

Community Development: A Prescription for Neighborhood Health



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The Community Development Approach

Driving investments to low-income communities to improve the quality of life for all residents.

- Engaging local leaders and residents
- Addressing a neighborhood's physical, social and economic needs
- Facilitating cross-sector partnerships
- Assembling public and private capital for high-risk investment





A Community Development Intermediary

Banks, foundations, investors, public sector

Community Organizations

Assemble capital for community investment

Invest financial and technical resources to maximize results







Community Development = Building Healthy Communities

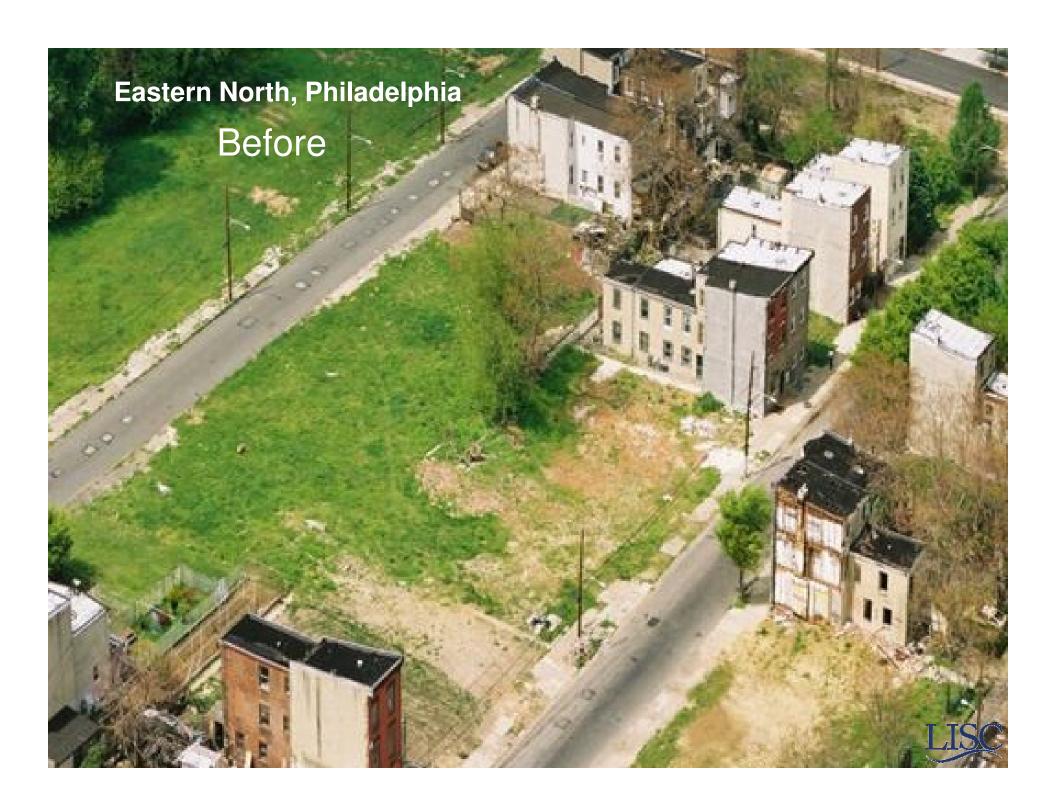
- Affordable housing
- Income and employment opportunities
- Quality schools and early learning centers
- Access to primary care

- Safe, walkable streets
- Access to fresh food
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Transit-oriented development
- Open, green spaces
- Commercial development













Building with health in mind

Paseo Verde Eastern North, Philadelphia



Project Components:

- 1.9 acre transit-oriented development
- Mixed-income, multi-family housing
- Supportive housing units
- FQHC, dental clinic and pharmacy
- LISC Financial Opportunity Center



\$48 Million Leveraged:

- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits
- New Markets Tax Credits
- CDFI loans and grants
- State and City grants
- City-owned land provided for \$1

Maximizing Impact on Health:

- Green design improves air quality and reduces exposure to toxins
- On-site health center provides primary care and home visits for residents
- Transit hub increases opportunities for physical activity



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Vicente's Supermarket & Brockton Neighborhood Health Center Boston, MA

- \$9 million for 33,000 SF grocery store
- \$8.4 million for new FQHC next door
- Collaboration between grocer and FQHC on health and wellness programs for low-income shoppers





New Settlement Community Campus Bronx, NY

- \$17.7 million for 24,000 SF community center in building with K-12 public school
- Swimming pool, dance studios, green roof, cooking classroom
- Serving 5,000 children and teens each year



Community development as a health investment strategy

- Improves neighborhoods to give people the opportunity to lead a longer, healthier life
- Drives investment to neighborhoods with the highest health disparities
- Brings business discipline and capacity to community-based organizations



Transforming *places* to help *people* make healthier choices.





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