

North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

State Historic Preservation Office

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October 8, 2019

Angela McGill High Point Housing Authority 500 East Russell Avenue High Point, NC 27261 amcgill@hpha.net

Re: Daniel Brooks Public Housing Redevelopment, West Avenue and Henly Street, High Point,

Guilford County, ER 17-1736

Dear Ms. McGill:

Thank you for your letter of September 6, 2019, transmitting the printed and digital copies of the Daniel Brooks Public Housing complex recordation packet/documentation report. We approve of the materials as presented and consider them sufficient for compliance with Stipulation I of the MOA. We require no further documentation of the Daniel Brooks complex. The submitted documentation will be archived with the historic property's survey site file.

We look forward to receiving news that the historic plaque and new commemorative exhibit have been installed within the new complex. Should you have any questions during the development of the exhibit, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-814-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

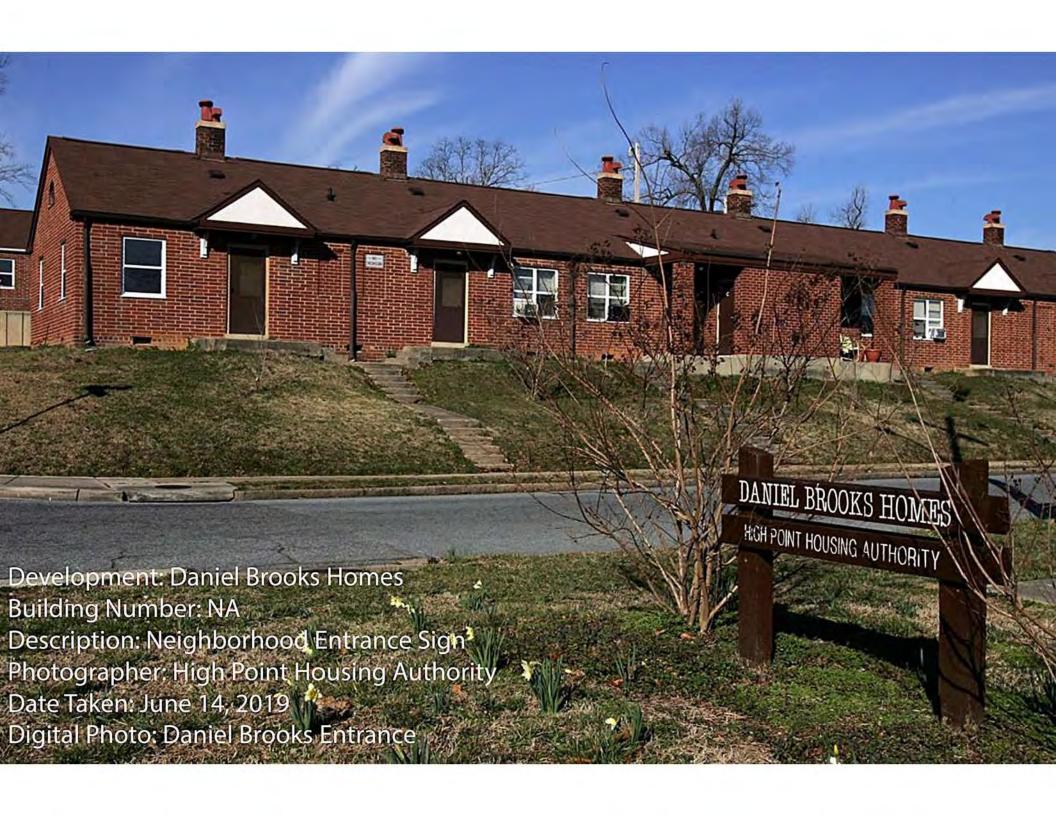
Sincerely,

Ramona Bartos, Deputy

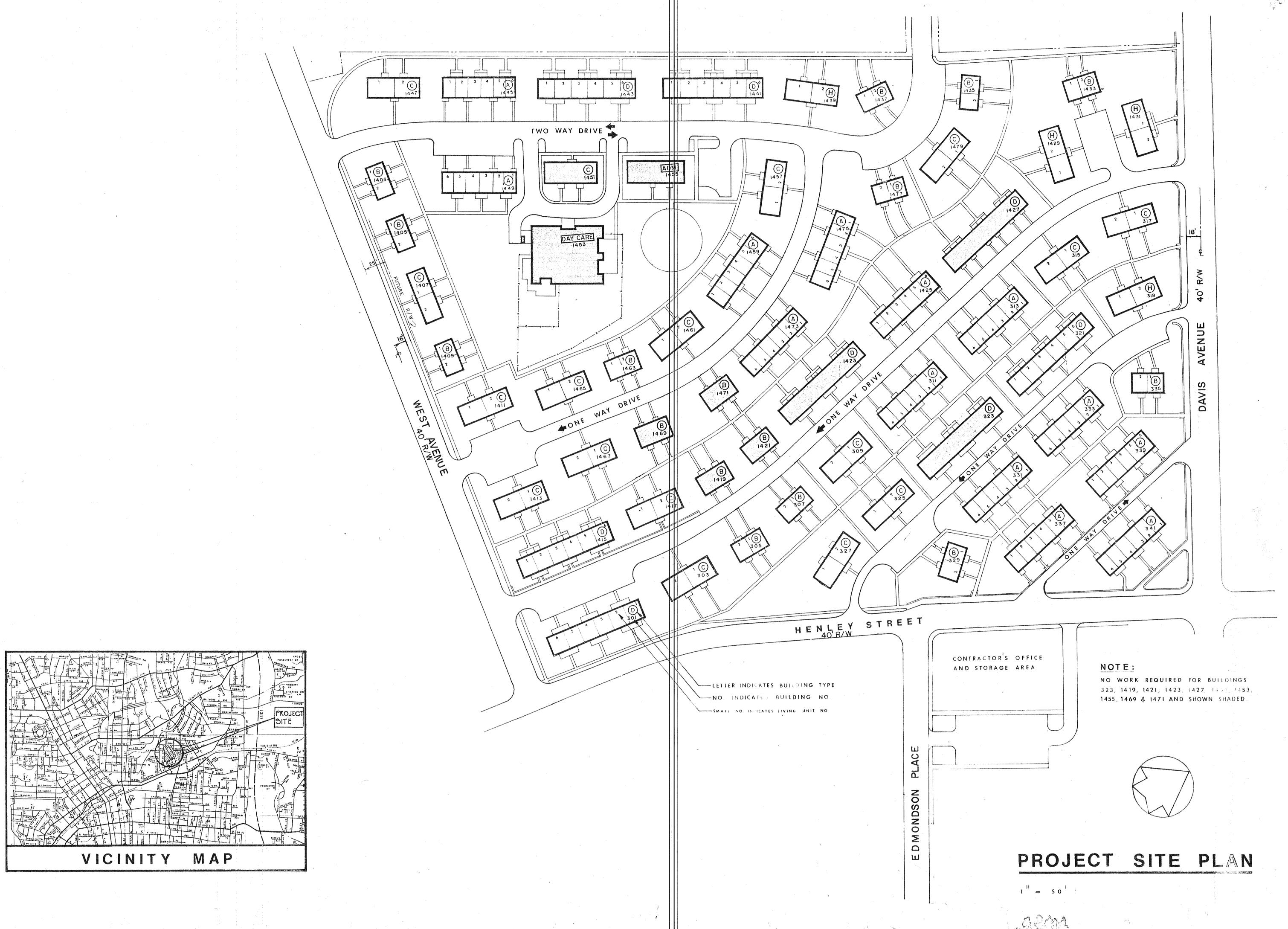
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cc: Eugene Rahuba, DHUD, Eugene.A.Rahuba@hud.gov







