### Citizen-Led Development

#### Small Scale Real Estate Development Training

With the Incremental Development Alliance



# What does small scale, incremental development mean?



# 1-3 stories In your neighborhood Constantly evolving, regenerating



# No one is coming to fill the gaps in our neighborhoods.

We have to grow the capacity to create more real estate projects in local citizens.

This takes training and coaching.



# Habit of Extractive Land Development

Culture of Throwaway Buildings

Investment Opportunity

Land Held in Hands of Few

Deteriorating Municipal Tax Base



# We've Forgotten How to Work Small

Chronic Specialization

Patchwork Quilt of Arcane Regulation

Silver Bullet

Dire Construction Labor Shortage

**NEW!** Tariffs on Materials!





## Cultivating 1000 small developers and cities that support them



We're going to talk about how to do this incrementally.

If you had nothing today, what could you do

in your neighborhood?

#### A national non-profit to

#### Teach & Nurture Implementers

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**TRAIN** small business owners, neighborhood advocates, design/real estate professionals, builders and others to become small developers.

**COACH** civic groups and government agencies on how to create a thriving ecosystem for small developers and entrepreneurs.

**CONNECT** a continent of neighborhood-level doers to support each other and share field notes on what works.



# Development by "regular" people

It's not easy, but regular people CAN do this.



# You're the right person because you know what your neighborhood needs

- Knowledge of place and culture
- Building community wealth
- Accountability to your neighbors
- Property is Power



#### IncDev Alumni & Faculty Projects





### Bernice Radle Buffalo, NY

New Construction Quadplexes With Non-Residential Space



- Was working for a property mgmt co. then decided to make it sustainable
- In 2011 with a "dollar and a dream" decided she needed to do this on her own
- Around 40 buildings
- Comprehensive community development
- Building rehab that balance sustainability, affordability, historic preservation
- Zoning Board of Appeals





"My number one thing is to cannonball right in," she said. "Don't just dip your toe in the water. If you really want to buy a building, just buy it. All those buildings need stewards."



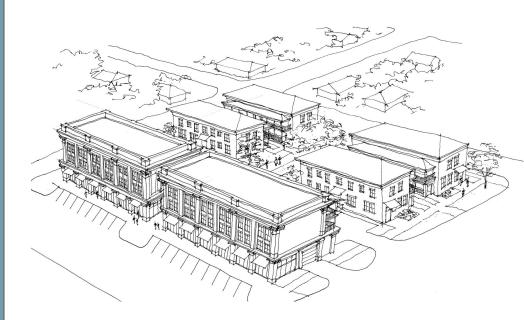


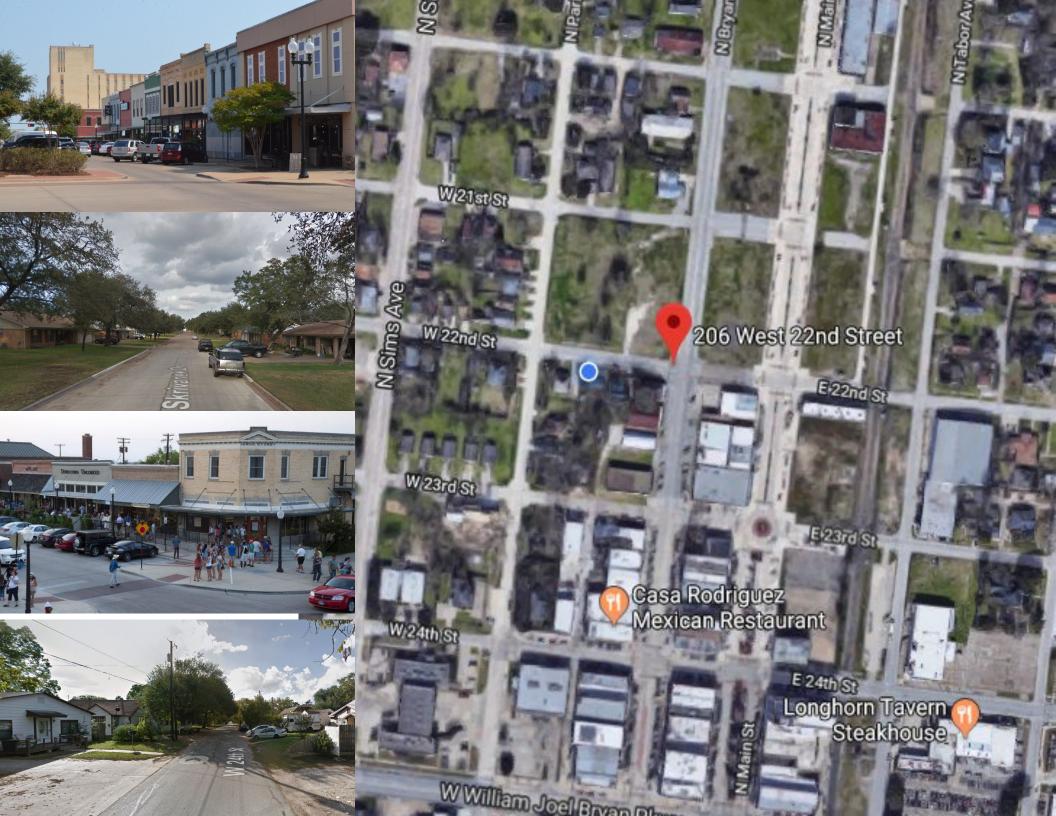
Capt. Ryan Terry USMC Bryan, Texas

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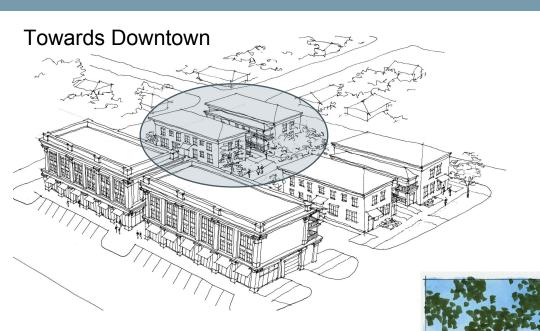


- "Won" City RFP to Develop Downtown Block into Mixed Use/Residential
- First New Construction
   Residential Buildings in
   Downtown in 40+ years
- Negotiated Incremental
   Approach to Lot Purchase





#### Phase 1 – 500 North Bryan Ave





Buildings Leased in Q1 2018 Each Lot Eligible for VA Permanent Mortgage





#### L. Lamont Wise Atlanta, Georgia

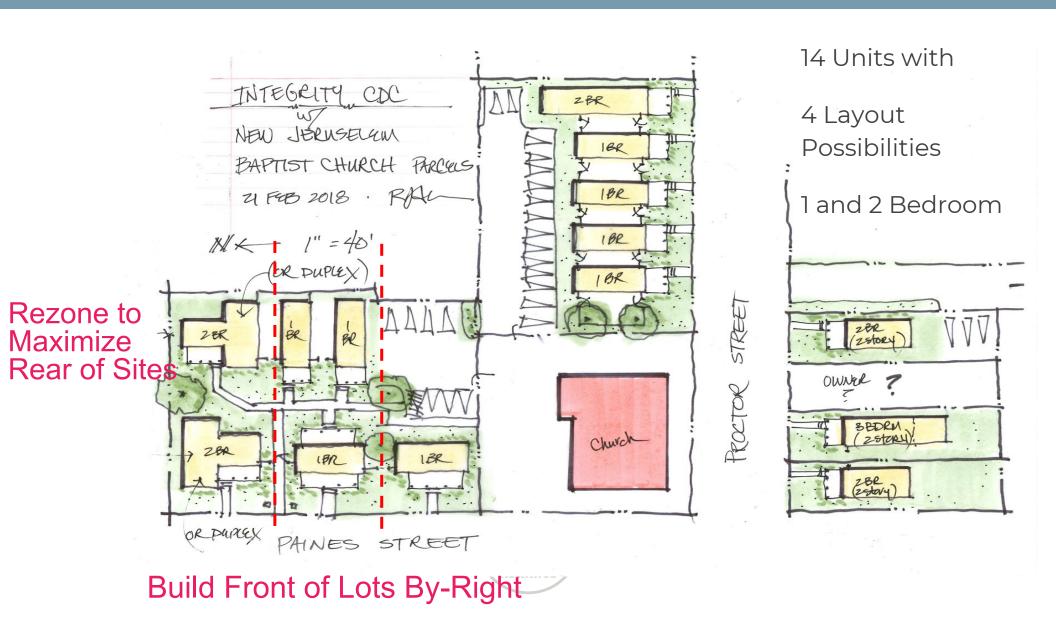
Integrity CDC

New Construction Cottages



- New Construction
   Cottages on Vacant Lots
- Leverage Their Workforce
   Development Program for
   Returning Citizens and
   Youth in Trades to build
- Housing for rent for Program Participants, low income populations
- Sell selected cottages/ lots to mid income buyers to help build overall project equity

