

LAKEVIEW TERRACE COMMUNITY BUILDING Cleveland, Ohio



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

In addition to the complete "gut-rehab" of twelve of the apartment buildings, HGF also directed the comprehensive modernization of the Lakeview Terrace Community Center. 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. The community building and housing estate are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, requiring compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Resident participation was a key consideration in the initial design phases of the project, as well as throughout the construction phase.



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The modernization consisted of restoration, renovation and expansion of the existing masonry bearing walls, concrete floors and roof slab structures. Precise detailing was employed to replicate the original design intent and construction methods. Located within the building are a Pre-school/Head Start suite, new life skills training kitchen, office areas and computer lab. A completely renovated gymnasium features a new athletic flooring, and a performance stage with theatrical lighting and sound. Site renovations include new play areas, patio with bar-b-que, vehicular access and parking.

Original Work Project Administration (WPA) art murals by renowned artists, Charles Campbell and Earl Neff, which were hidden for several years behind paneled walls, have been carefully restored and are now on display in public areas.