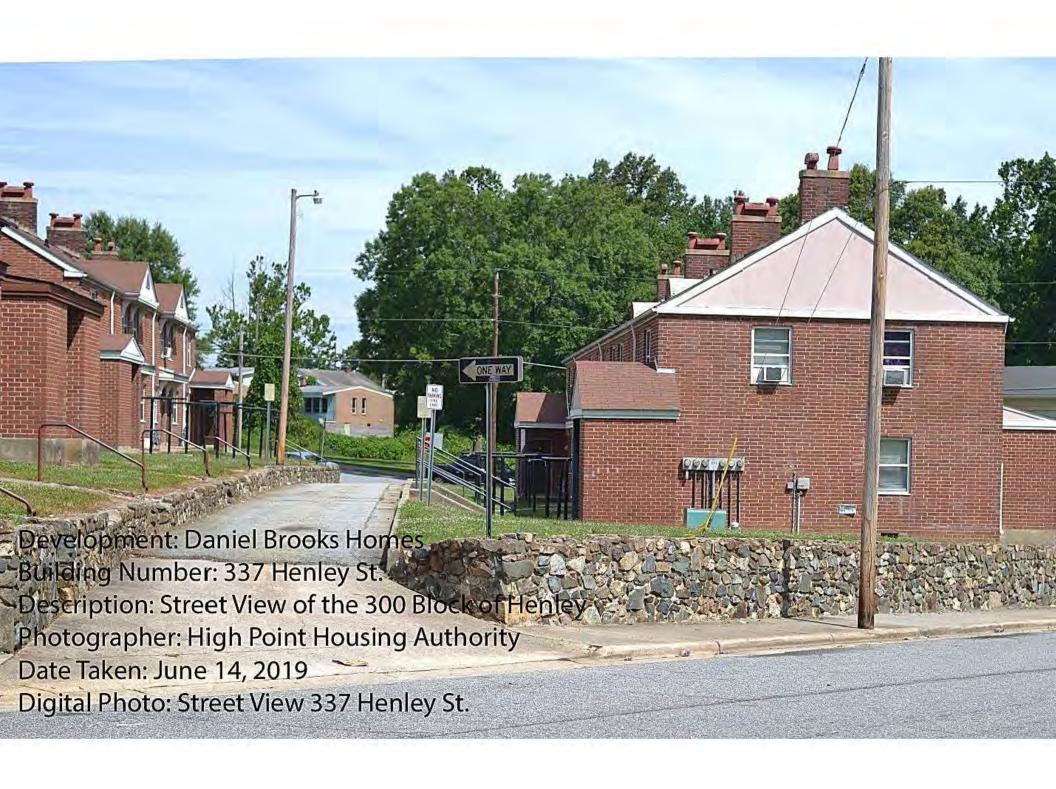
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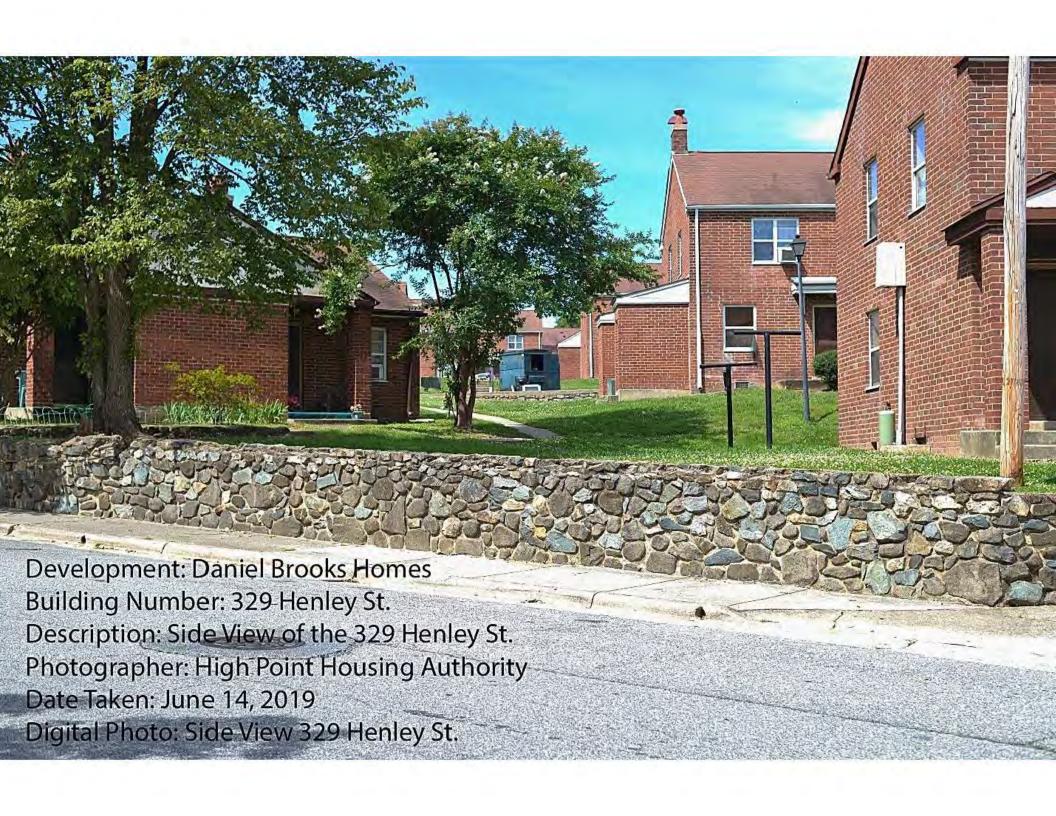
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Development: Daniel Brooks Homes

Building Number: 1453 West Ave.

