



Northside Progress Report for Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen
November 24, 2015

This document summarizes work Self-Help and its partners have completed to date in implementing the Northside¹ Neighborhood Initiative (NNI). Our staff continue to work to implement the NNI, including the Northside Land Bank. Please note that we continue to partner closely with the neighborhood-based Jackson Center, whose staff plays an essential role in all of our activities. Since the NNI launch in March 2015, our shared efforts have included:

- Acquisition and management of five properties in the Land Bank, with ongoing attention to a list of approximately 50 target properties that we believe are either at-risk of transition or of particular strategic importance.
- Regular meetings with the “Compass Group,” the gathering of Northside neighborhood representatives who provide ongoing guidance and support of the NNI.
- Ongoing conversations with non-profit development partners—including CASA, the Community Home Trust, Empowerment, and Habitat for Humanity—to work together to implement the NNI.
- Monthly coordinating meetings with representatives from UNC, Town of Chapel Hill, Town of Carrboro, Jackson Center, and others as needed. Areas of focus have included baseline data collection, coordination around code enforcement, and other information sharing.
- Completed work in partnership with the NCSU College of Design, which developed concepts for a Town of Chapel Hill-owned property that could be used to develop affordable housing.
- Received a significant amount of private foundation funding for NNI implementation.
- Launching the innovative Promise of Home pilot program to make critical repairs for low-income seniors in the Northside, in partnership with other non-profits and contractors. Five homes will be repaired this winter.
- Continued work to establish a pipeline of households with an interest in Northside, and to connect these families to mortgage lenders and homebuyer counseling agencies.
- Began implementing a “Northside Census” to establish detailed baseline data and help inform program development and outreach.

We will continue to work on the above activities, and welcome the Town of Carrboro’s continued involvement. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with our project coordinator, Dan Levine, at dan@self-help.org.

¹ The phrase “Northside” is inclusive of Carrboro’s “Lloyd-Broad” neighborhood.