

LAKEVIEW TERRACE ESTATES – CUYAHOGA METROPOLITAIN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Cleveland, Ohio



Lakeview Terrace Estates is a twenty-seven acre, forty-seven building public housing complex on a hillside overlooking Lake Erie and downtown Cleveland. It was originally designed by Weinberg Conrad & Teare, the founding firm of Herman Gibans Fodor, Inc. - Architects.

The project includes a complete gut-rehabilitation of twelve of the apartment buildings. Each new unit has a dedicated stairway and exterior entrance, eliminating the security problems associated with the common stairways and halls, and giving residents a stronger sense of identity and ownership of their apartment.

Included in the modernization master plan is the construction of mailbox plazas, trash handling areas, and site entrance gateways which emphasize the concept of smaller villages making up the larger housing community.



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The complex was completed in 1937 as one of the first three public housing projects in the United States and is owned and operated by the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority.



Before renovation

A key feature of the rehabilitation is a more current and useful distribution of unit types including three and four bedroom apartments, as well as handicapped-accessible apartments. Lakeview Terrace is served by a Community Center building which is being renovated and improved to serve the needs of the residents. The renovated building includes classrooms, a gymnasium, recreation rooms, offices, a library, and an addition which will greatly expand the currently limited child daycare facilities.



After renovation

The rehabilitation of the estate consists of a complete master plan, including the addition of parking areas, reworking of traffic patterns, and installation of a new, more efficient system of walkways, playgrounds, and gathering spaces.