Description: Front View Daniel Brooks Day Care

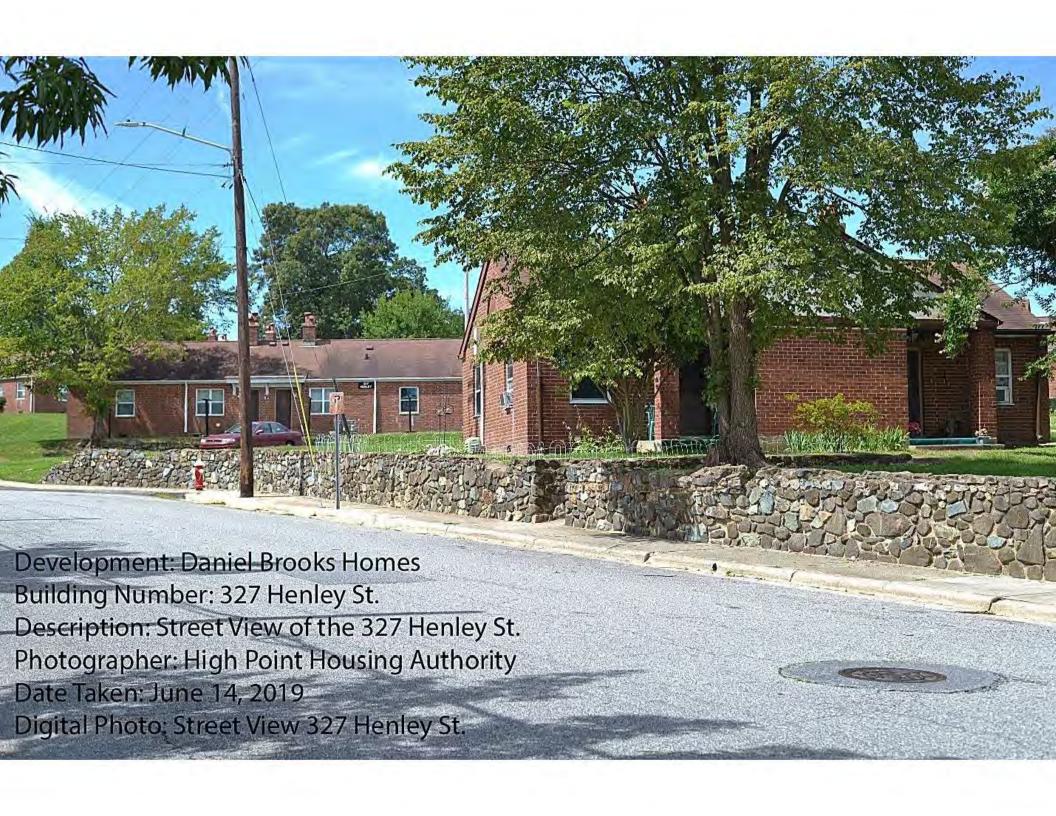
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