#### New Jerusalem Baptist Church / Integrity CDC



#### **Example Cottages**





#### Example Floor Plans and Elevations









### Jenifer Acosta Bay City, MI

Jenifer Acosta Development

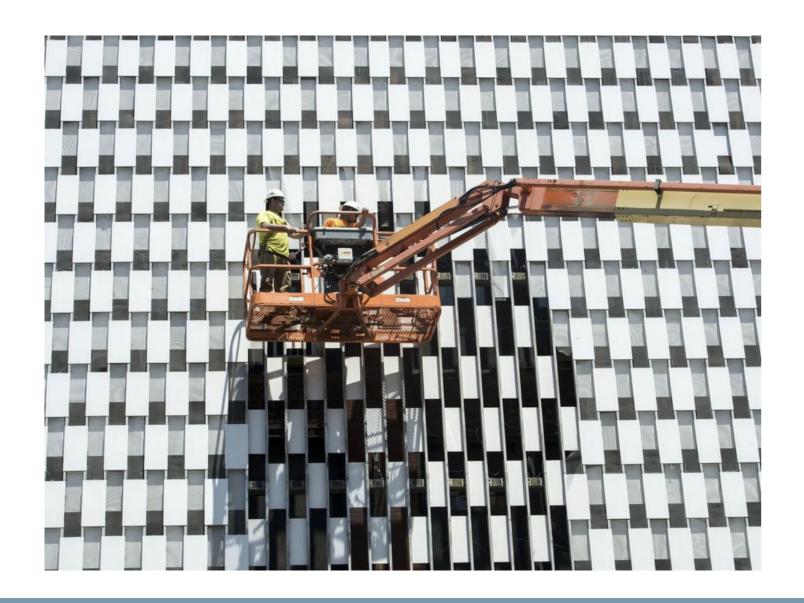
"Big" Small Scale Development



- Multiple projects that are mixed-use historic rehabilitation
- Projects including the Times Building, The Bearinger Building, Old City Hall, The Legacy
- Eleven thirteen center:
   missing middle
   residential project on
   an old gas station
   property. Going
   through environmental
   remediation.

#### The Legacy







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#### TODAY: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

### Deep Development Dive: Q&A with Developers and Summit Presenters

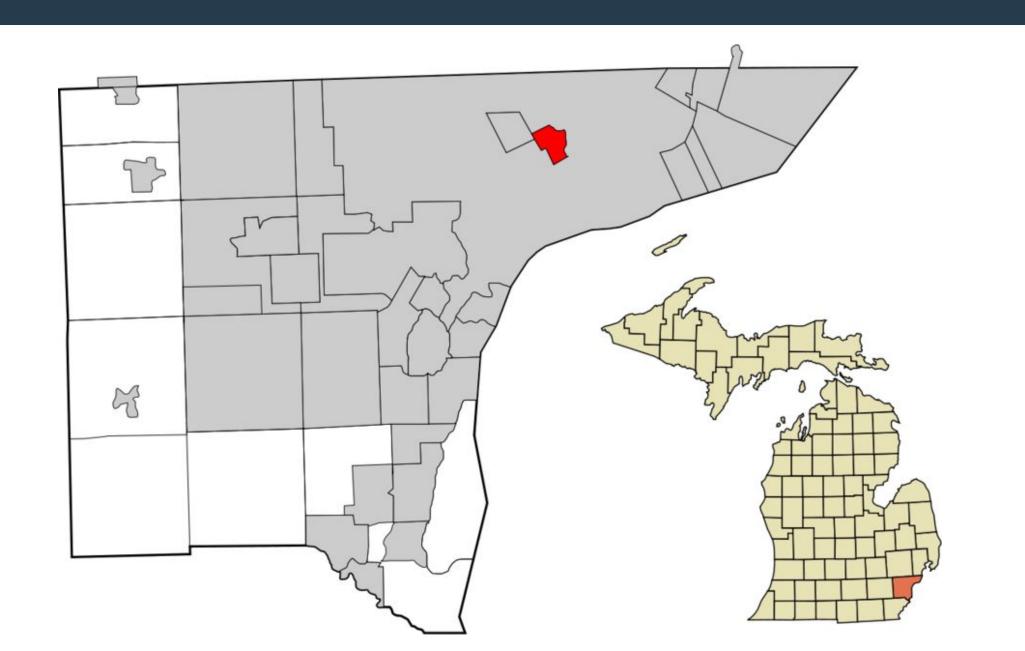
**Q&A with Jenifer Acosta, Jenifer Acosta Development** 



# Small Scale Development in Hamtramck, MI



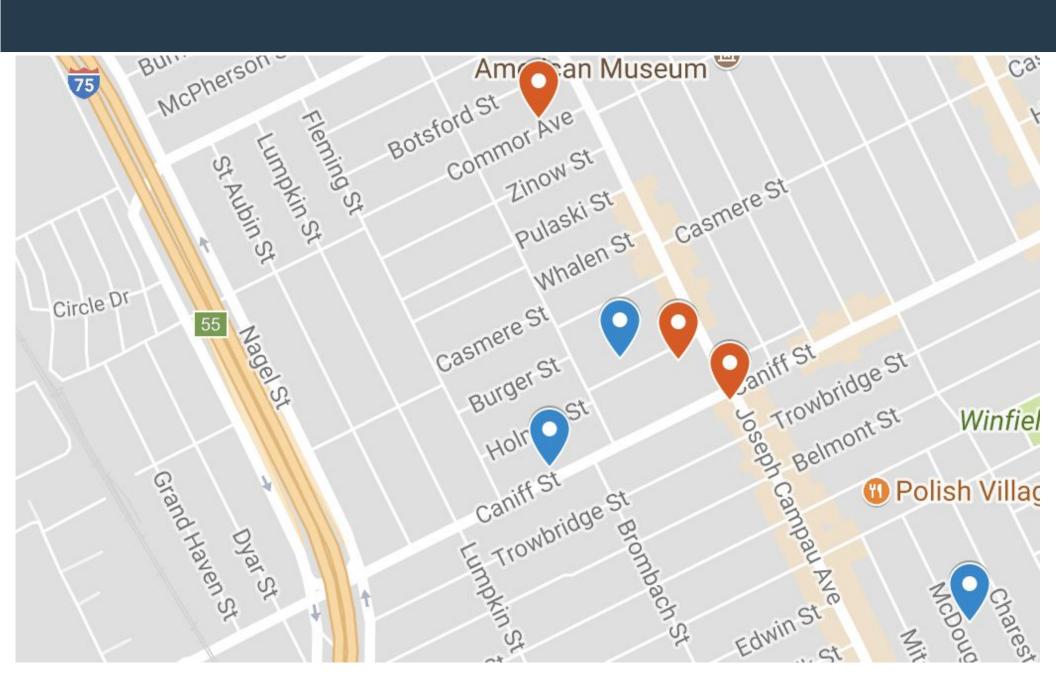
#### Hamtramck, MI



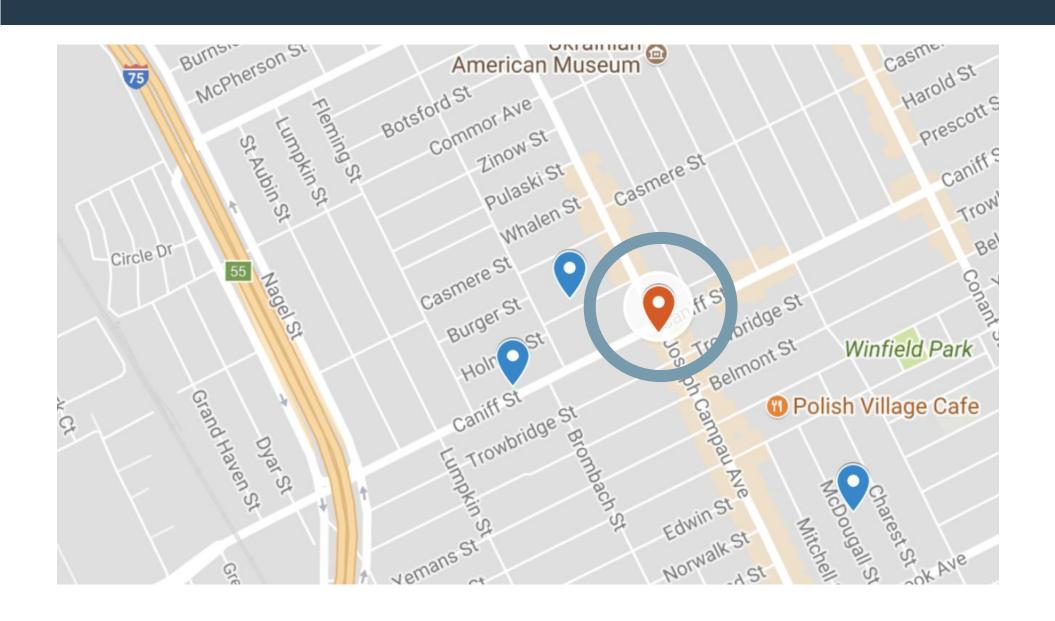
#### **Quick Facts about Hamtramck:**

- Hamtramck is a 2 square mile city, inside the city of Detroit, sharing a small border with Highland Park.
- With approx. 23k residents it's one of Michigan's most dense cities.
- It recently made headlines for electing a majority
   Muslim City Council and for filling its own potholes.
- Historically known as a Polish enclave, has a shifting population: 50%+ of residents are foreign-born--Bangladesh, Yemen, Syria, Bosnia, and Ukraine.
- Built to house auto industry workers, most people live in two-family duplexes, built on 30 ft lots.
- Median household income is \$23k\*

