“The original Town of Blacksburg was laid out in a grid, on land that was donated by William Black, for whom the Town is named. Five streets running NE to SW cross five other streets running NW to SE. Each square or block was then divided into four equal lots, creating a total of 64 building lots in the original Town layout. This plan created the “16 Squares” that we refer to today.”

Since Blacksburg was chartered by the Virginia Legislature in 1798, it has had over two centuries of development. This provides a unique opportunity to capture the dynamics of change and place across time by employing such technologies as virtual and augmented reality. By creating a multilayered and sophisticated program, not only does this provide a factual history of this town, but also an educational treasure about the successes and challenges of civic life capturing the extensive emotions that people experienced as they lived at various times.

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