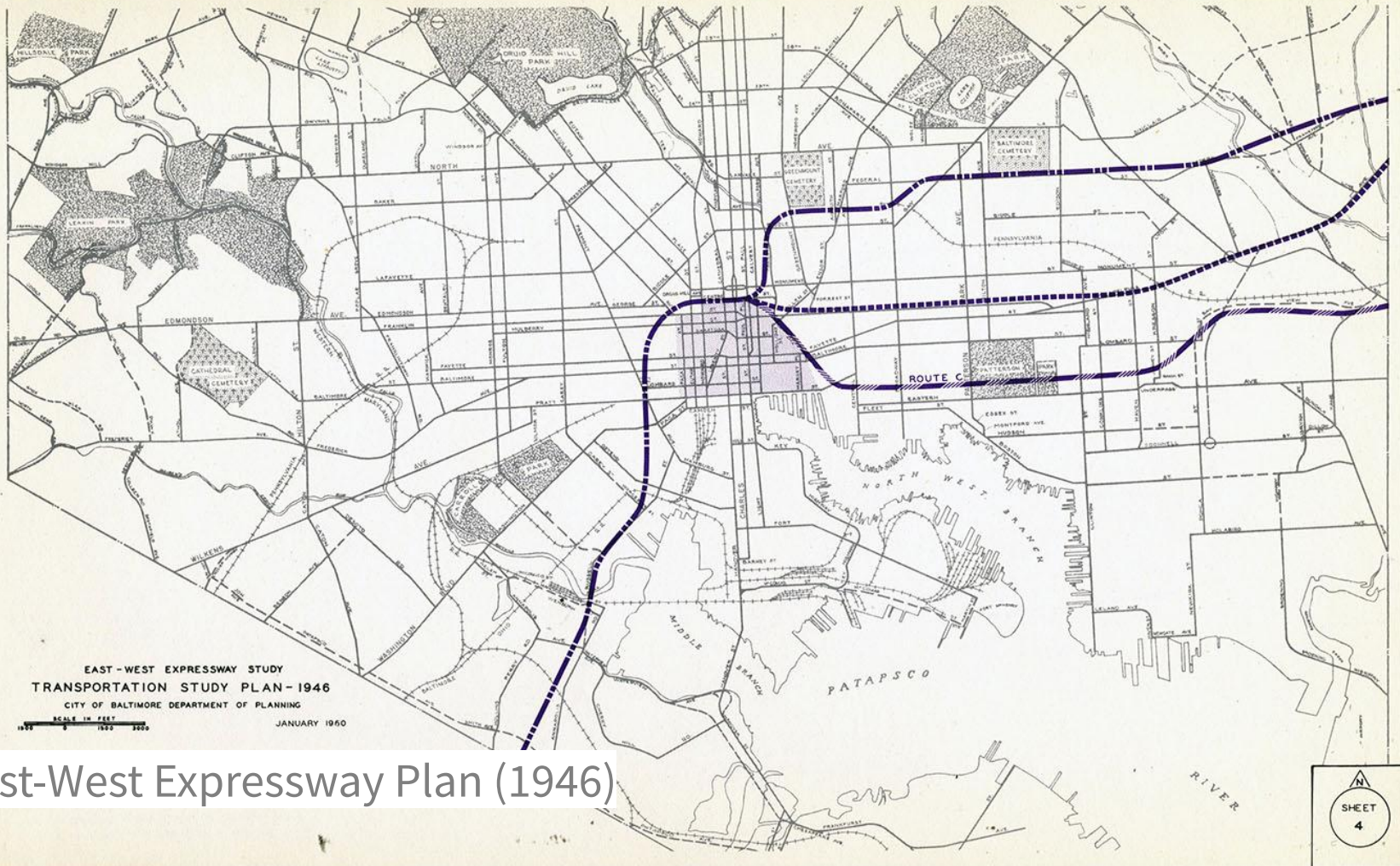


Present church building erected in 1912

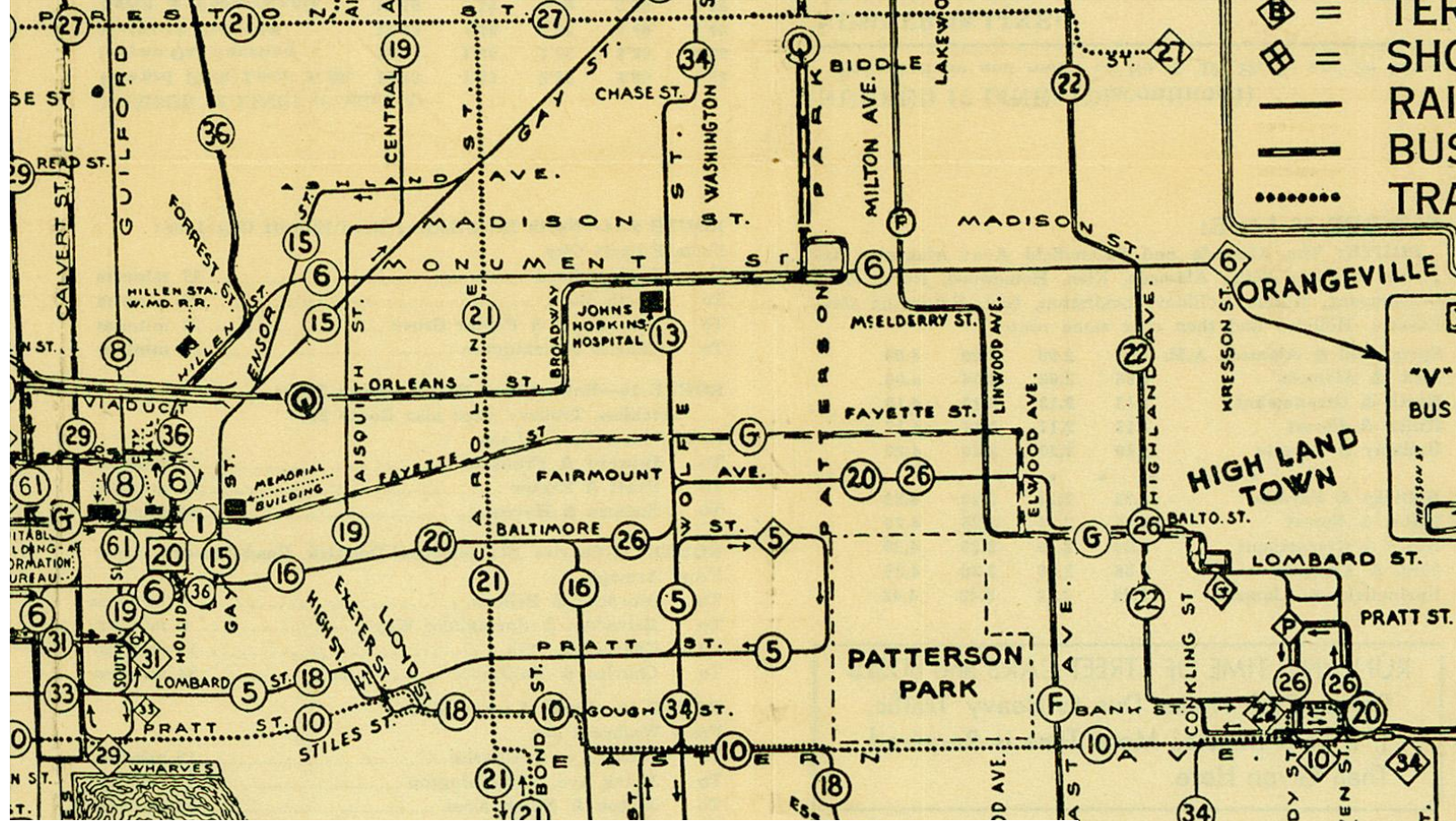
**Patterson Park
Branch of the Enoch
Pratt Free Library
built in 1910**



Branch Number 13, Enoch Pratt Free Library, c. 1930s



East-West Expressway Plan (1946)



Detail of Baltimore Transit Company Route Map (1948)