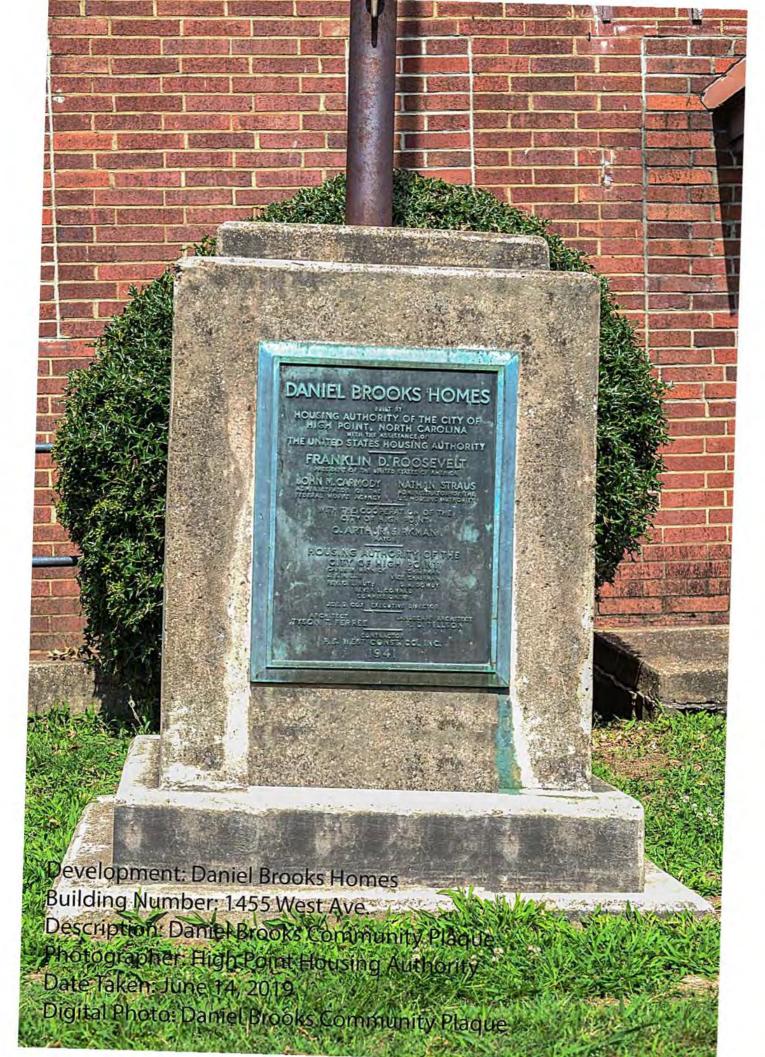
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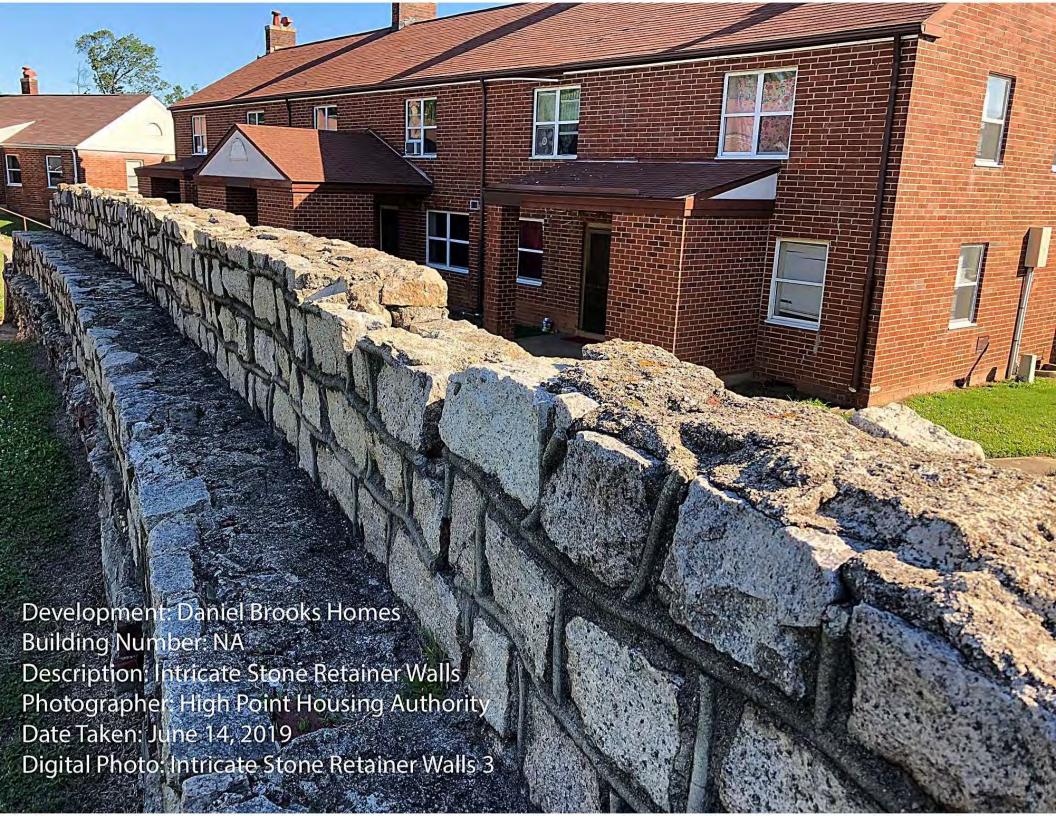




