The Neighborhood Design Center has partnered on the transformation of Ambrose Kenney Park (now Henrietta Lacks Educational Park) from overgrown land to modernized park since 2013 through place-based advocacy via NDC's Place Matters Program. NDC worked with neighborhood members, BUILD, reBUILD Johnston Square and the 6th Branch to implement tactical urbanism style interventions to weed, de-pave asphalt, re-paint the basketball courts, and create useable, active gathering spaces. NDC's Community Design Works program worked with community members to design and plant

neighboring adopt-a-lots. NDC's support combined with the community implemented changes grabbed the attention of the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks who applied and won a National Recreation and Parks Association Great Urban Parks grant totalling over $700,000 for implementation of the park. The total renovation funds secured were near $1.3 million. The park construction was managed by Parks and People Foundation and completed in 2017.

BENEFITS

• Addition of seating areas, native trees and landscaping, bathrooms, play areas, and re-surfaced basketball courts
• 230,000 gallons of stormwater captured per year by green infrastructure
• Approximately $100 million in renovation investments created in the surrounding neighborhood because of the park's impact on the neighborhood
• Continued maintenance and support from the 6th Branch and the surrounding community

SERVICES RENDERED

• Creative Placemaking
• Facilitation and Co-Design
• Community Visioning
• Grant Writing
• Resource Connection

ABOUT

Community Partners

BUILD
reBUILD Johnston Square
The 6th Branch

Funding Partners

National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)
Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks (BCDRP)

Location

Johnston Square Community Baltimore, MD

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