



**HOME CONFERENCE
DOORKNOCKER AWARDS
LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS**

AWARD CATEGORY: Neighborhood Revitalization

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION: City of Lynn, Massachusetts

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME: Brickyard Village

HUD REGION/FIELD OFFICE: Region I / Boston Field Office

HOME UNITS/TOTAL UNITS: 11 HOME units / 28 total units

HOME FUNDS/TOTAL FUNDS: \$1,034,000 HOME funds / \$5,126,125 total funds

PARTNERS:

- Lynn Community Development Housing Corporation
- Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development
- Mayor's Office
- State Legislative Delegation
- Lynn City Council
- Lynn Water & Sewer Commission
- HUD Boston Field Office (Community Planning & Development staff)
- RENU, a grass roots neighborhood organization

FUNDING SOURCES:

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| • HOME | \$1,034,000 |
| • Equitable Co-Operative Bank | \$1,297,000 |
| • Investor Equity, Richman Group | \$2,795,070 |
| • HUD Technical Assistance | \$55,000 |

BRIEF NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

This project demonstrates that neighborhood revitalization can be successful by developing a comprehensive plan and implementing a strategy. The City of Lynn, through the Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development,

utilized a planning process and a thorough market study before choosing the neighborhood best suited for redevelopment.

For more than thirty years, the neighborhood in which Brickyard Village now stands had experienced extreme disinvestment, crime, and blight. The development of Brickyard Village not only added 28 affordable rental units (below 60% of AMI) to the area, but also improved infrastructure (sewer improvements, new trees, and sidewalks). The Brickyard Village project also beautified the neighborhood through its Add-A-Yard Program, Target Area Grants, and off street parking spaces. The project created 3 parking lots, added yards or parking areas to existing homes, repaired the exteriors of the existing housing stock and produced additional homeownership opportunities as well.

The Brickyard Village rental units exhibit a diversity of housing styles, including townhouses, duplexes, triplexes, and more. The architectural designs blend with the surrounding neighborhood and do not look like low-income housing. HOME funds were used as construction financing. The new housing attracted families from outside the immediate area, which strengthened the neighborhoods economic diversity and encouraged additional local investment.

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PHOTOS:



[Photo: Front of house]



[Photo: View of houses in cul-de-sac]