



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

TAMPA CRA INVESTS IN AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING

Tampa CRA has made great strides in increasing access to attainable and affordable housing across our nine community redevelopment areas. Since 2022, Tampa CRA has allocated a minimum of 30 percent of CRA funds to increase quality, affordable housing options in our communities. Recent projects have helped bring that reality to life in various districts.

In East Tampa, the CRA Board approved \$5 million to support the Williams Brown Legacy 34th Street Housing project. In partnership with Lillian Legacy and Genesis Development Partners, the project will create 31 affordable units serving households earning between 30% and 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The proposed unit mix will include one and two-bedrooms units, creating truly affordable housing for East Tampa residents along an important corridor. The development will also include ground-floor commercial space designed to support community-centric retail, improving the health and connectivity in the area.

Tampa CRA also recently invested in attainable housing in Tampa's urban core.



In Downtown, the CRA invested \$4 million to convert 22 units into attainable, workforce housing at The Residences at 801 East Whiting. These units are available to households earning between 80% and 140% of the AMI, opening up opportunities for working-class residents to live, work, and play in the heart of Tampa's thriving downtown.

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These developments and the CRA's housing programs support our ongoing commitment to investing in affordable and attainable housing initiatives across our districts. For more information about the CRA's Housing Programs, scan the QR code or visit our website at tampa.gov/CRAs.



REDEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHTS

DOWNTOWN

HERMAN MASSEY PARK RIBBON CUTTING

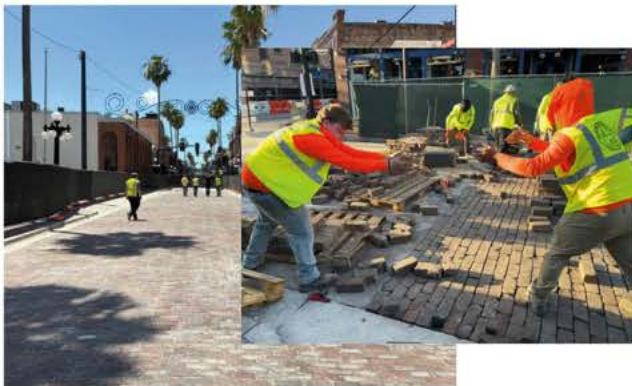
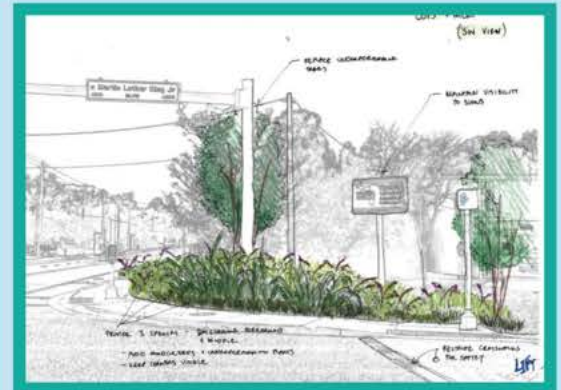


The Tampa CRA Board, staff, and community members officially unveiled the redesigned Herman Massey Park in Tampa's Downtown. The nearly \$2 million project included a variety of enhancements to the public space, including a 3,200-square-foot raised deck while preserving seven existing live oaks, new furnishings and movable park furniture, an enhanced dog park, and a sculpture by Cuban-born artist Alexandre Arrechea, which speaks to the relationship between old and new architecture, with a nod to the nearby, historic Tampa Theatre.

DREW PARK

LOIS AND GRADY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Tampa CRA hosted a community engagement session for Drew Park residents and businesses to learn more about the streetscape enhancement projects taking place on Lois and Grady Avenues. This initiative aims to transform these corridors into safer, more visually appealing thoroughfares that reflect the district's potential for growth and reinvestment. This will include new shade trees, improved sidewalks, upgraded irrigation and pavement designs.



SECOND PHASE OF 7TH AVENUE BRICKING COMPLETED

In late April, crews completed the second phase of the Historic 7th Avenue Bricking Project. This phase saw the historic thoroughfare between North 17th and 19th Streets bricked with authentic, historic bricks. The brick road provides a natural traffic calming measure on a road that sees a significant amount of pedestrian traffic, as well as enhance the character and feel of Tampa's National Historic Landmark District.

YBOR CITY

TAMPA HEIGHTS RIVERFRONT

NORTH BOULEVARD ROUNDABOUT ARTIST SELECTED

The CRA Art Selection Committee unanimously voted to select the artist Dulk to design and create the North Boulevard Roundabout art installation. Dulk is a globally known contemporary surrealist and street artist from Spain, specializing in nature-inspired pieces. The Art Selection Committee and the Arts Planning Committee will work together on finalizing the designs. The Art Selection Committee is still finalizing the selection for the Highland and Palm Roundabout.

Dulk

REDEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHTS

EAST TAMPA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (CRP) UPDATE

East Tampa's CRP update is now moving forward to the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission for approval after a presentation to the CRA Board in June. This is the first major revision since the initial CRP was adopted in 2004.



CHANNEL DISTRICT

CRA APPROVES YBOR HARBOR FUNDING

In May, Tampa CRA approved \$35 million in infrastructure funding for the Ybor Harbor development. Ybor Harbor will transform a dilapidated portion of Tampa's waterfront between the Channel District and Ybor City into a vibrant mixed-use district.



WEST TAMPA

SALCINES PARK RIBBON CUTTING

The Tampa CRA Board, West Tampa CAC members, and other community members officially rededicated the renovated Salcines Park in late April. The \$1.4 million project improved this important West Tampa community space for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come. Renovations and upgrades included new pergolas to provide more shading, new tables and benches, enhanced fencing, new lighting, landscaping, and more.



CENTRAL PARK

PERRY HARVEY SR. PARK BANDSHELL

Tampa Parks and Recreation staff presented updates related to the new amphitheater installation at Perry Harvey Sr. Park. Major construction activity is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2026.



The amphitheater will feature a new performance structure, stage, and seating area, as well as ADA-accessible ramps. This will allow for increased community programming opportunities, support more events, and draw additional visitors to the district.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CRA TEAMS TOUR GASWORX

In May, Tampa CRA staff toured the Gasworx development. This was a great opportunity for the team to get a first-hand look at the ongoing construction and redevelopment of a large plot of previously blighted and underdeveloped land situated between Central Park, Downtown, and Ybor City. When completed, the first phase of Gasworx will add 5,000 new residences, including more than 300 attainable units, as well as 500,000 square feet of office space and 150,000 square feet of retail space.



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Meeting Location:

Tampa City Council Chambers,
City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd.

Time: 9 a.m.

Upcoming CRA Board meetings:

- July 23
- August 20
- September 9



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TAMPA CRA HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL HOUSING FAIR

On June 6, 2026, the Tampa CRA Housing division held its first annual Housing Resource Fair & Roadshow at Fair Oaks Recreation Center in East Tampa. The event was filled with housing vendors who provided important information to attendees, presented informational sessions with question-and-answer sessions on Homestead Exemptions, Property Taxes, Heirs Property, Estate Planning, and the CRA Housing programs and initiatives. The highlight of the event was the Housing Roadshow, a bus tour that displayed some of the most recently completed CRA Residential and Commercial/Special Projects. Participants in our Down Payment Assistance Program (DPA) who are close to purchasing a home were also given an opportunity to see the projects through the CRA that may be completed at the time of their DPA award, along with possible new rental housing units.



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