

## **PROJECT HISTORY AND OVERVIEW**

In 2019, the City of Greensboro received a Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant from the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (NC HPO) and contracted with hmwPreservation to undertake an architectural survey of African American neighborhoods and resources in East and Southeast Greensboro.

While architectural surveys were conducted in Greensboro in 1975-1976, 1989-1990, and 1992, none of those surveys included the historically African American resources and neighborhoods in East/Southeast Greensboro. The area was initially surveyed by Circa, Inc. in 2008 as part of the city-wide Greensboro's Phase 1-B Historic Architectural Survey update. That survey documented only representative resources that were constructed prior to 1965. It did, however, note significant concentrations of post-World War II residential architecture in the area.

The post-World War II developments of East/Southeast Greensboro are significant for a number of reasons: they contain outstanding examples of Modernist residential and religious architecture; they contain examples of the work of prominent African American architects and builders; and they were home to leaders of and participants in the Civil Rights Movement in Greensboro.

The primary objectives for this project were as follows:

- update the existing survey photographs and survey data for 124 properties surveyed in 2008
- survey with individual records sixteen resources identified during the planning phase
- document with District/Neighborhood/Area records groups of houses with the goal of identifying potential National Register historic districts
- collect primary and secondary sources to build a historic context for the area