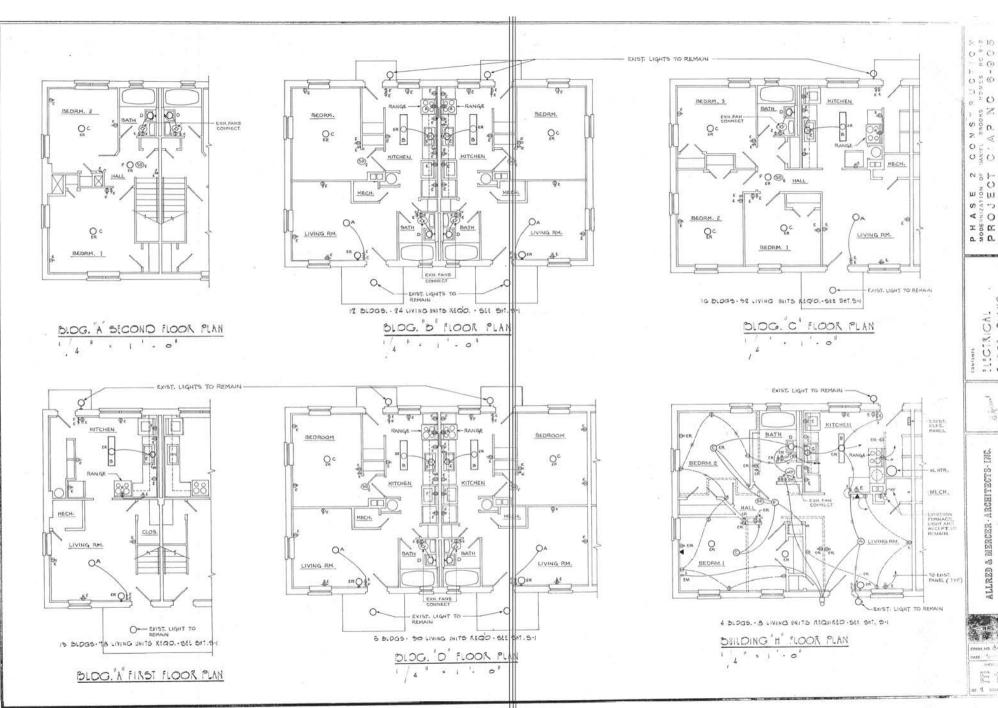








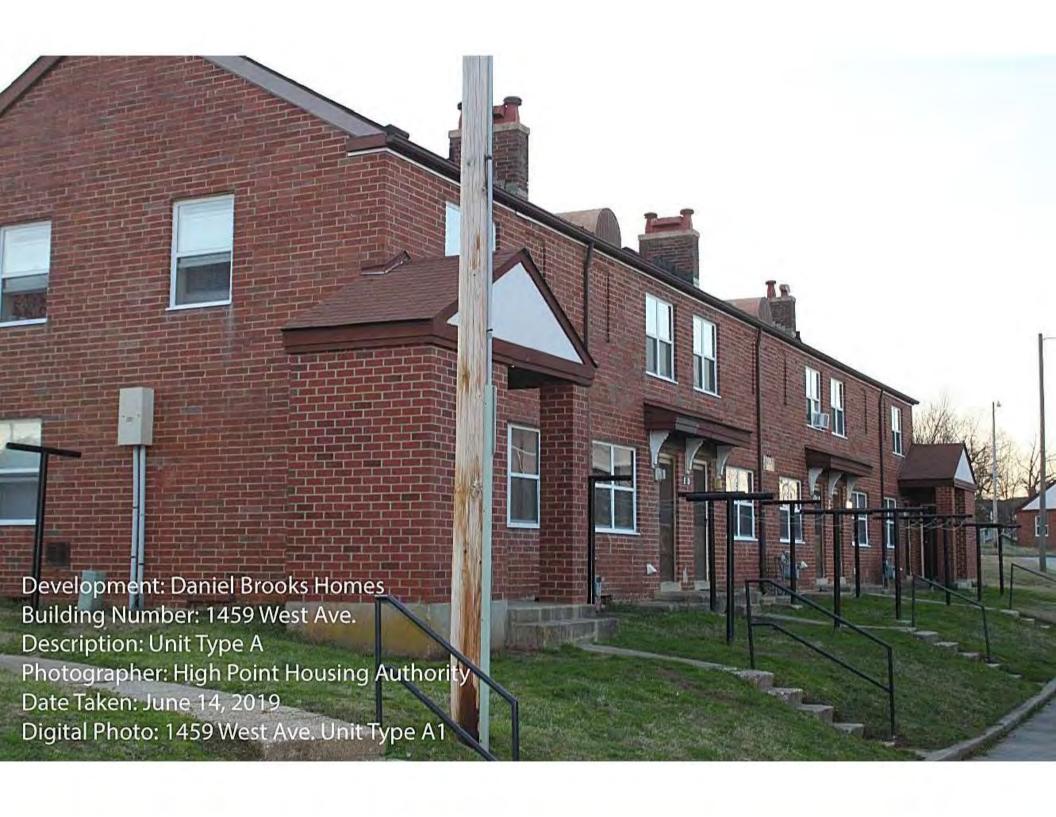




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