

Emerald Alliance VII

Permanent Supportive Housing



Emerald Alliance VII is the adaptive re-use of a former commercial structure. Located in the heart of Cleveland's Lorain Station Historic District, the building's new design will reinforce the historical context of the area.

Opening in 2013, Emerald Alliance VII is a permanent supportive housing project for chronically homeless individuals.

The building provides efficiency apartments with full baths and kitchens, on-site social services, common laundry facilities, a community room with kitchen, a computer lab, parking for residents and a 24-hour staffed front desk. The project is conveniently located close to public transportation as well as a nearby V.A. facility and other social services, all within a short walking distance.

The project was funded mainly through the use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Other financing included HOME funds (local and state), the Federal Home Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Program and the local Continuum of Care.

Emerald Alliance VII is part of Housing First, a coalition of public and private organizations whose mission is to establish the permanent supportive housing model in Cuyahoga County, Ohio and to end chronic homelessness in our community. The model is performing above expectations in Cleveland, with less than a 2% return to homelessness (*Housing First: Phase One Process Evaluation Results, Abt Associates. May 12, 2010*).

The key partners of Housing First include Cleveland Housing Network as lead developer/owner, Emerald Development & Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN) as property manager and co-owner, Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. (MHS) as lead service provider, and Enterprise Community Partners as coalition leader.

- ▶ Neighborhood
Cudell, Cleveland, Ohio
- ▶ # of units
40 efficiency apartments
- ▶ Development Cost
\$10 million
- ▶ Lead Developer
Cleveland Housing Network, Inc.
- ▶ Building Owners
Cleveland Housing Network & EDEN, Inc.
- ▶ Property Manager
EDEN, Inc.
- ▶ Lead Service Provider
Mental Health Services, Inc.
- ▶ Architect & Contractor
Fogle/Stenzel Architects, Inc.
Panzica Construction Co.