



THRIVE PLAN

Tax Renewal Fall 2025



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Overwhelming support for the library
- Active participation

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Where is the money going?
- What does it all mean?



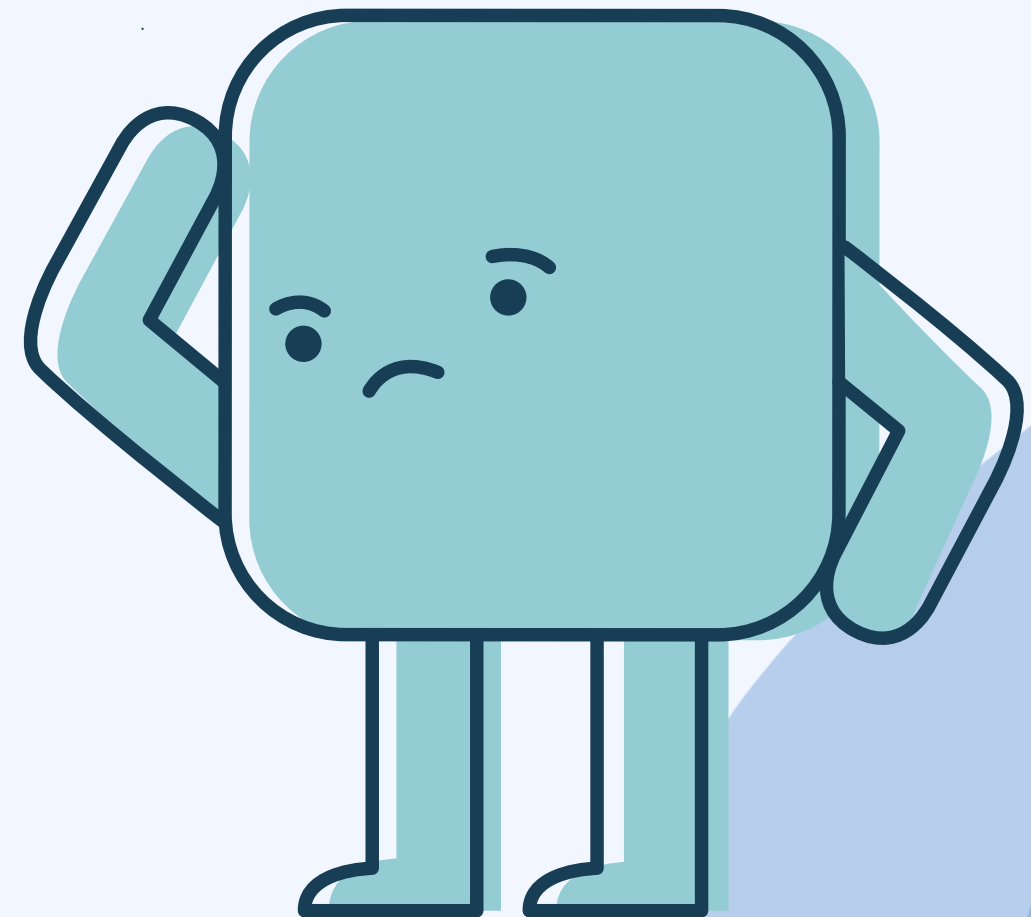
THRIVE needs to be understood by all!

SO, WHAT IS THE THRIVE PLAN?

- TINY LETTERS
- LEGAL JARGON
- COMPLICATED WORDING
- MOVING PARTS AND PARTNERS

PROPOSITION: MILLAGE EXTENSION AND REDEDICATION

Shall the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to rededicate \$52,400,000 to be used for Parish-wide general purposes, heretofore and hereafter received from the levy of an ad valorem tax (the "Tax") previously approved for public library purposes at an election held on October 24, 2015, and shall the Parish be further authorized to extend and rededicate the levy of said Tax at the rate of 11.1 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish for an additional 10 years, beginning with the year 2026, to and including the year 2035 (\$67,432,500 is reasonably estimated to be collected from levying the Tax for an entire year), so that (a) proceeds heretofore and hereafter received from 8.30 mills of the Tax shall be administered by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control and used to maintain and operate the public library system of the Parish, including acquiring land and constructing new library facilities, and (b) proceeds heretofore and hereafter received from 2.80 mills of the Tax shall be used for Parish-wide general purposes (after paying reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax)?



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A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

DEDICATED LIBRARY FUNDING

Library Renewal at 11.1 Mills

- Sufficient to keep **all hours of operation** at all locations
- Sustains programs, services, and resources
- Maintains the Capital Improvements Plan

Use of Funds

- One-time re-dedication of \$52.4 million
- 2.8 mills will be re-dedicated to “Parish General Purposes”

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WE ARE PARTNERING WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Mosquito Abatement and Rodent Control (MARC)

- They will have **1.0 mills**.
- MARC will rededicate **.5 mills**.
- A one-time re-distribution of **\$6 million** to the general fund.



