

# Revitalization of Downtown Neighborhood Fosters Community

**DESCRIPTION** This multi-phased community reinvestment master plan for the nine-block area adjacent to downtown includes planned developments within the context of the neighborhood as well as streetscape, parking and open space improvements. This neighborhood revitalization plan was created through a series of community workshops that defined the critical issues which needed to be addressed in this struggling neighborhood, and showed how affordable housing could improve the area and help support businesses in the downtown.

**VISION** The two initial phases of revitalization include West Rivertown Apartments: 57 units of multi-family housing with community spaces and neighborhood serving daycare; Habitat for Humanity Homes (4 two-story single-family homes); and Rivertown Place: 40 affordable units of town homes and flats around a central green.

**PROJECT REQUIREMENTS** Extend the historic district while creating an identity for the neighborhood, including streetscape improvements and affordable housing.

### **DESIGN FEATURES**

- Buildings and front entrances front street
- Private and semi-private front porches
- Buildings scaled to fit within existing residential fabric
- Off street parking placed at rear and center of block
- Alternating board & batten and horizontal siding



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# **GREEN FEATURES**

- Energy Star appliances
- Double glazed low-e windows
- High efficiency water heaters
- Exceeded Title 24 by 15%
- Radiant barrier roof sheathing
- Low voc paints



### **Client:**

- Eden Housing, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity East Bay
- Community Development Dept., City of Antioch

**West Rivertown Apartments (2004):** 

57 units/ 2.47 acres

**Habitat Homes(2007):** 

(4) 2-story homes/.25 acres

Rivertown Place (2008):

40 units/1.74 acres

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