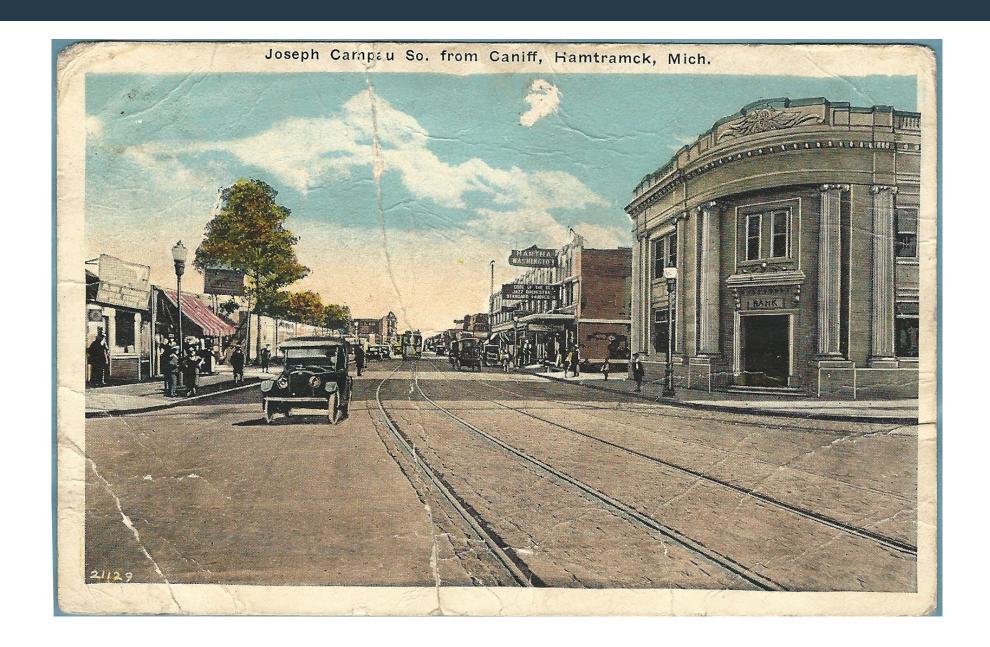
#### My neighborhood



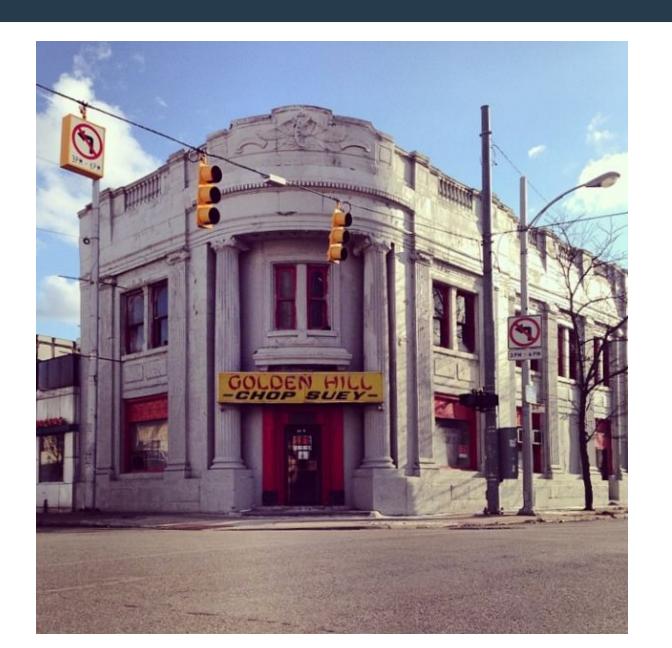
#### 10345 Jos Campau (Sept 2014)



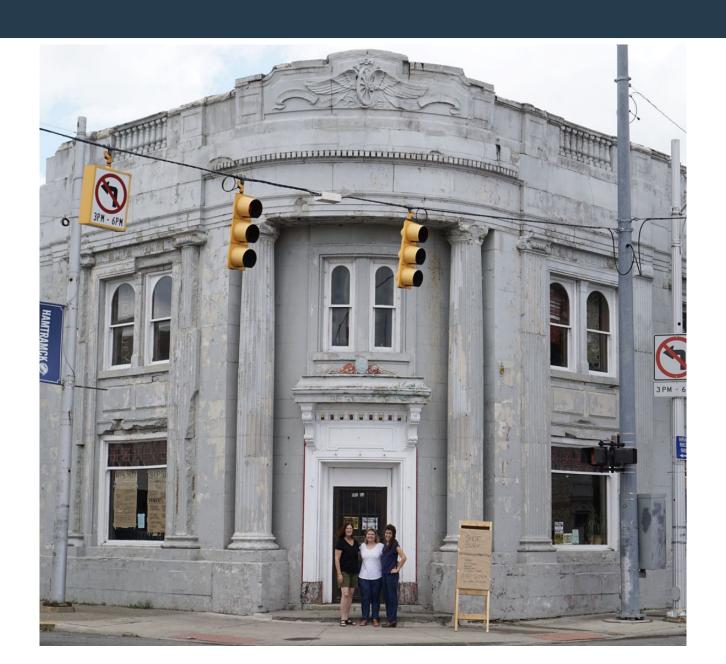
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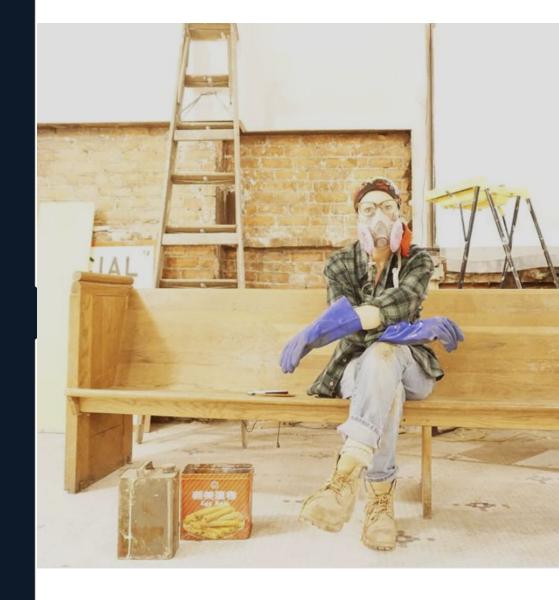
### @troubledassets -- 2014 Photo by Geoff George



#### 2017-With our summer intern, Sophie



# Building Rehab

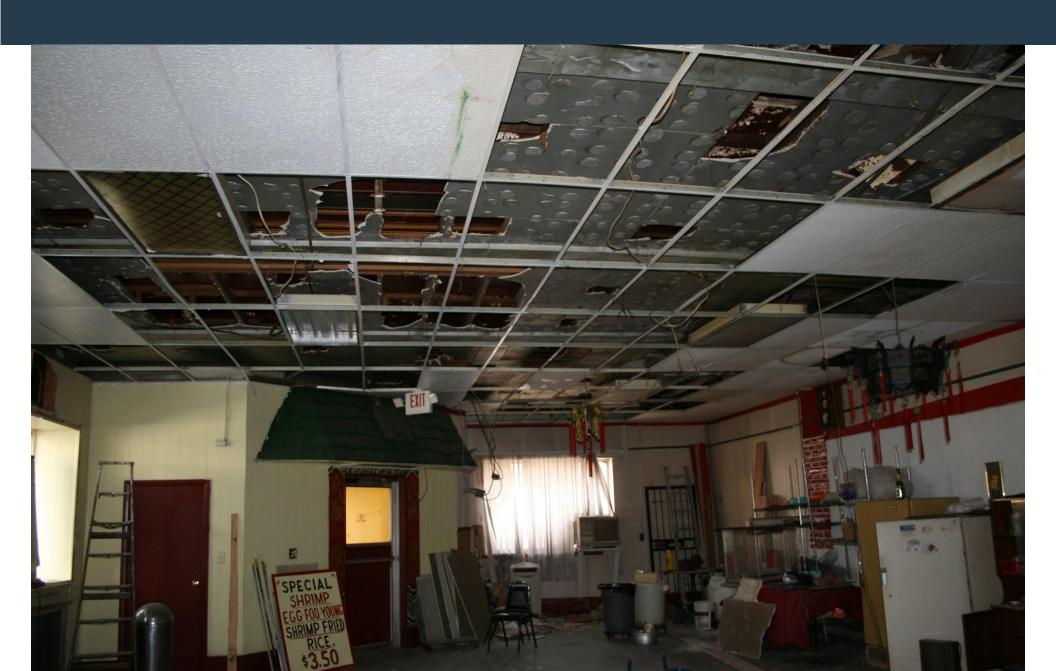




# Sept 2014









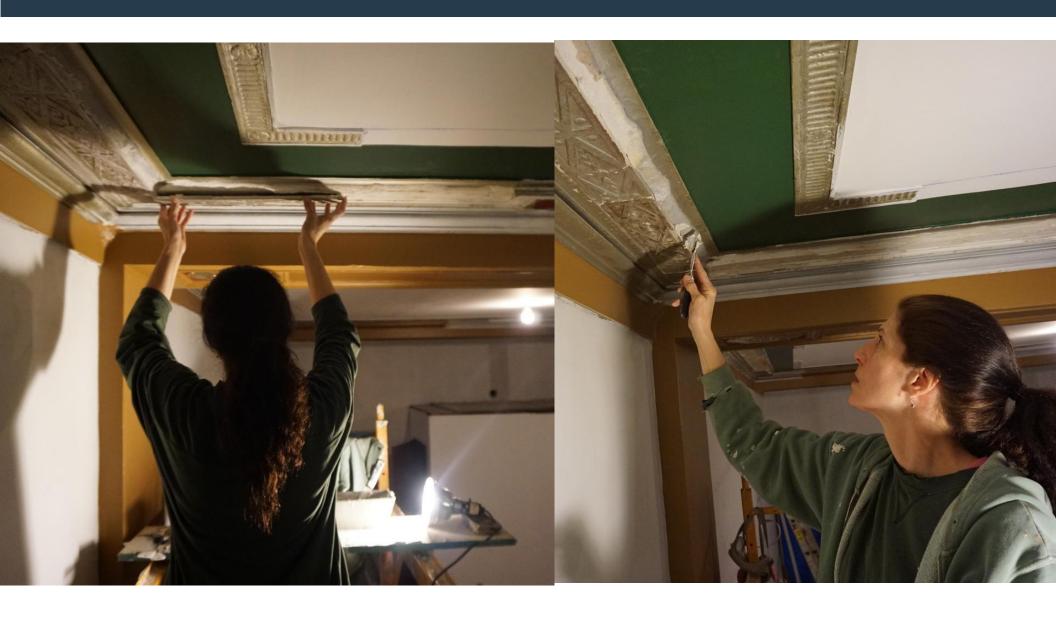
## Repairing the main banking floor ceiling







