



Thinking of relocating yourself, your family or your business?

The future is looking up for the Southwest Partnership Neighborhoods. Here are **ELEVEN** reasons why:

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Sowebo is Southwest Baltimore: Pigtown, Union Square, Barre Circle, Franklin Square, Poppleton, Mount Clare, and Hollins Roundhouse!

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1 The **University of Maryland Baltimore BioPark** is a major jobs generator and is launching a **\$200 million Gateway Building** at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and W. Baltimore Street. This development will be the BioPark's 6th significant building since 2003, a rate of one new building every three years. With four large development parcels remaining, the BioPark could be built out in a little more than a decade, scoring hundreds more good jobs for Sowebo.

2 **Sowebo is home to the Southwest Partnership (SWP) and is a Neighborhood Impact Investment Area.** Southwest Partnership is spearheading the rebirth of commercial W. Baltimore Street with its headline project, the Lord Baltimore Theater. SWP is also working closely with the city's housing department, which has designated funding to strategically strengthen the housing market, increase home ownership, and fund more blight elimination.

3 **Pigtown's Main Street is thriving.** Pigtown has welcomed 12 new businesses in the last year along Washington Boulevard. Over 13 million dollars of investment and improvements is transforming this commercial district. Pigtown Main Street, a local economic and community development nonprofit will implement over a half million dollars of capital improvements by 2021.



4 **Transportation access** is great! Access to I-95 and 295 is unbeatable - both are only minutes from Sowebo. Hourly train stops at Camden and West Baltimore MARC Stations make commuting by rail easy. BWI Airport is less than 15 minutes away.

5 Sowebo is **within a mile radius of Downtown**, stadiums, the Hippodrome, University of Maryland Baltimore, the Inner Harbor, the new Lexington Market, and Horseshoe Casino / Warner Street Entertainment Zone.

6 You don't always need a car. The Gwynns Falls Trail, and planned projects such as the Bush Street Cycle Track and Martin Luther King Boulevard side path **make riding a bicycle or scooter easy to many key destinations.**

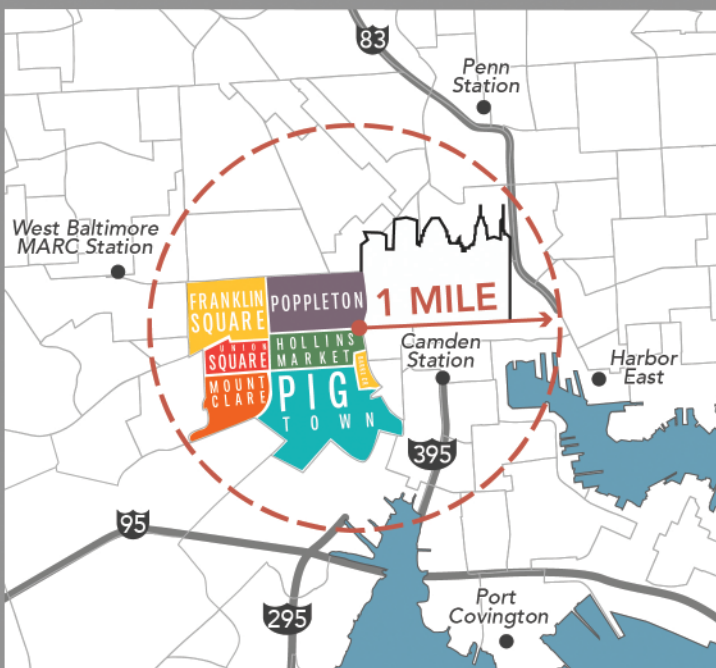
7 **Center West is a master-planned development** in the Poppleton neighborhood. Larger than normal apartments and a pool amenity are in the first phase. Future phases will include more amenities including a grocery store.

8 **Poe Homes has received a CHOICE Planning grant** for the POE Homes redevelopment. The new development will accommodate existing and future residents of mixed incomes, family composition, and lifestyles in new quality housing.

9 **There are school options.** Sowebo offers a variety of early childhood programs and school choices for pre-k and elementary with public, charter, and a brand new Catholic school (to be built). City-wide middle and high school choice allows parents to choose schools at all levels.

10 **Fun events take place year round.** Notable events include the Pigtown, Lithuanian, Ruth Kirk and Sowebo Festivals and the Union Square Cookie Tour.

11 Sowebo is **home to some of the most unique museums in America.** The B&O Railroad Museum is the birthplace of American railroading and a national historic landmark. Visitors can tour the roundhouse and 19th century collection of rolling stock, stand where the first telegraph message was received and ride the first mile of commercial track laid in the country. The Edgar Allen Poe and H.L. Mencken Houses, where many famous works were written, are open to the public and offer glimpses into the lives of these literary icons.



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