



**Historic African American Neighborhood Survey**  
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Dear Community:

Johnson C. Smith University is thrilled to announce “A Virtual Sense of Place: African American Urbanism,” a digital project that will visually reconstruct several historic Black communities of Charlotte. JCSU has joined forces with Duke University, UNCC, and UNCG, along with local sponsors (including the Levine Museum of the New South and the NC Center for Film) to visualize neighborhoods destroyed or altered by urban renewal and gentrification history through an expanded reality experience.

Communities that will be part of this study include Brooklyn, Greenville, First Ward, Third Ward, and Biddleville. In preparation for this unique project we ask for your input, and we want the final product to reflect your voices! We want to meet the community we serve and talk to them about how they want their collective stories told, and about the possibilities of expanded reality technology.

We also need as many records and photographs of these neighborhoods and families from the 1900’s – 1970’s, so please bring any items you may have and they can be scanned on site and included in the project!

You are invited to attend one of the four (4) **Listening/Feedback Sessions**. Please join us at the Allegra Westbrook Branch of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Road on any these dates:

**July 12th, 2021 at 10:00 am-12:00pm or 5:00pm -7:00 pm**  
**July 26th, 2021 at 10:00 am-12:00pm or 5:00pm -7:00 pm**

Light refreshments will be served!

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