#### Connie Shelton-- "Plaster Master"



# Replacing wood floor













#### Taking down the Golden Hill Sign



#### Front Door







#### **Emergency Concrete Repairs**





#### Who's doing the work-- Family & Friends

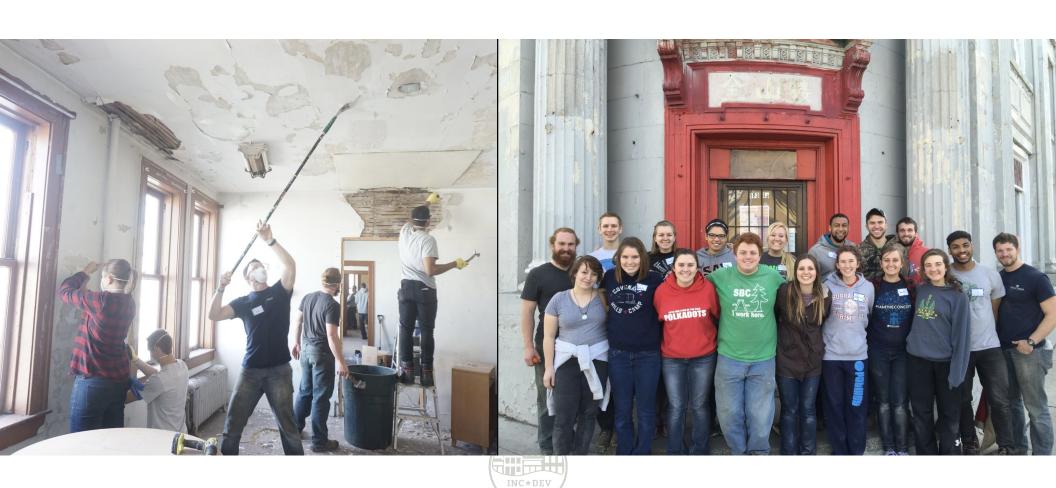








# Support from local volunteer groups



#### Support from MHPN & Brick + Beam









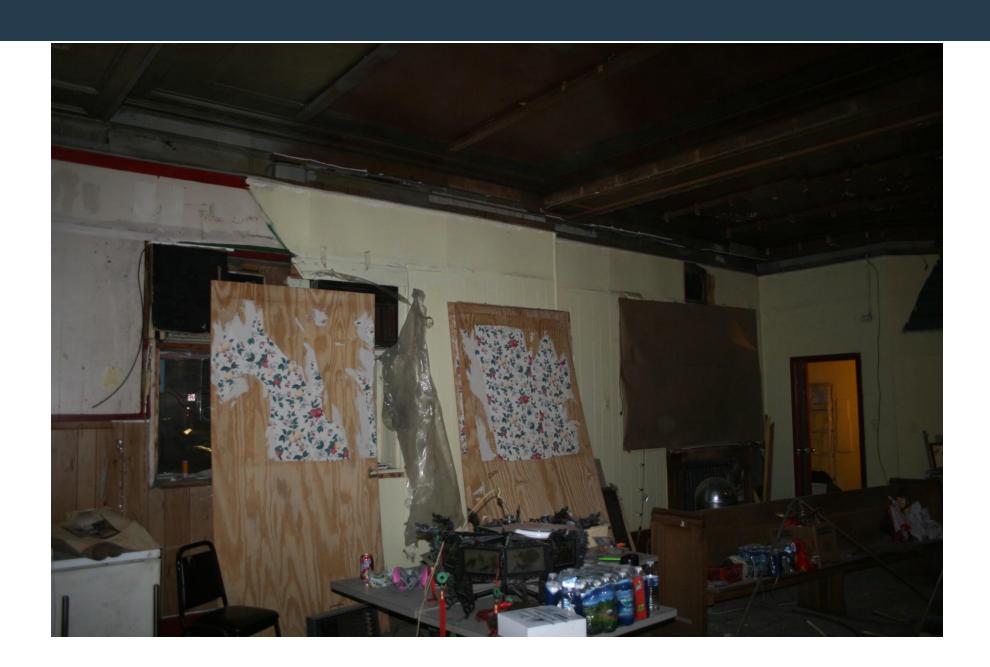






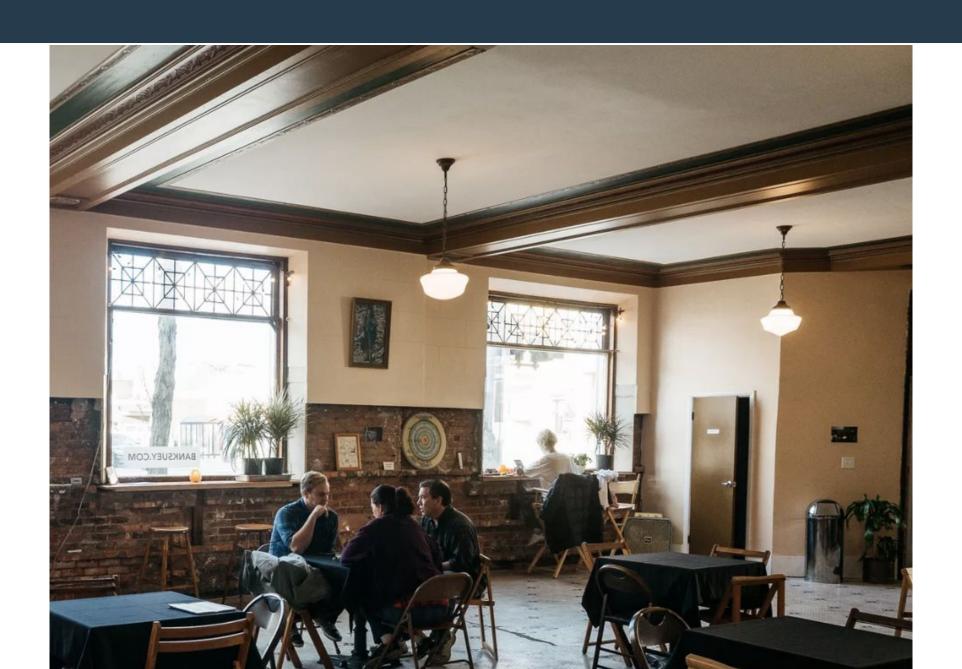