Parish General Alimony

- The millage will be renewed at **4 mills** for use in the general fund.

Council on Aging

- The Council on Aging will renew and re-dedicate **.25 mills** to the general fund.

EBRPL and partners have **6 months** to make this **clear to all!**

EBRPL IS A DEPARTMENT OF CITY PARISH

WE NEED THE CITY PARISH TO BE HEALTHY AND OPERATIONAL.

It is **most effective** if all four action items pass, but not necessary!

THRIVE creates **financial stability** for the entire City Parish.

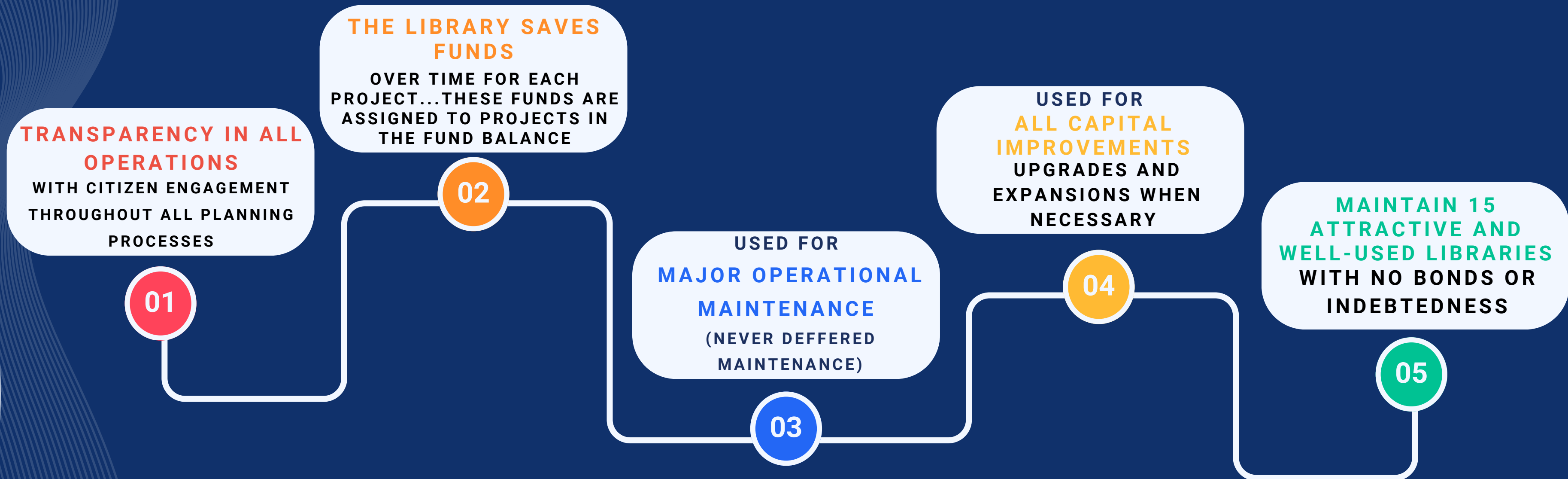


All four action items are **separate** on the November 15th ballot.

The support of all four action items puts City Parish on a **path to success**.

THE 10-YEAR DEDICATED TAX FUNDS ALL LIBRARY OPERATIONS

THE TAX EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2025



THIS TAX FUND IS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF REVENUE!

FUNCTIONS OF OUR FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE SUMMARY AS OF NOVEMBER 2024

Fund Balance Snapshot		\$ 92,771,880
Next year's <i>entire</i> Anticipated Operating Budget		\$ 65,121,260
Operating Cash for 2025	\$ 55,608,360	
Capital Transfers Out for Current Projects for South, Baker, Scotlandville Phase 2, Outreach Services, Central, Delmont Gardens, Zachary, and Bluebonnet Branches	\$ 9,512,900	
Dedicated Reserves: Contingency Reserve, Casualty Loss, and Emergency Storm Reserve		\$ 2,000,000
Remainder left to assign in Fund Balance		\$ 25,650,620
Committed Renovation/Expansion Projects, not fully appropriated for Central, Delmont Gardens, Small Business Incubator, Juvenile Services Center, and Zachary Branch Expansions/Renovations		\$ 26,841,427
FUND BALANCE is SHORT this amount, considering the above committed projects <i>This could be offset in the future with unspent Dedicated Reserves</i>		-\$ 1,190,807
OTHER FUTURE PROJECTS FOR WHICH WE MUST SAVE:		
New North START Branch at the old Earl K Long site		\$ 4,076,700
Carver, Pride-Chaneyville, Eden Park Branch Expansions/Renovations		\$ 19,551,929
New South START Branch located west of Gardere		\$ 4,076,700
Fairwood Branch and Main Library at Goodwood: Repairs/Upgrades		\$ 22,054,795

● THE LIBRARY'S FUND BALANCE IS NOT A SURPLUS OR "RAINY DAY" FUND.

