

About the Mount Royal Community Development Corporation:

The Mount Royal Community Development Corporation (MRCDC) was formed in 2013 to bring attention to centrally located Mount Royal District (District). Originally encompassing four neighborhoods – Bolton Hill, Madison Park, Marble Hill, and Reservoir Hill – the District is steeped with history, overflowing with breathtaking architecture, and the gateway for downtown and midtown access to the magnificent and expansive Druid Hill Park.

MRCDC was founded by volunteer residents, with the mission to market, develop, and economically strengthen the District through reinvestment, marketing and community organizing. MRCDC takes a regional approach in its redevelopment efforts by focusing on the District's neighborhoods and by leveraging shared assets between the constituent neighborhoods, creating public-private-partnerships, and working closely with community leaders and stakeholders on strategic redevelopment opportunities.

MRCDC has developed and is executing on its economic development plan for the area, which consists of launching Baltimore's first innovation district, Innovation Village - from Penn North to Station North along North Ave, and from Druid Hill Park and Mondawmin to State Center. We are bringing strategic global industries to the area and creating partnerships with area Universities to meaningfully bolster both the District and Baltimore's economy. Revitalization through economic development provides long term sustainable growth.

Over the past few years, MRCDC has assembled commitments, and worked closely with area neighborhood leaders and residents, area universities including Coppin State University, Maryland Institute College of Art, University of Baltimore, and Johns Hopkins University along with local and regional development and capital partners, to execute the Innovation Village framework to help activate and coordinate local master plans.

Now as the world looks at Baltimore after recent civil unrest, and the City attempts to restore order and community and remain competitive on the global stage we get to generate a share of the changing global economy. Can we make that equitable and restore justice to our communities? It's time for coordination, cooperation, and bold action on the economic development front.

One vital part of our framework requires that strategic commercial and residential vacant properties within the area become part of a portfolio of physical space available for development to be occupied by innovators, universities, businesses and new residents. Rather than independent site-by-site redevelopment plans, MRCDC portfolio of properties, partnerships and initiatives helps create a more holistic and coordinated implementation plan, needed to reach critical mass for regional redevelopment to occur. These new ecosystems can help drive a revitalized, equitable and inclusive future.