**National States'
Rights Party Rally
held at Patterson
Park in 1966**

RACIST PARTY PARK RALLIES ANGER MAYOR

States Rights Group
Can Continue To
Meet, However

By JOHN E. WOODRUFF

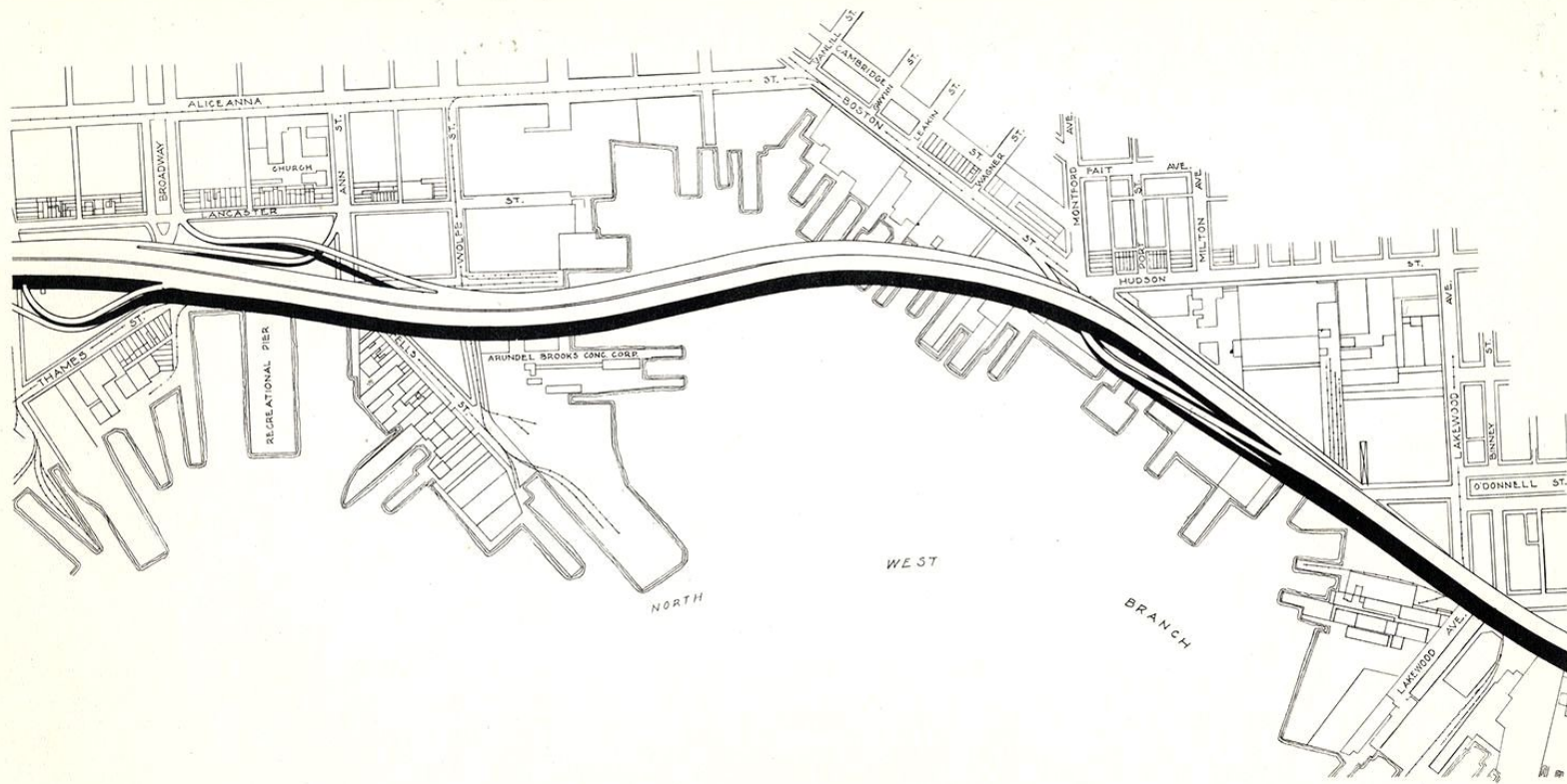
Mayor McKeldin yesterday denounced the Patterson Park meetings of the National States Rights party as a pretext for "name calling and a disruptive, un-American tirade."

Although his statement attacking the meetings was one of the strongest of his Administration, he said top city officials have agreed that there is no choice but to let the meetings continue as long as they are peaceful.

The Mayor's statement...



Baltimore Sun, July 28, 1966



Southeast Community Organization (SECO) begins
organizing in 1968

HARBOR ROUTE

CITY OF BALTIMORE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

JANUARY 1960



SCALE IN FEET
200 0 200 400 600

“I’d say our concern with the youth is the main reason we got together... The other main issue in our area is that people are paying taxes and haven’t realized any fruits for a long time.”

— Arthur M. Bailey, January 1972



Young adult reading room, Patterson Park Branch, 1973



Patterson Park Recreation Center opened in 1974

**Neighborhood Housing
Services of Baltimore
begins work around
Patterson Park in 1974**

**Banner Neighborhoods
established in 1982**

“It's important to get people back into the park, and this way—with the organization being right here in the middle of it—is one way to do that.”

**— Neetu Gray, Director at Banner
Neighborhoods, 1985**

**Baltimore-Linwood
Community Association
established in 1986**

**Patterson Park
Community Development
Corporation established
in 1996**



Friends of Patterson Park established in 1998

**“We're doing much more
than we expected.”**

**— Ed Rutkowski, Director, Patterson Park
CDC, 2002**

**Residents change name
to Patterson Park
Neighborhood
Association in 2003**

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