## Caniff-side Wall (before)

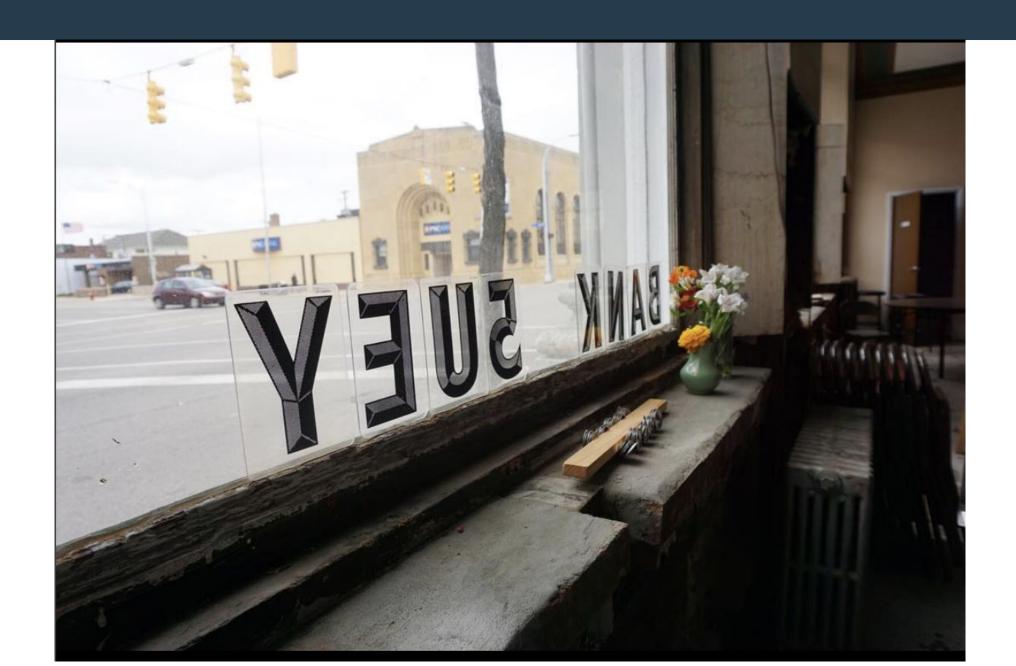


#### Caniff-side Wall (after)

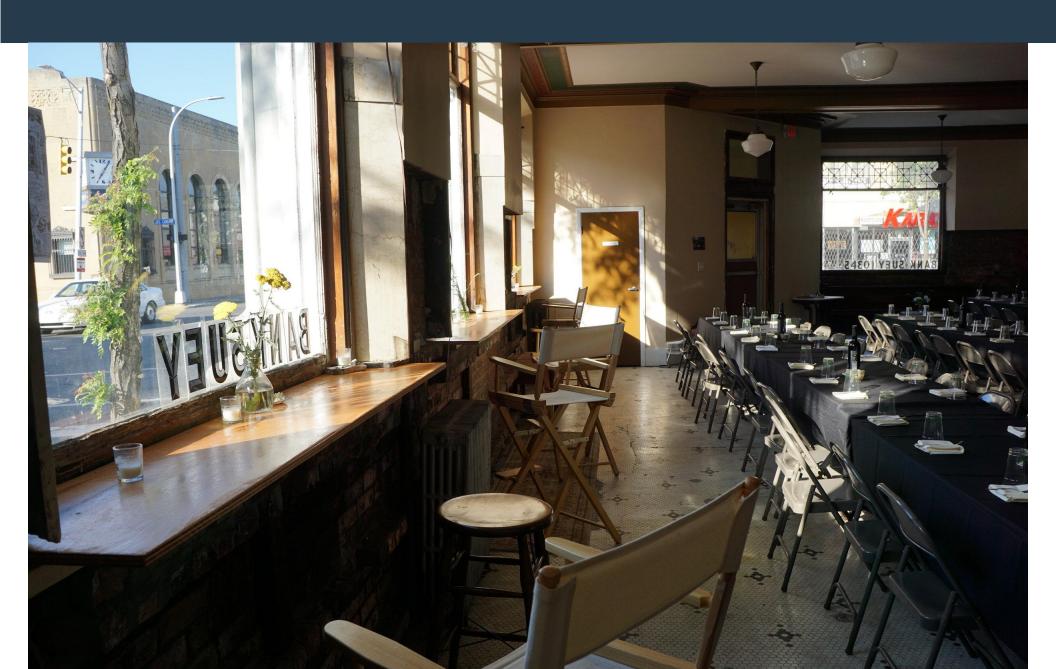
Photo by Michelle & Chris Gerard For Eater



## Caniff Window (before counters)



## Caniff Window (simple counters)



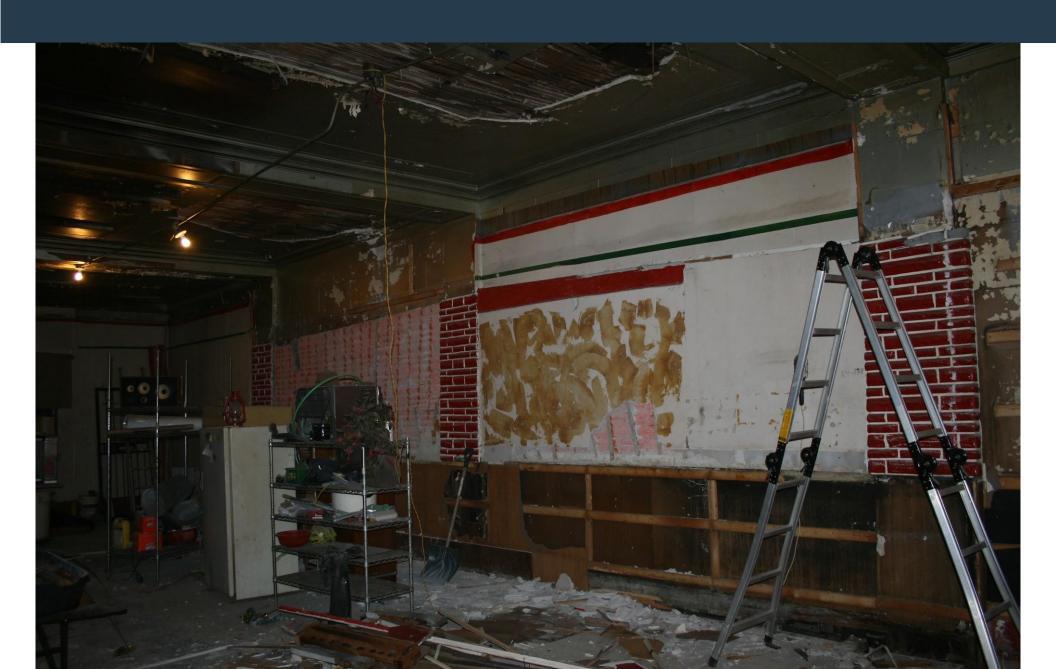
# Looking East (before)



## Looking East (after)



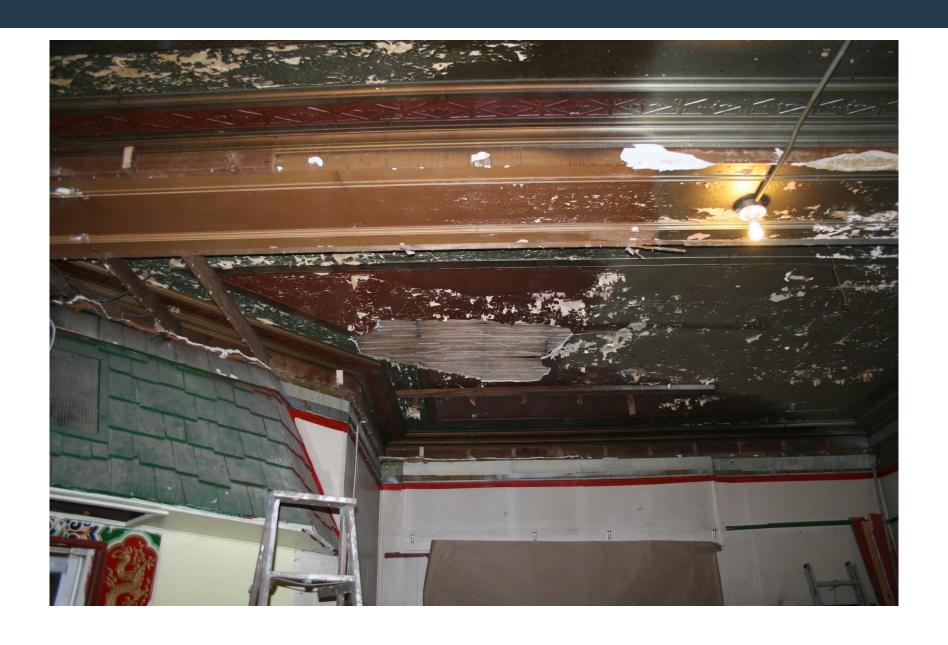
# South Wall (before)



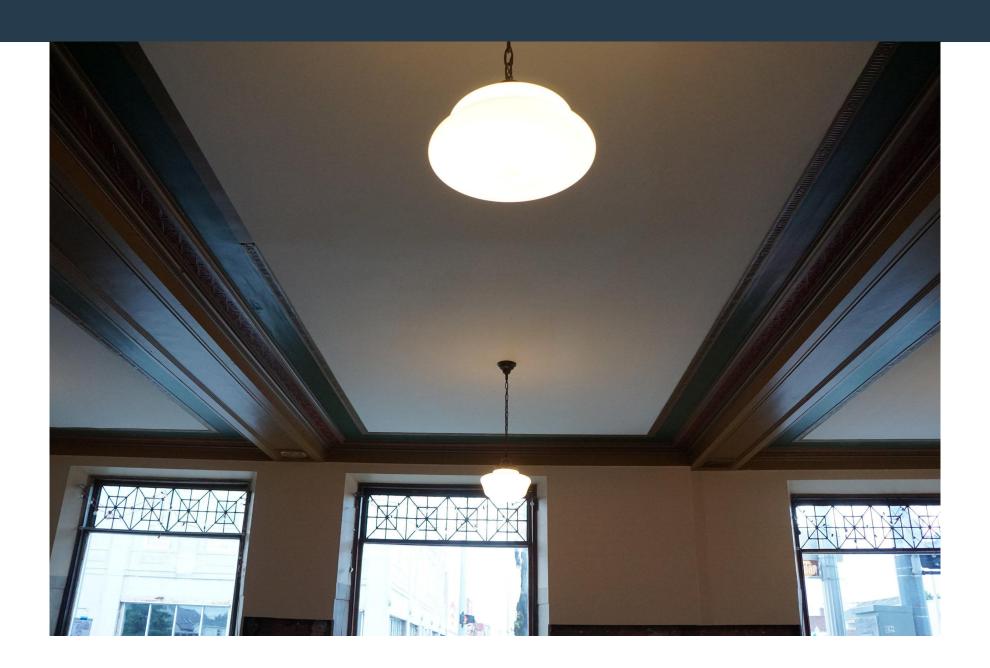
# South Wall (after)



