

COMMUNITY DESIGN LAB + MIDDLE BRANCH

Are you interested in local issues at the intersection of the built environment and design? Then, you should join us for the inaugural Community Design Lab + Middle Branch program!

As part of the on-going **Reimagine Middle Branch** project, the Design Lab will amplify youth perspectives in shaping local places in South Baltimore and the Middle Branch waterfront. The program aims to cultivate youth agency in their community through this project-based, career-discovery program to drive equity, inclusion, belonging and sustainable change in our local communities.

WHO

Students who want to:

- explore their local environments through the lens of urban design, landscape and urban planning
- research social and environmental issues in and around the Middle Branch project site
- develop projects and design ideas to begin to address these issues

WHAT + WHEN

Design Immersion

- March thru early May 2022
- 10 weekly, 1-hr sessions [paid sessions and additional service learning opportunities]

Design Incubator

- Summer 2022
- 5-weeks, 20-hrs/week

WHY

It's your community!

- Work with design professionals and find mentors
- Work on fun projects!
- Learn how to advocate for your community
- gain design-thinking experience and start building your own design portfolio

Partners



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Conservancy

Program Host



Application Deadline: February 11, 2022

Apply Today!



Questions?
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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

★ Design Immersion

Week of March 7, 2022 – Week May 16, 2022

A cohort of 10-12 high school youth will first participate in the 10-week long, hands-on Design Immersion course to explore the history, project context and technical skills and knowledge of built environment design professionals.

★ Design Incubator

July 2022 – August 2022

Upon successful completion of the 10-week course, participants will spend 5-weeks this summer in the Lab's Design Incubator program. Participants will spend 20-hours per week (combo of instruction, career discovery activities, mentorship, and project work time) to incubate their own projects that center environmental justice outcomes in South Baltimore .

★ **Nature Conservancy Project Awards:** the projects you develop may also be competitive to receive additional funding (after the program) to enable further project development!

★ Eligibility

Eligible participants must be current high school students, 16 years old or older living in or attending school in South Baltimore. Prior experience is not required to be a part of the program. Interested program participants should complete this application in its entirety by the application deadline.

★ Compensation

Students will receive a total in \$500 for successful participation and completion of the first 10-week Design Immersion course, in addition to service learning opportunities. Those students who continue through the summer will receive another \$1500 for participation in the Design Incubator program.

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