● IT IS A WORKING FUND THAT SUPPORTS THE LIBRARY'S PAY-AS-YOU-GO PLAN

● FUNDS ARE DESIGNATED AND DEDICATED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MAP



COMPLETED RENOVATIONS



READY TO BEGIN RENOVATIONS



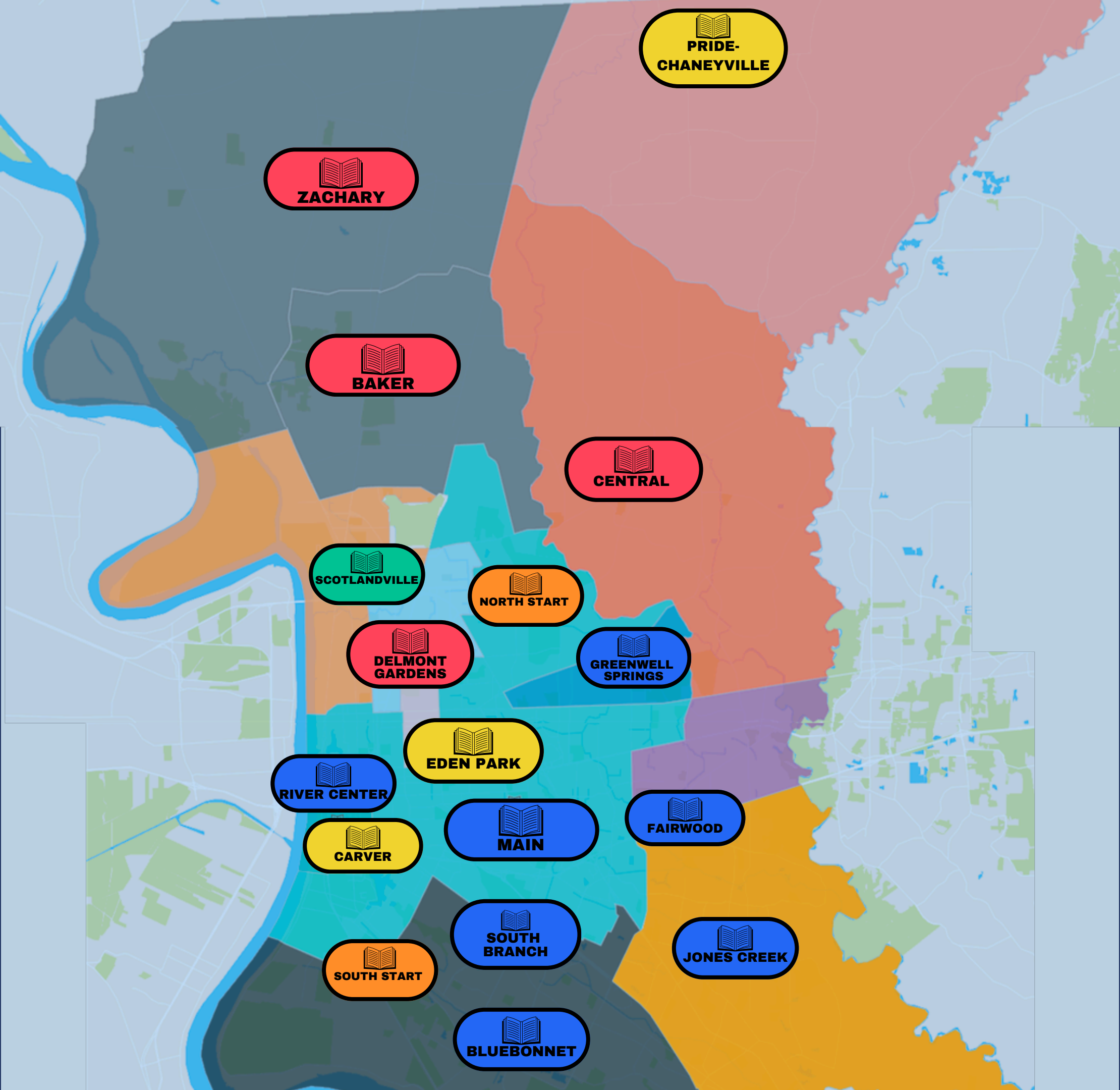
NEXT IN LINE FOR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
AND RENOVATIONS



FUTURE PROJECTS
(WE MUST SAVE FOR THESE)



NEW "START" LOCATIONS



HOW IS THIS ALL GOING TO WORK?

