



ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (ECDC)

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History and Mission:

Formed in 1996 as an outgrowth of Englewood Christian Church, Englewood Community Development Corporation strives to nurture and embody “love of neighbor” in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, and comprehensive community development on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis.

Englewood Community Development Corporation nurtures “love of neighbor” as:

- A tangible expression of Englewood Christian Church and a way for working members to move toward deep and healthy community.
- A resource and collaborative partner for neighbors of our Englewood Neighborhood and Near Eastside community.
- An inspiration and demonstration for churches and church communities seeking a more faithful response to “love of neighbor” in their own communities.

Initially, ECDC helped facilitate the redevelopment of vacant homes and relocation of households into the Englewood Neighborhood. Currently, the organization maintains a focus on strengthening our neighborhood by providing quality and affordable home ownership and rental opportunities for a wide array of valued neighbors including special needs, ex-offender, and shelter populations.

Boundaries of Englewood Neighborhood:

North – Michigan Street; South – Conrail Tracks south of Washington Street

West – Rural Street; East – Lasalle Street

Though predominately focused within the Englewood Neighborhood, ECDC serves in a variety of capacities throughout the Near Eastside.

Relevant Experience:

- 60 home rehabilitations and home repairs, with over \$2 million in development investment
- 25+ sales to new homeowners
- 30+ units of quality affordable rental housing
- Commercial storefront building featuring Indianapolis’s first green roof
- Property Management of over 30 rental units or contract sales
- Staff experience with administration and compliance of CDBG, HOME, NIP and other State of Indiana funding
- Experience working with various lending partners such as National City Bank, Charter One Housing Bank, Citizen’s Gas, National City Community Reinvestment Bank.

Recognition/Accomplishments:

- CHIP 2008 Blueprint Champion - Faith Based Initiative – Given by the Coalition Partner of the Year by Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention
- Indianapolis’s First Green Roof – Featured in numerous print and media articles
- Graduates of Indiana Permanent Supportive Housing Institute
- Successful completion of *Women In Motion* initiative with the John H. Boner Community Center and Englewood Church to provide supportive services, mentoring, and housing services to 35 women and over 100 children making the difficult transition from the Indiana Women’s Prison with tremendous successes and recidivism rates.

Current Initiatives:

Englewood Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative – Comprehensive initiative to address numerous aspects of overall quality of life within the Englewood Neighborhood. This will include the acquisition, renovation, or redevelopment of over one dozen vacant and abandoned homes to provide new home ownership or quality rental opportunities for low and moderate income neighbors. However, the initiative also includes expansion of our successful Englewood Community Garden, demolition of select blighted structures, renovations to DayStar Childcare and Englewood Church, homeowner repair, advocacy for East Washington Street transit and business development, and an Englewood Neighborhood History Project.

The CommonWealth – Redevelopment of the historic IPS School #3 as a 32-unit apartment building with associated neighborhood serving community and recreational spaces. Ranging from efficiencies to three-bedrooms, mixed-income residents will benefit from apartments loaded with historic charm and unique features. In keeping with the building's history and The CommonWealth philosophy, ten of the units will be targeted to support chronically homeless individuals and families. Beyond signing a lease to live in a great building, residents will be asked to make a commitment beyond themselves to improve the community in which they will reside.

Comprehensive Community Development:

"Comprehensive before comprehensive community development was cool"

In addition to housing, Englewood CDC also operates in a number of staffed and volunteer capacities to promote a holistic and healthy community. This includes:

Bookkeeping – ECDC performs bookkeeping services for a number of churches, community development corporations, and other non-profits

Bookstore & Publishing – Our online bookstore, micro-publishing operation, and very popular Englewood Review of Books keeps us and others reading and thinking critically.

Gardening & Agriculture – Englewood Community Garden, complete with bee hives, benches, and fruit trees, has become a true neighborhood gathering place.

Community-Building – ECDC has been a leader in the Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative (GINI) and the Near Eastside Collaborative Taskforce. Monthly GINI meetings are held at Englewood Church. Members of Indianapolis Coalition for Neighborhood Development (ICND) and Indiana Association of Community Economic Development (IACED)

Place Based – Above all, ECDC like Englewood Church, is committed to the Near Eastside of Indianapolis and to our little corner herein.



(From left): Kids play in the Englewood community garden; sedum plants on the green roof at 10th and Rural Street; Mission Indy crew painting 61 N. Dearborn Street.