

OUTHWAITE HOMES – CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Cleveland, Ohio



The \$80 million, forty building comprehensive modernization of a historic public housing complex. The original 1,000 dwelling units are reduced to 680 units with an increased number of bedrooms and larger living spaces.

The new portals, gates and porches employ brightly colored tiles in patterns that echo traditional African textile designs. These, along with the glass and tern-coated metal entrance ways, are intended to give the building a new identity, as well as be symbolic of the entire estate's modernization.



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Herman Gibans Fodor, Inc. directed the comprehensive modernization of this forty building public housing project. The estate is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, requiring compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The primary goal of the project was to rehabilitate the estate, originally constructed in the late 1930's and early 40's, into a housing community meeting the needs of residents into the next century.



All exterior building surfaces are being chemically washed and masonry walls restored. Cantilevered concrete canopies are being repaired or reconstructed. Existing brick and concrete stoops will be enlarged to accommodate sitting areas outside apartment entrances. The new elevator towers employ brightly colored tiles in a pattern which echoes traditional African textiles. A three story building east wing will be modernized to house management offices and a community wellness center. The west wing will provide space for offices, community resource center, library and meeting rooms.



Awards:

Award for Multi-Family Housing Rehabilitation
1999 Cleveland Restoration Society

Historic Preservation Award
1999 AIA Cleveland

Urban Design Award
1996 AIA Cleveland