# Plaster Ceiling (before)



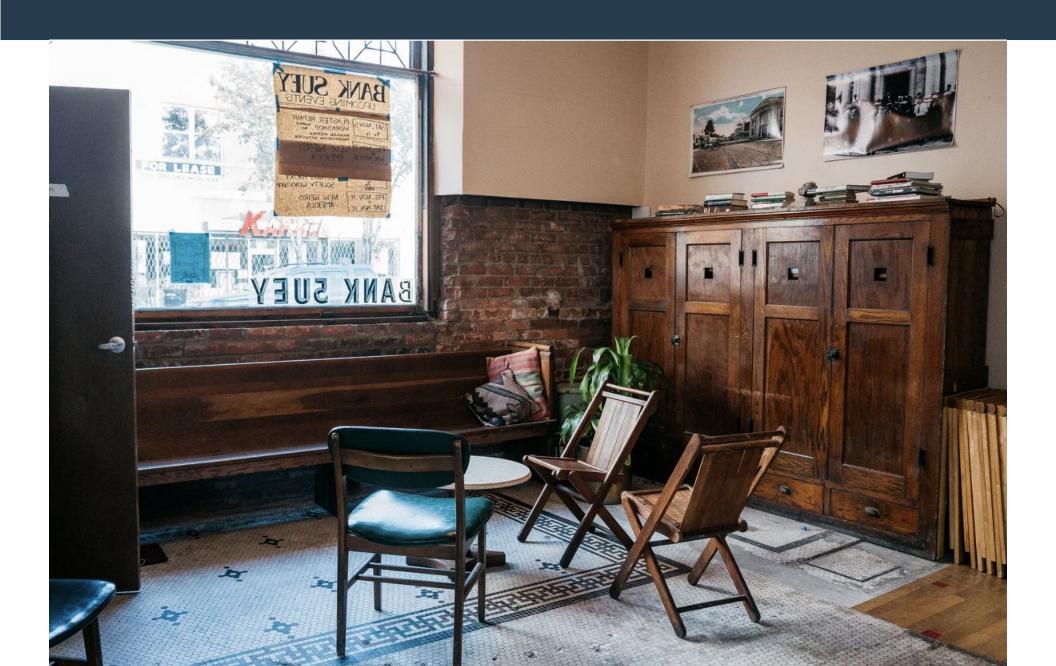
# Plaster Ceiling (after)



#### Joseph Campau Window (before)



#### Joseph Campau Window (after)





# Programming

- 100+ programs with
   5k+ attendees
- Workshops, talks, exhibitions, dinners, etc.,
- 1tenant
- 2 orgs use as their regularly meeting space

# Workshops/ Talks/ Music









#### Exhibits/Dinner/Performance

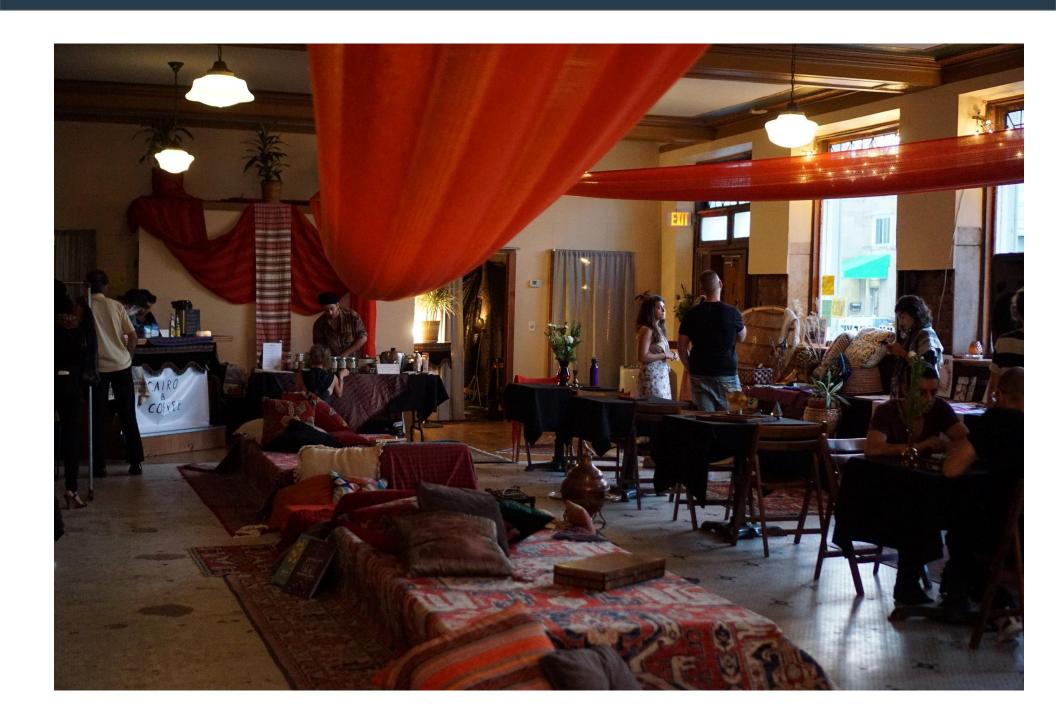




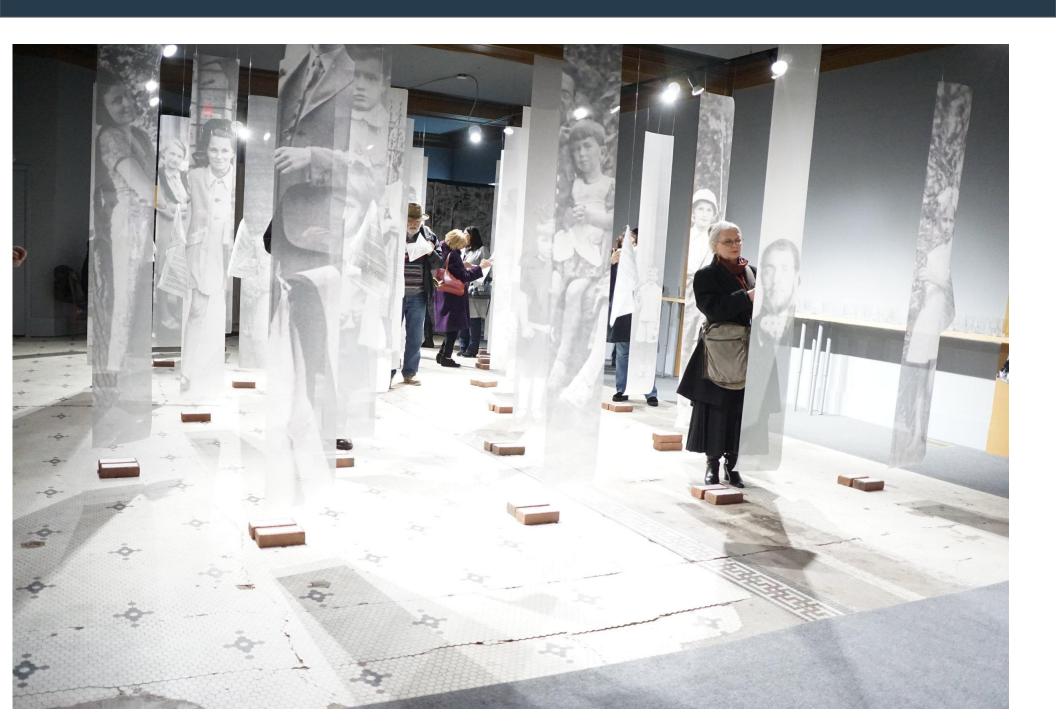




# Experiences/ Pop-ups



#### Exhibitions



#### Activating outdoor space

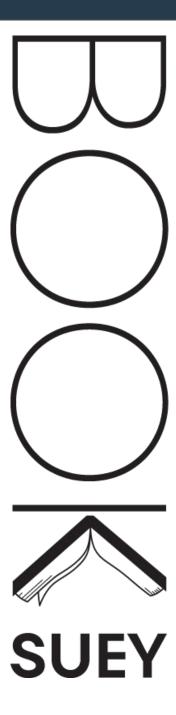


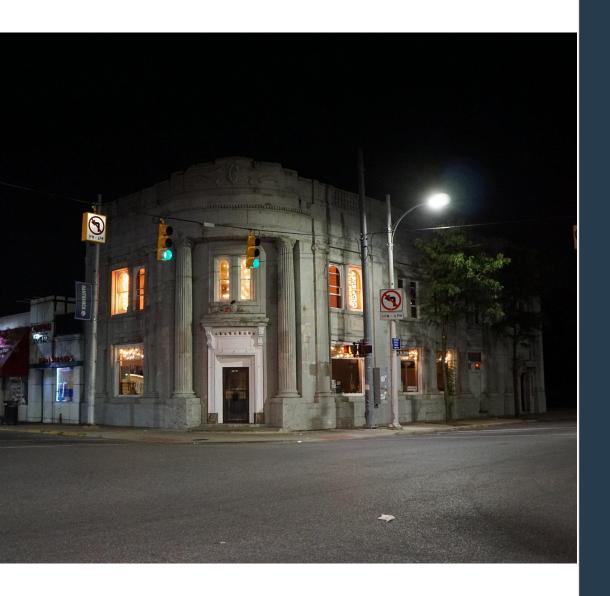
#### Book Suey-- Worker-owned Co-op Tenant







