

## Preserving Part of Oakland's History to Better Oakland's Future

### Milestone Achievement at Preservation Park

On March 14, the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC) took ownership of downtown Oakland's Preservation Park, a collection of 16 restored Victorian houses that will provide affordable office space to 36 nonprofit organizations and eight small businesses.

During the past year, Bay Area LISC helped EBALDC purchase Preservation Park from the City of Oakland, providing technical assistance and \$1 million in loan financing. The park will be kept as a long-term resource for nonprofit organizations, including Common Counsel, the Urban Strategies Council and the Action Alliance for Children. These groups provide services to about two million people annually.

"Preservation Park is a jewel and we are thrilled to preserve it as a resource for the community," said EBALDC's Executive Director Lynette Jung Lee. A nonprofit office park of Victorian homes in the heart of downtown was too important for Oakland to let go of."



Preservation Way Photo: by Maggie Hallahan

## Bayview's Third Street: Collaborative Works to Improve Local Economy, Neighborhood

With Bay Area LISC's help, Bayview neighborhood groups are working on a plan for positive changes on Third Street, the neighborhood's key commercial corridor. Despite construction of a new MUNI light rail project, a major Hunters Point shipyard redevelopment, and a number of new real estate developments that will lead to new housing, retail space and physical improvements, Third Street businesses are combating an increase in crime and a regional economic downturn.

Bay Area LISC, the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development and local community organizations are creating a detailed business development plan for the corridor. It will lay out specific improvements necessary to make Third Street an attractive and vibrant neighborhood commercial corridor, with the goal of assisting existing businesses and residents.

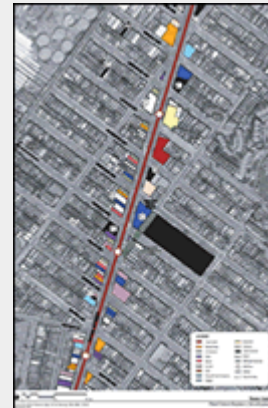


Photo: Third Street Site Use Map - Source: Bay Area LISC

## New: Bay Area LISC Community Development Leadership Institute

**"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm." Henrik Ibsen**

Bay Area LISC recently launched its newest program - the Community Development Leadership Institute (CDLI) - a year-long training program for people in the community development industry. Each participant will set and achieve professional development and organizational goals and attend a series of one-day cross-training management workshops. The purpose is to promote personal change in our leaders, systemic change in our organizations, and dynamic positive change in the field. A reception to kick-off the program was held on February 15th at Preservation Park, where Dr. Gloria Burgess of Jazz, Inc. and Washington Mutual's Luis Sanchez, the event sponsor, spoke of the importance of leadership at all levels of our community organizations.



*Photo: Gus Newport & Gloria Burgess at CDLI Kick-Off Event*

### **AmeriCorps 2005-06 RFP Released**

Bay Area LISC has just released its RFP for the 2005-06 AmeriCorps program - the deadline to apply is May 9th, 2005. For more information or to download the RFP, please visit us on the [web](#).

### **Urban Forum 2005**

Please join us for LISC Urban Forum 2005, the conference of LISC's Center for Commercial Revitalization and in partnership with Bay Area LISC, will be May 23-25 in San Francisco. This year's program will focus on Impacts and Outcomes, highlighting LISC's successful efforts to help CDCs revitalize commercial corridors, as well as the work of a broad range of community development practitioners from across the country.



Visit [www.liscurbanforum.org](http://www.liscurbanforum.org) for more information and registration materials. Come be a part of this opportunity to meet more than 500 commercial corridor revitalization colleagues from around the nation and participate in three days of professional development, knowledge sharing and networking.

#### **Conference highlights include:**

- \* 33 leadership workshops and sessions covering successful strategies and techniques for commercial district revitalization
- \* Keynote presentations by internationally respected community development experts, including Monsignor William J. Linder of New Community Corporation in Newark, NJ
- \* Neighborhood tours exploring the outstanding work community-based organizations are doing in Bay Area neighborhoods
- \* Urban Retail Trends Update closing plenary with Prabal Chakrabarti, deputy director of research at Initiative for a Competitive Inner City; Tom Moseman, vice president of EnviroSell; and Eric Price, senior vice president for Neighborhood Markets at LISC.

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