

# REBIRTH IN ACTION

*"Telling the Story of Freedom"*

## In Collaboration With:

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## WHAT'S THE REBIRTH IN ACTION PROJECT?

*An initiative that starts by "Telling The Story of Freedom"*

The "Rebirth in Action: Telling the Story of Freedom" initiative is designed to tell the story of freedom through art and cultural experiences to promote Houston Freedmen's Town as a monument of Black community, agency and heritage. The first phase of the project includes community engagement, artist-led activations through a continuation of CAMH's artist residency program CAMHLAB, an exhibition with renowned artist Theaster Gates, and infrastructure resiliency planning.

## BENEFITS & IMPACTS

*Co-creating solutions for the brick streets ignites discussion & visions of FT's future*

The project will integrate infrastructure and resilience planning, archaeological preservation of the brick pavers, and embed artists as storytellers and catalysts that enhance the experience of Freedmen's Town.

- Reveal the Full Story Behind the Brick Streets
- Actionable Plan to Restore the Brick Streets
- Community-Centered Partnership w/ Houston Public Works
- Guided By Preservation Best Practices
- Highlights & Honors Community-Led Storytelling & Creativity
- Ongoing and Documented Community Engagement Opportunities
- Catalyzes Funding for Phase 2: Rebuilding the Brick Streets
- Through Art, Together We Envision a New Future For Freedmen's Town

## KEY STAKEHOLDERS / PARTNERS

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston  
Houston Freedmen's Town Conservancy  
City of Houston Public Works Department  
Rebirth In Action Advisory Council