In the 1950’s, a corrugated metal crash barrier was installed to prominently delineate the municipal boundary between Brentwood, a sundown town, and North Brentwood, the county’s first incorporated African American town. Though the laws and popular sentiments have changed, the structure remains. NDC worked closely with community leaders and residents during an 18-month community engagement process to develop shared values and a vision to inform the redesign of the barrier area and associated streetscape. Funding was secured through a Chesapeake Bay Trust grant, allowing the two towns to collaborate on the planning and design of a Green Complete Street project.

The eventual design of the Green Street will build on the shared cultural history, informed by the impacts of stormwater and flooding, and addressed through an artistic interpretation of place and memory. The proposed streetscape includes interpretive signs, benches, bioretention planters, tree boxes, pervious curb/gutters and residential streetscape planting.

**BENEFITS**

- Collaborative design process brought long-time residents and decision makers together to create shared values for placemaking.
- Green Complete Street approach addresses long-standing stormwater issues and provides a comfortable pedestrian experience.
- Collaborations between the towns and arts community resulting in $265K outside funding.