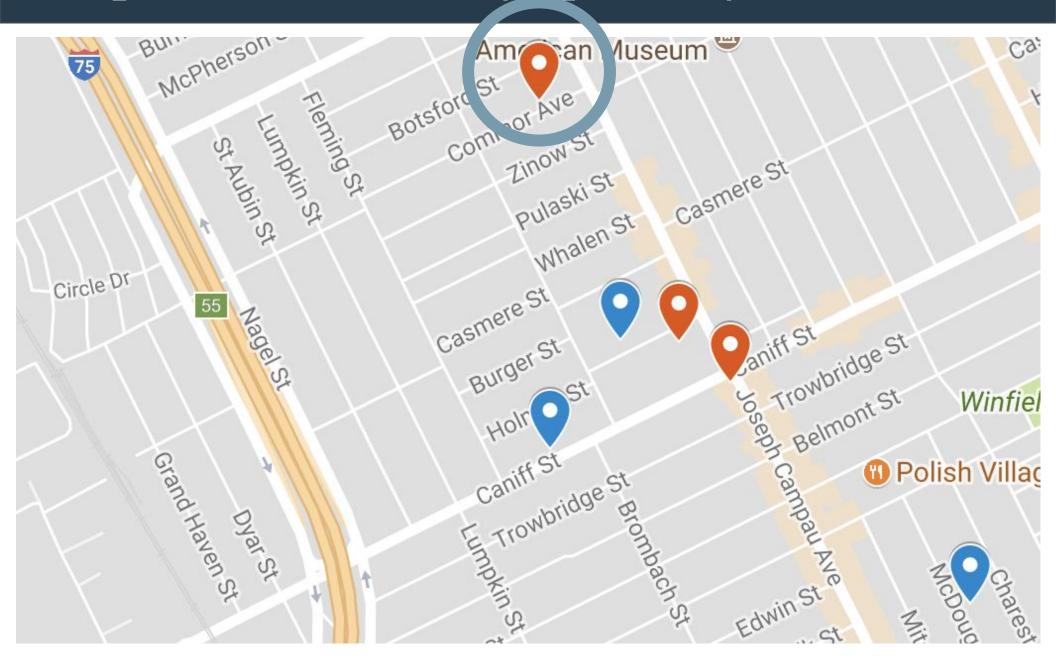




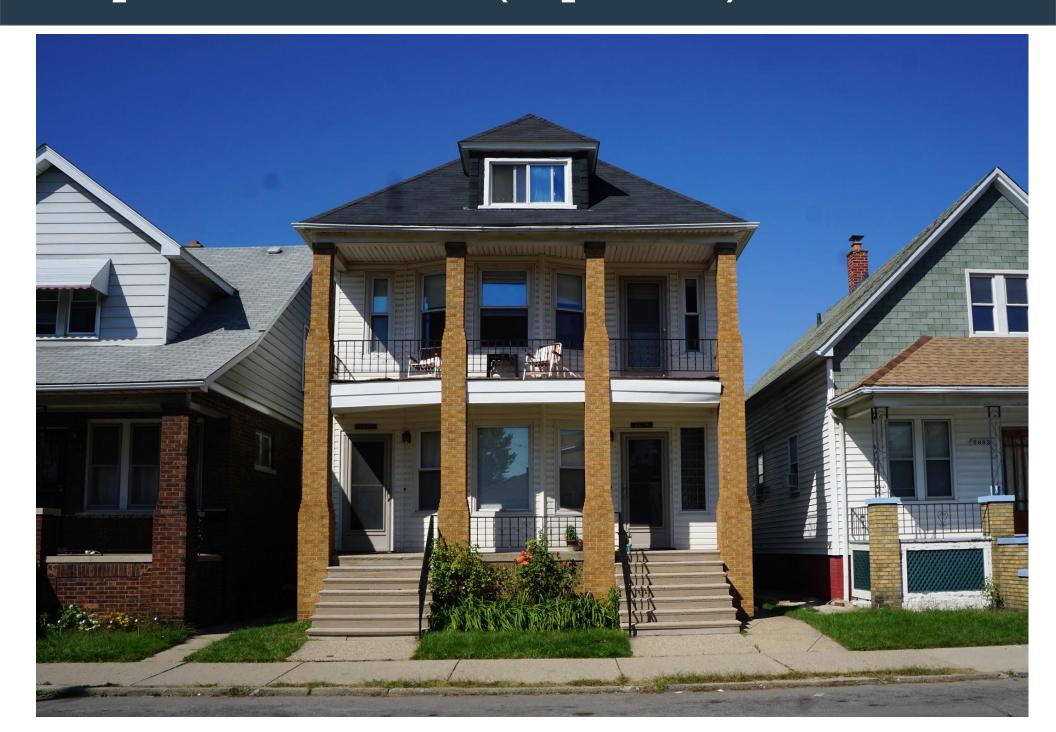
## What's Next:

- Working on commercial kitchen
- Working on 2nd floor offices
- Social Justice residency

#### Duplex on Commor (Sept 2016)



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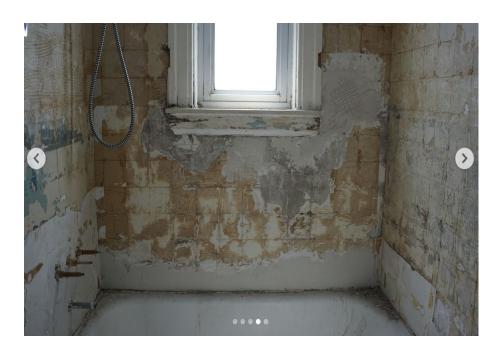
#### Lower Unit

