

SMALL CHANGE/BIG IMPACT

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ABOUT THE TACONY COMMUNITY DEV. CORP.

- MS PROGRAM 2012
- ONE STAFF MEMBER
- ANNUAL BUDGET ~\$110K
- VOLUNTEERS/PARTNERS
- ADAPTED FOUR POINT APPROACH
- PERSONAL BACKGROUND





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The Tacony Community Development

Corporation is working to improve
Torresdale Avenue in Tacony with
the Historic Tacony Revitalization
Project. This comprehensive program
is committed to results, and after
two and half years of planning and
implementation we are excited to share
our progress with the community.













Building our Economy

- 14 new businesses have opened, reducing our vacancy rate by 33%.
- 32 new jobs created, bringing an estimated \$1.1 million in new wages.
- \$1.4 million in building construction & rehabilitation.
- Building permit activity has climbed 25% since 2009.
- For every dollar invested, \$6.48 was generated through building improvements and rehabilitation, generating 15 new construction jobs.

A Cleaner & Safer Community

- · Repaired more than 70 problem properties.
- · Graffiti has dropped by 95%.
- Security cameras are being installed in targeted locations along Torresdale Ave.

Committed to Better Design

- Renovated 15 historic storefronts in our community.
 This has led to over \$275,000 of investment and a better experience for the public.
- Partnered with TreePhilly to plant more than 40 trees along Torresdale Ave.
- Fighting for the creation of a historic district to preserve our distinct historic architecture.

Promoting our Neighborhood

- Our award-winning "Hoagie Trail" promotion led to sales growth of 10-15% at participating businesses.
- Recognized as a "Best Fixer-Upper" Community by This Old House magazine.
- ShopTacony.com was created to showcase local businesses.

CORRIDOR MANAGER'S ROLE

- CHIEF SALESPERSON
- MAKING IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE AS A PARTNER, FACILITATOR
- DOING THE JOB OF 5
 PEOPLE (CONSTRUCTION
 ADMINISTRATOR, BIDDING
 OFFICER, PROJECT
 MANAGER, FINANCE
 PERSON, QUALITY
 CONTROL)



TACONY FAÇADE PROJECT: LOW COST, HIGH-IMPACT

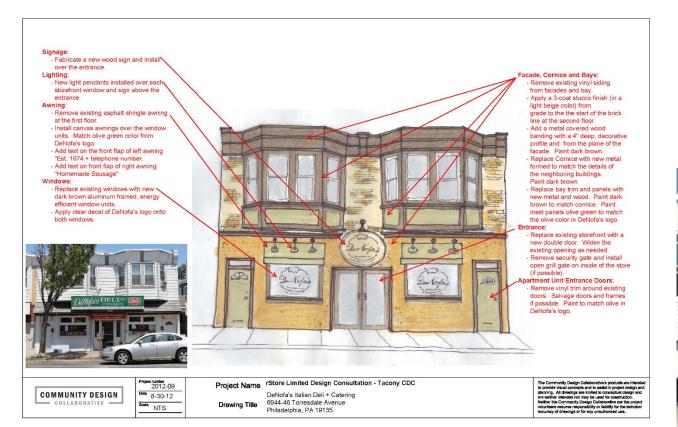
- BUNDLING OF 15 STOREFRONTS FOR BETTER QUALITY, STANDARDIZED PRICING, MAXIMUM IMPACT, SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT
- PARTNER WITH LAW WORKS, COMM DESIGN COLLABORATIVE, CITY OF PHILA.
- LEVERAGING EXISTING CITY PROGRAM WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING
- EMPHASIZING LOW-COST, HIGH IMPACT FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS: "STREET" HISTORIC PRESERVATION
- IMMIGRANT BUSINESS OWNERS
- ADDRESSING PROBLEMS TOGETHER

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