DATA DRIVEN DECISIONS... RESEARCH TO “MAKE IT WORK”

SCALING BACK OUR ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

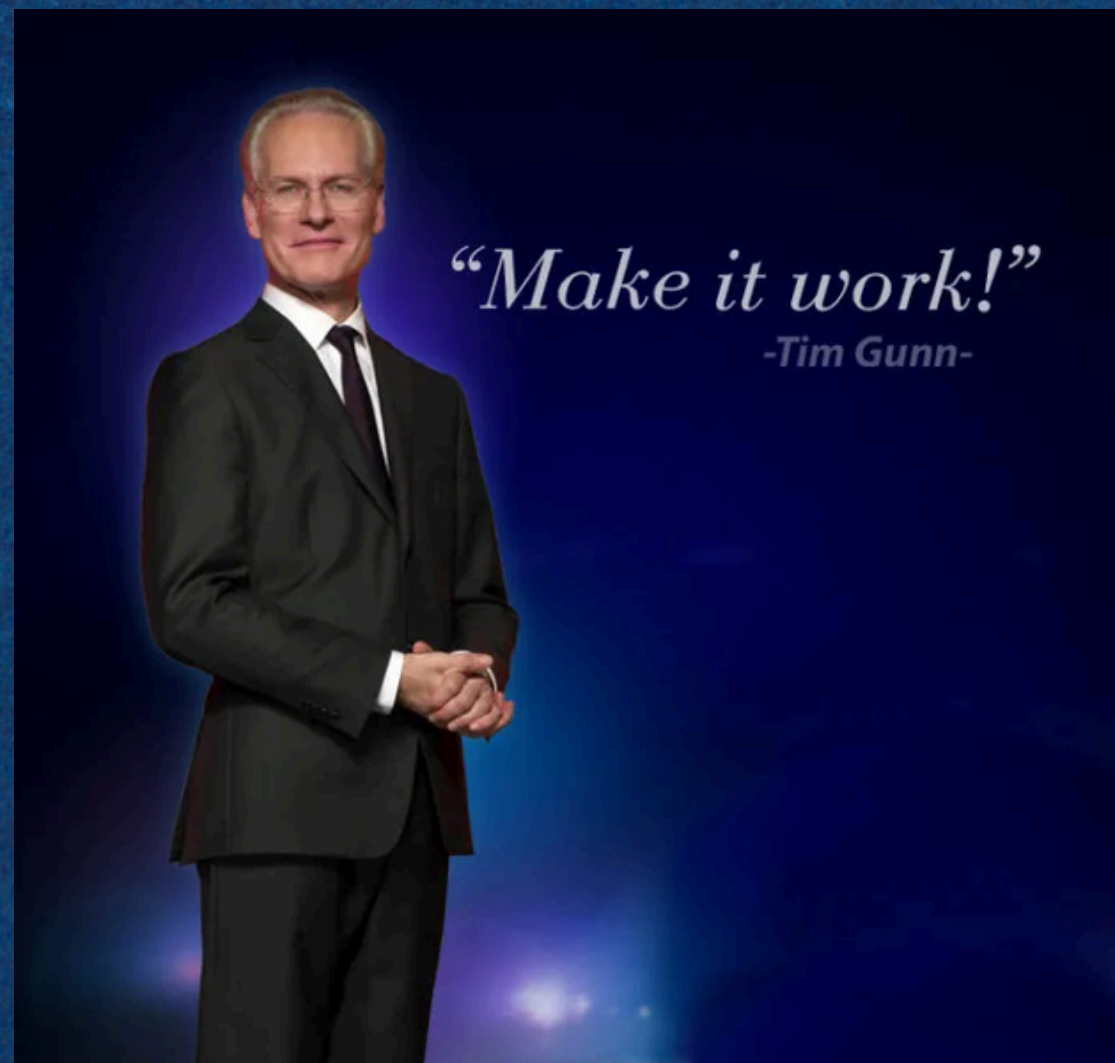
- INVESTIGATING **REDUNDANT** RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES
- FREEZING CERTAIN **VACANT** POSITIONS

COST SAVING WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- FOCUSING ON UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE
- COMBINING SERVICES AREAS IN FUTURE PROJECTS
- SLOWING THE PACE OF FUTURE PROJECTS

UNDERSTANDING THE PLAN WILL HELP EBRPL

Thrive!



DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



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LIBRARY