

# EVANSTON HURC HOUSING

2018 - WOLD, JONATHAN, & WOODBURN - EVANSTON

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## NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROJECT



Revitalization of 6 historic vacant residential properties in Evanston



Funded through the City of Cincinnati's NOFA funding procurement process, LISC Cincinnati, and Greater Cincinnati Neighborhoods Housing Revitalization Loan Fund, Ed & Joann Hubert Family Foundation Inc.



City of Cincinnati; Hamilton County Landbank; Evanston Community Council; LISC Cincinnati; HURC

## IMPACT TO DATE

Rehabs of vacant homes began in August 2018.



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**Newly restored, affordable housing available in 2018**

**EVANSTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE RECEIVES HUD FUNDING**

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The Homesteading & Urban Redevelopment Corporation (“HURC”) is a 501(c)(3) Ohio nonprofit corporation focused on community housing improvement throughout the region and in particular the renovation of homes in low to moderate income areas. Since 2015, the Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority has functioned as the HURC’s management agent, staffing it with GCRA employees and providing all administrative and executive services.

Evanston HURC is being funded by the City of Cincinnati’s NOFA funding procurement process, LISC Cincinnati and the Greater Cincinnati Neighborhoods Housing Revitalization Loan Fund, and the Ed & Joann Hubert Family Foundation Inc. The goal of NOFA is producing housing products that help achieve PLAN Cincinnati’s goal of providing a full spectrum of quality housing options for individuals across income groups and in all stages of life. The HURC supports the belief that individuals of low to moderate economic levels in the same housing market should have available to them a like range of affordable homeownership options.

In October 2017, HURC learned it will receive \$300,000; part of the \$6.4 million in NOFA-funded projects for Cincinnati neighborhoods. The rehab work began in August 2018.

**PROJECT MARKET CHARACTERISTICS:**

Evanston neighborhood’s current population is 6,297, vs. 9,158 counted in the 2010 US Census. The neighborhood has 3,427 total housing units, of which 37% are owner-



occupied; 38% are renter-occupied, and 25% are vacant. The majority of units in the neighborhood are single-family, many in large historic homes. Evanston is among the City of Cincinnati’s neighborhoods to receive a “CoreFour” designation that helps accelerative housing redevelopment. The Redevelopment Authority and Hamilton County Landbank have had a critical role in several of the City’s stated initiatives, including Moving Ohio Forward demolition grant program. The Landbank used \$752,500 of MOF funding in Evanston, most significantly on the demolition of St. Leger apartment building to make way for St. Ambrose, which opened in 2014. The Redevelopment Authority chose Evanston as its first neighborhood for place-based market-rate home rehab and new construction. Under REACH Evanston, the Redevelopment Authority has rehabbed and sold 24 properties near Evanston’s historic intersection at Montgomery and Woodburn.