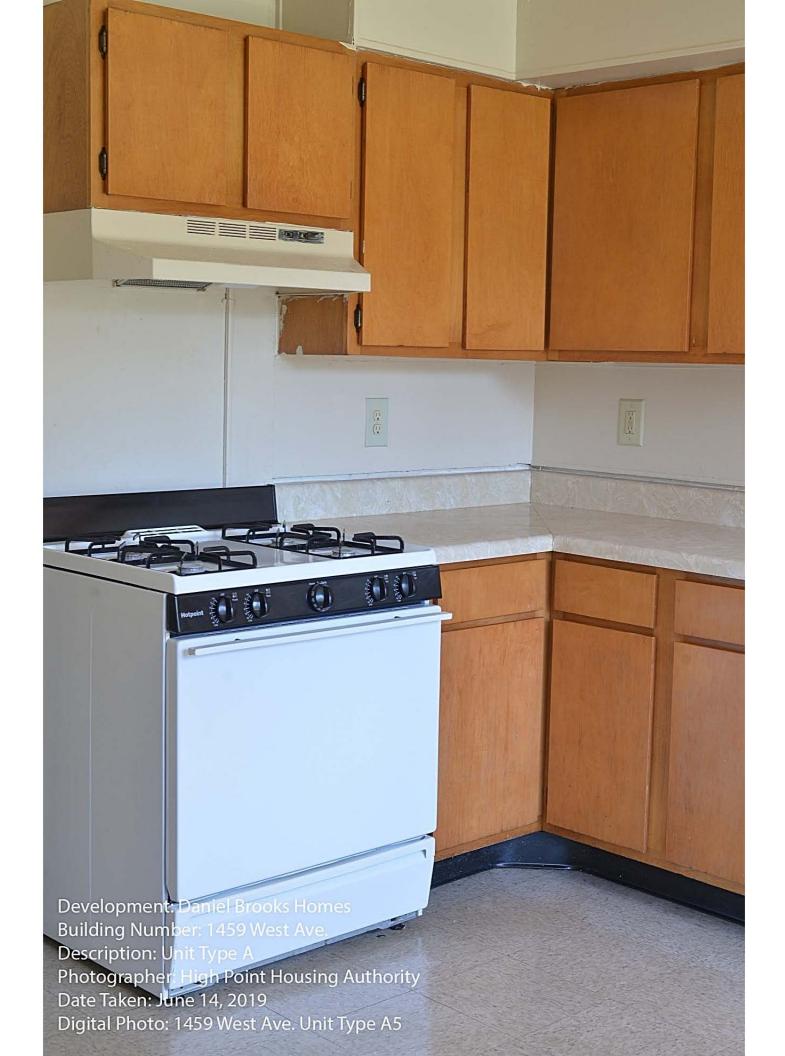
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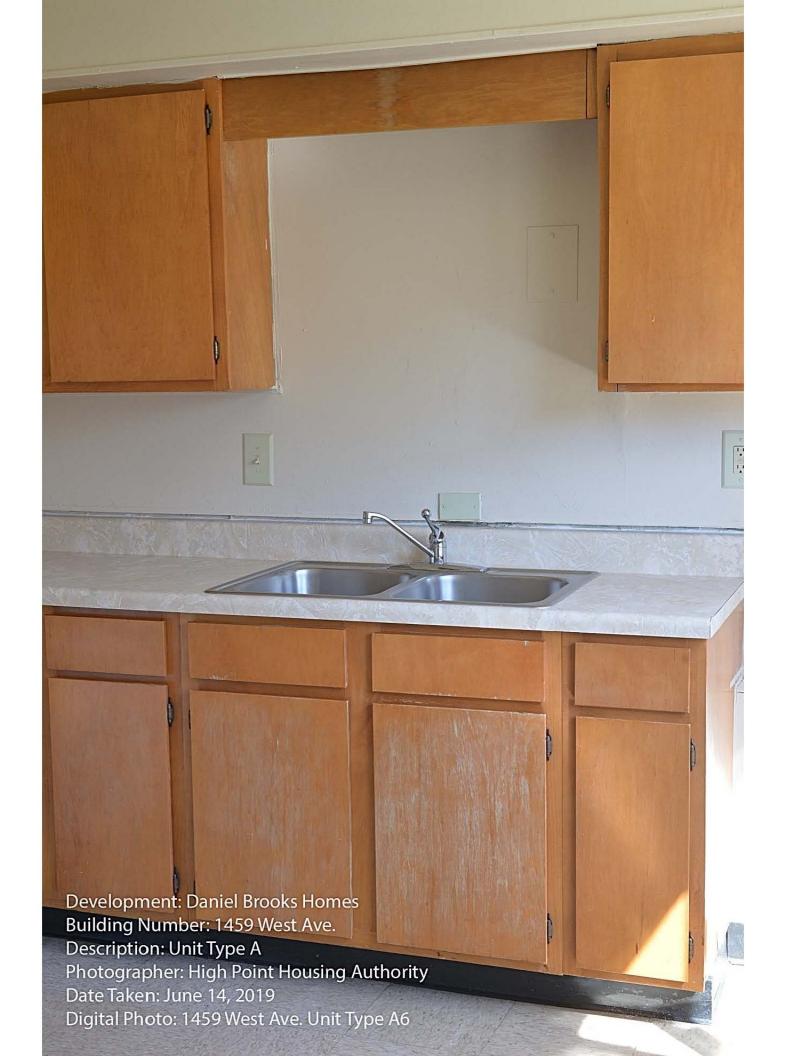