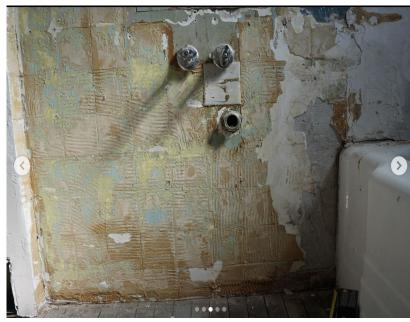




#### Upper Unit (minor improvements)

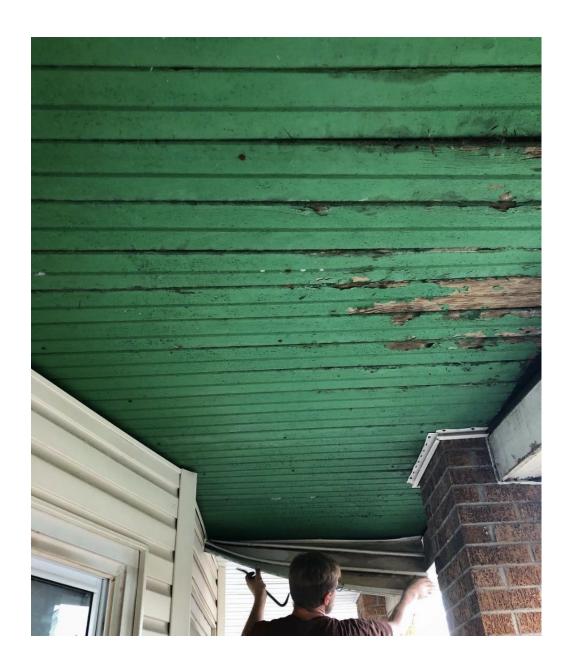






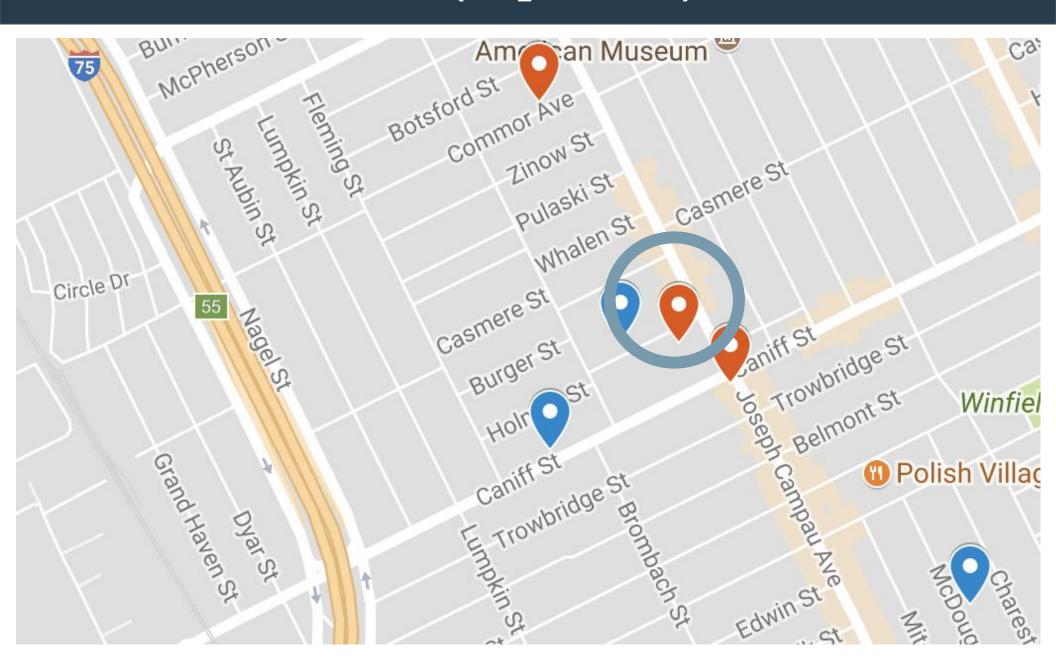


## Repairing the porch





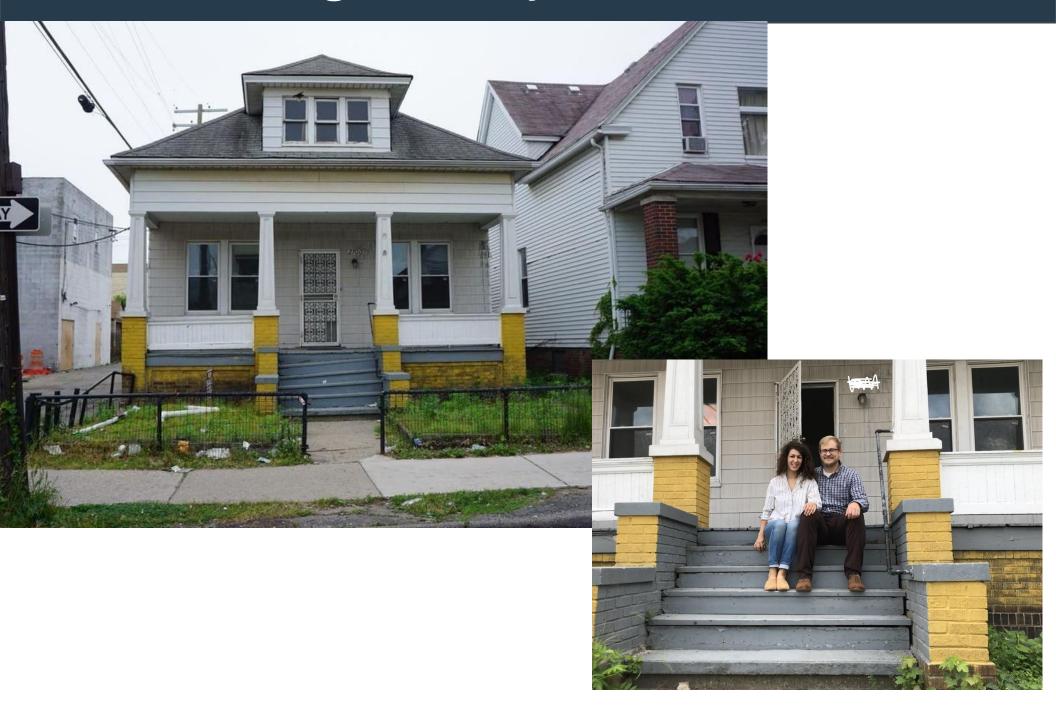
#### House on Holmes (Sept 2018)



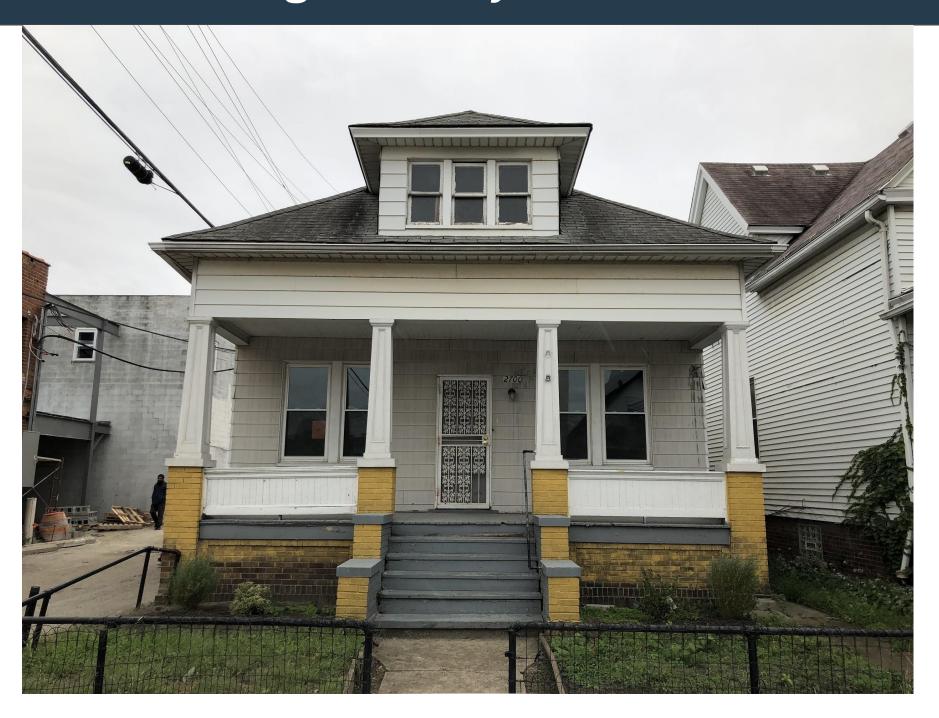
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### Holmes-Single Family



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#### Bought it from the neighbors



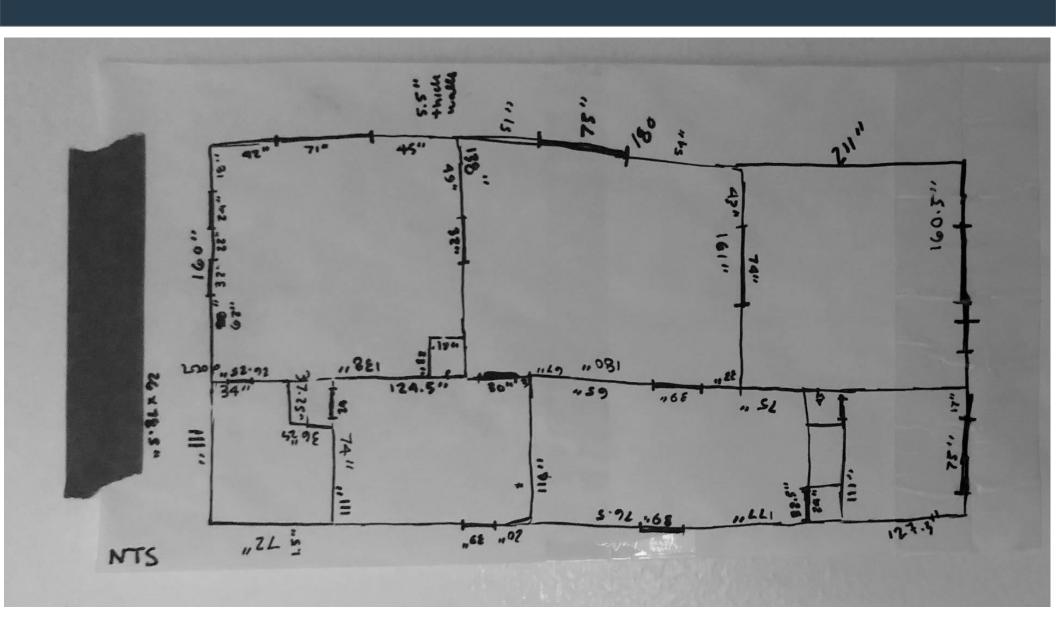
#### Starts with a garbage can







### Beginning Rehab



### At purchase





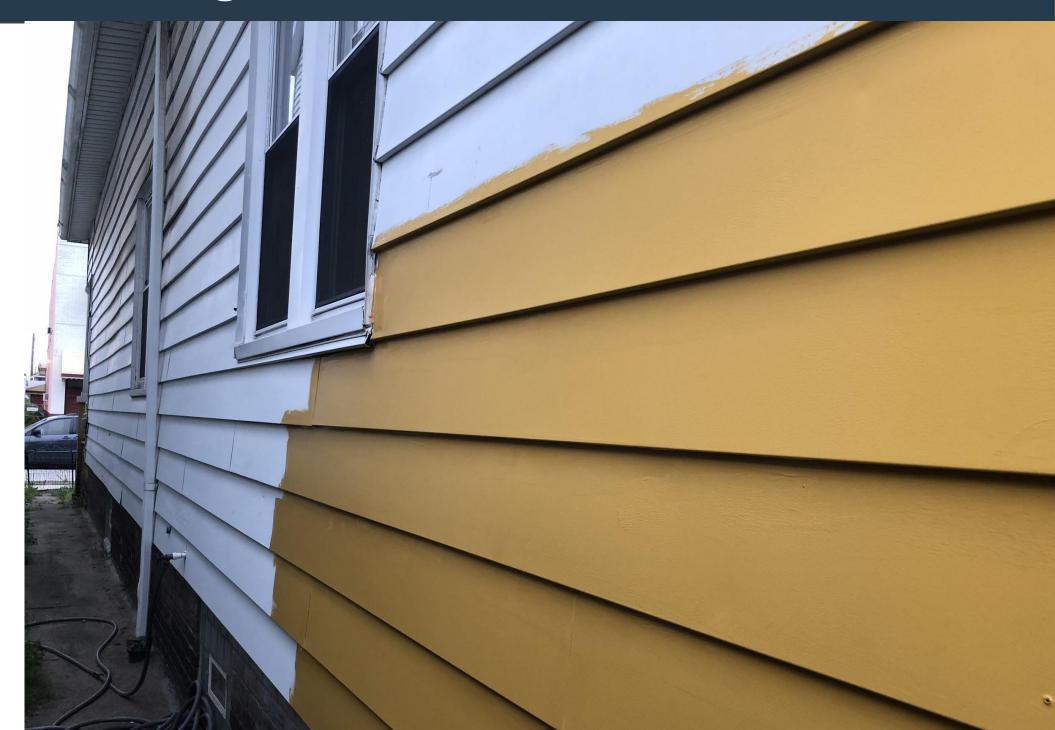
## Removing Carpet







## Painting Exterior



## How do we cultivate small, incremental development here?



#### We need representation from:

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#### Potential Small Developers

Known as Operating Partners, the people doing the work full time or on the side

#### Potential Investment Partners

Known as Money Partners through land ownership or financial equity/debt

#### Small Development Champions

Folks who care about their city/neighborhood and support change so the two groups above can do their jobs well





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