

213 South Driver St and Project RED

Project RED (Revitalize East Durham) is preparing to kick off its renovation efforts with a complete overhaul of 213 South Driver Street. Project RED is Preservation Durham (PD) and Preservation North Carolina (PNC) working together with neighbors and community advocates to help build a diverse, vibrant and affordable East Durham community. Working in partnership to preserve the wealth of early 20th-century housing stock and assisted by funding from both public and private entities, PNC and PD

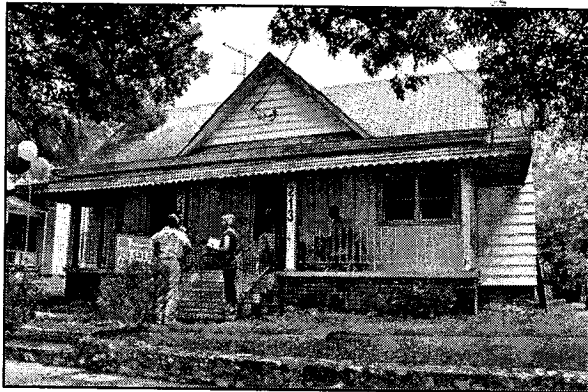
are committed to rehabbing eight to twelve vacant historic homes in East Durham and to encouraging historically compatible infill construction on some of the neighborhood's vacant

lots. They will provide affordable housing for service workers, public employees, and first-time homeowners, and the applied covenants will require owner occupancy, ensuring the long-term preservation and maintenance of their historic character. The end result: a revitalized and safe community with a high quality of life, which is now indicative of the rest of Durham.

This charming tri-gable house was built circa 1910 and features beadboard ceilings, two fireplaces and hardwood floors. The renovations involve removing and rebuilding the non-original portion at the rear of the house. This will increase the square footage and add a mud room and second full bath to the three bedroom house. The construction will involve an innovative partnership that combines the skills and resources of both for-profit and a non-profit contractors. Coral Home Solutions (principal Tiffany Elder) and New Beginnings Outreach (headed by Philip Jackson, with project manager Cliff Pratt) will partner on the project, dividing the work in a manner that maximizes each organiza-

tions' skills and experience.

Coral Home Solutions has already tackled several projects that have taken advantage of the NC Historic Tax Credits, including a recently rehabbed property at the corner of South Driver and East Main Streets. New Beginnings is an organization that provides training and work experience in the construction trades to former inmates, with a focus on new construction techniques. As such, Coral Home Solutions will head up the project and will be responsible for



most of the work on the historic components of the house, while New Beginnings will handle the demo and new construction.

Up to now, Project RED

has primarily involved a great deal of planning, community building and neighborhood promotion, including several individual sales of historic houses. Grants from the National Trust, the Triangle Community Foundation, the NC State Historic Preservation Office and the City of Durham have supported these efforts along with the preparation of the East Durham National Register Historic District designation.

A recent fundraiser for Project RED was held the home of Duke University President Richard Brodhead and his wife, Cindy Brodhead; Richard is a current board member of PNC and a former board member of PD. This event was co-hosted by NC Central University Chancellor and Mrs. Charlie Nelms and Mayor and Mrs. Bill Bell. We are excited to launch the construction component of Project RED and are enthusiastic about the new life that Project RED is bringing to East Durham. If you'd like to donate to the cause or volunteer with the project, visit PD's and PNC's websites at: www.preservationdurham.org or www.presnc.org.

Walking Downtown

The Preservation Durham historic downtown walking tours are some of the most visible and frequently offered educational opportunities available to learn about Durham's unique history and culture.

The PD Walking Tour Program began nearly 10 years ago and is stronger than ever before! An enthusiastic band of dedicated volunteers annually provides upwards of 50 free tours to a wide variety of attendees. In addition to the regularly scheduled 10 am Saturday morning tours, the PD guides have also played host to international scholars, longtime residents, returning college alumni, family reunions, wedding parties, and students of all ages, from elementary to graduate school. Since April 2007, PD has provided wonderfully entertaining and insightful introductions to the Bull City to over 2,400 people!

Preservation Durham wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation for the many hours of volunteerism that sustain this program. Specifically, PD offers heartfelt thanks to the tour guides who lead the Tobacco Heritage, Civil Rights Legacy, and Architecture & Landscape walking tours: Cathy Abernathy (led 37 tours since 2007!), Andrew Edmonds (23), Bill Triplett (12), Sally & Clare Adkin (10), Bill Erwin (10), Dean Michaels (10), Malcolm White (10), John Tallmadge (9), Howard Wood (9), Barbara Williams Ellertson (8), Jim Hastings (7), Alicia Hylton-Daniel (6), Megan Mentrek Bendson (6), Carolyn Covalt (5), Gil Buker (5), KC Elander (4), Erik Landfried (4), Emma Hymas (3), Carrie Mowry (3), Lorrel Strom-Jensen (3), Howard Tyler (2), Joyce Smith (2), Jenny Edmonds (1), Milo Pyne (1), Mindi Rambo (1), Dave Rollins (1), and Julie Thomson (1).

Thank's to everyone for all that you do!