

Affordable Housing Conversion

55 Beers Street, New Haven

The Greater Dwight Development Corporation was awarded Community Development Block Grant funding to rehabilitate a disused and fire-damaged property into affordable housing. The original proposal called for replacement of all siding and windows, as well as removal of the porch. SHPO met with GDDC and their architect and were able to negotiate retention of the original windows on the façade, as well as evaluating the original siding for retention, rather than wholesale replacement. Additionally, during the site visit, the project proponent saw the value in intact pocket doors and staircase balustrade, which will also be retained as part of the rehab project. Section 106 represents the commitment of the government to preservation and SHPO is that local representative. We are often preserving properties that, while they deserve to be enjoyed by future generations, do not always have a preservation focused steward or community sponsor.

