

Report of the Restorative Justice Commission:

The Way Forward Towards
Restorative Justice in College Park





Circa 1970



Today

Urban Renewal Project Area 1969

White Families Non White Families

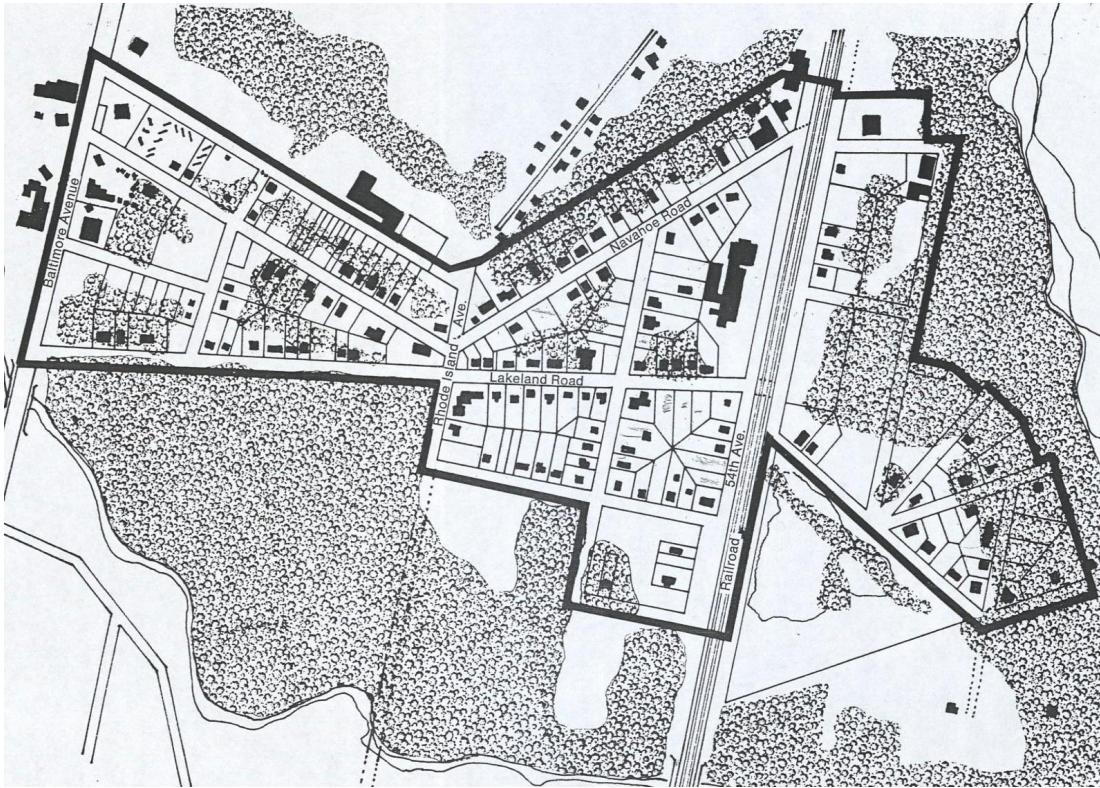
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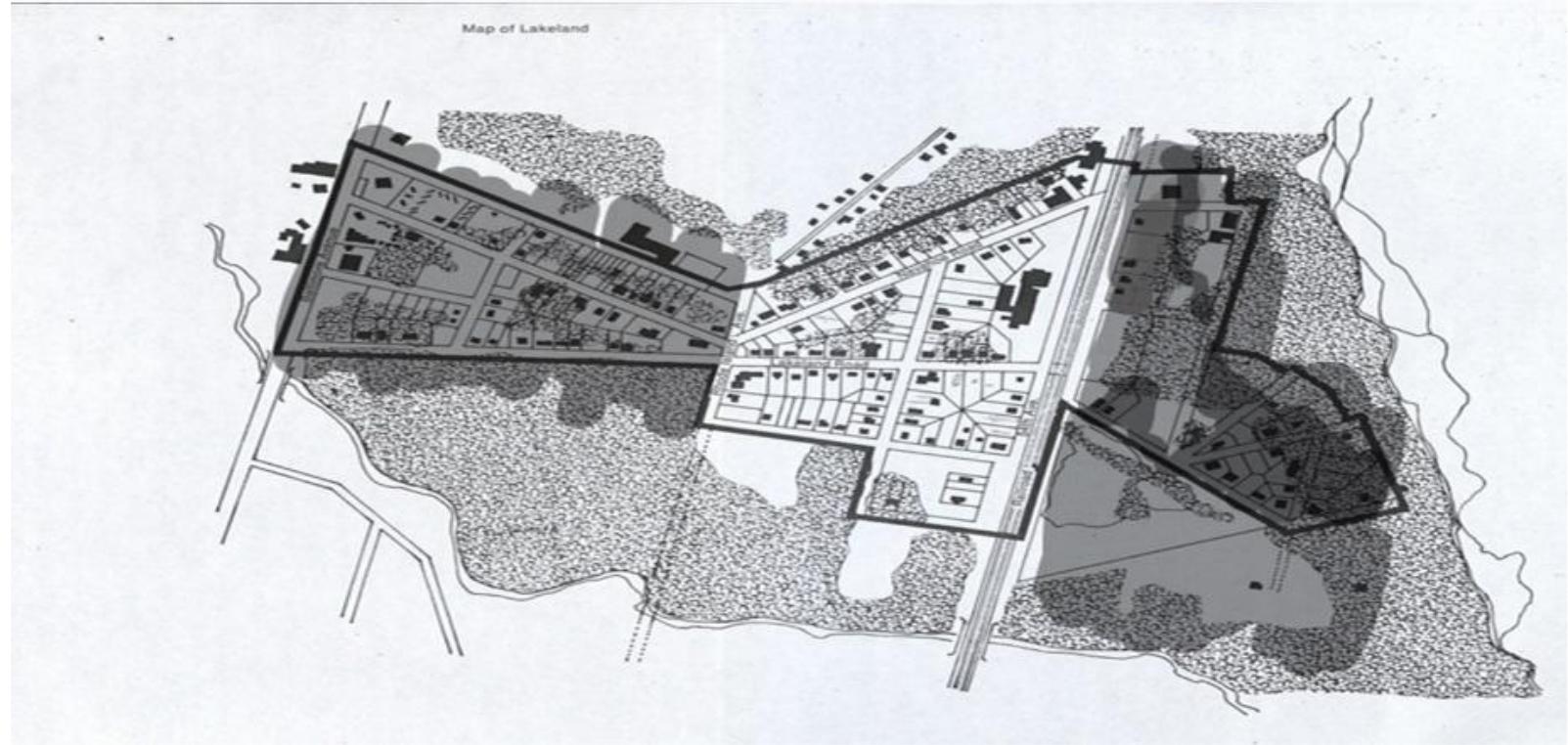
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The report is organized based on the five essential elements for reparations outlined by the United Nations:

- Restitution
- Compensation
- Rehabilitation
- Satisfaction
- Guarantees of Non-Repetition

Calling on these entities to work individually or collectively to address the harms through specific actions

- **City of College Park (MD)**
- Prince George's County
- Prince George's County Public Schools
- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- State of Maryland, including the University of Maryland

RESTITUTION

Restoring the victim to the state they were in before the violation, which can include regaining liberty, family life, citizenship, employment, or property.

- Create designation of “Lakeland Legacy Member”.
- Assure fair market real estate sales
- Re-establish visual and physical connection to the lake
- Establish cultural, historical, and educational institutions in Lakeland
- Improve access to public transportation
- Protect the environment in Lakeland

RESTITUTION continued

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- Return Lakelanders to Lakeland as homeowners and business owners
 - Adopt Right of First Refusal policies for real estate within the Lakeland Urban Renewal District
 - Construct new homes, businesses and home-based businesses in Lakeland
 - Continue current programs and establish new initiatives which increase owner occupancy of homes. Establish the “Return to Lakeland Program”
 - Permit the construction of auxiliary dwelling units within Lakeland

COMPENSATION

Providing payment for economic damages resulting from the violations, such as physical or mental harm, lost opportunities, and the cost of services.

- Compensation for forced displacement of individuals from Lakeland during the period of 1969-1981
- Compensation for community disruption through the establishment of the Lakeland Legacy Scholars program offering free tuition to Lakeland Legacy Members

REHABILITATION

Offering medical, psychological, legal, and social support to help victims recover, including vocational training and education for integration.

- Establishment and continuation of community based supplemental education programs within the Lakeland community

SATISFACTION

Measures addressing moral harm, including cessation of ongoing violations, truth disclosure, finding disappeared persons, restoring dignity through declarations or decisions, public apologies, sanctions, and commemoration.

- Memorialize harm in physical locations in Lakeland (including but not limited to Pierce Avenue site and Lakeland school site)
- Memorialize commitment to repair through visual representation of Resolution 20R16
- Ensure truth disclosure through the Lakeland Community Heritage Project and the Lakeland Digital Archive as they continue to document and share stories of Lakeland.
- Ensure truth disclosure by supporting additional restorative justice research

GUARANTEE OF NON-REPETITION

Implementing reforms to prevent future violations, such as civilian oversight of security forces, strengthening the judiciary, protecting human rights workers, and promoting human rights standards.

- Support the preservation and official designation of Lakeland sites of community significance including Lakeland High School, First Baptist Church and Embry AME Church.
- Establish a new Historic Preservation recognition of “Cultural Resource Community” and designate Lakeland as a Cultural Resource Community
- Establish a Lakeland Land Trust
- Adopt the Lakeland Neighborhood Plan

City of College Park Restorative Justice Commission's New Charge:

The mandate of the City of College Park's Restorative Justice Commission will be to advise and work with the Mayor and Council on the implementation of the reparative work recommended by the City.

This will include advocacy for legislation associated with achieving the recommendations of the Mayor and Council, and the harnessing of resources, including through relevant sections noted in the Report of the Restorative Justice Commission: The Way Forward Towards Restorative Justice in College Park.

Thank you from the Restorative Justice Commission

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