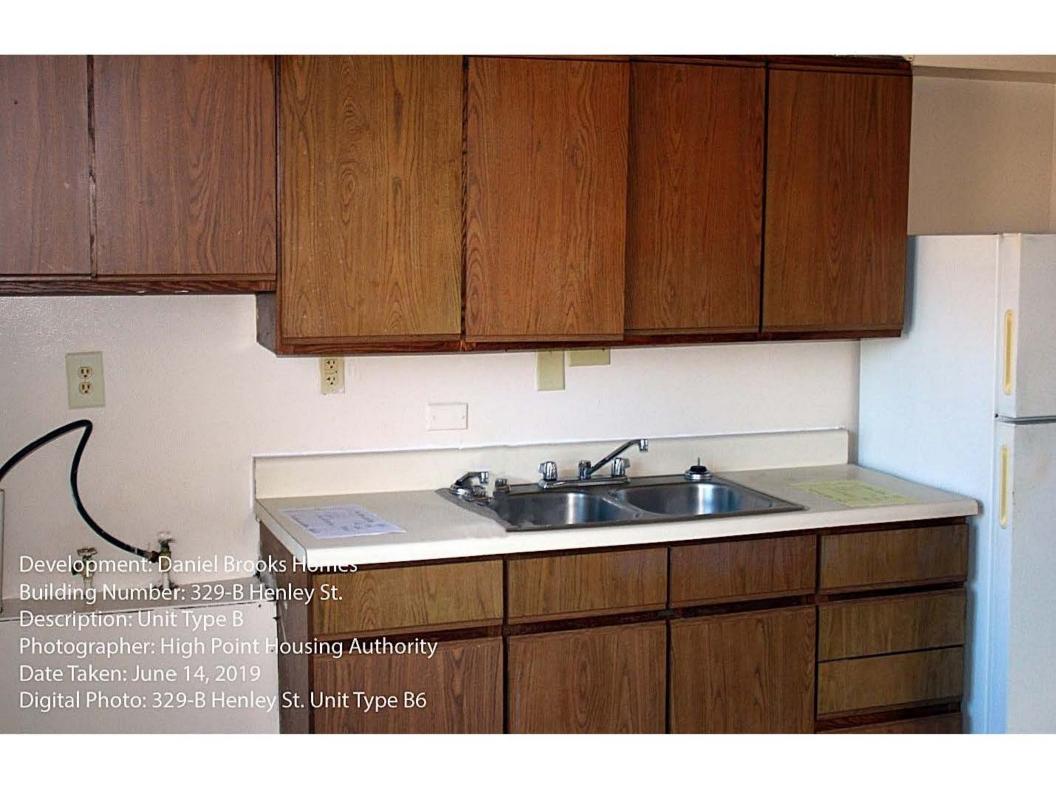










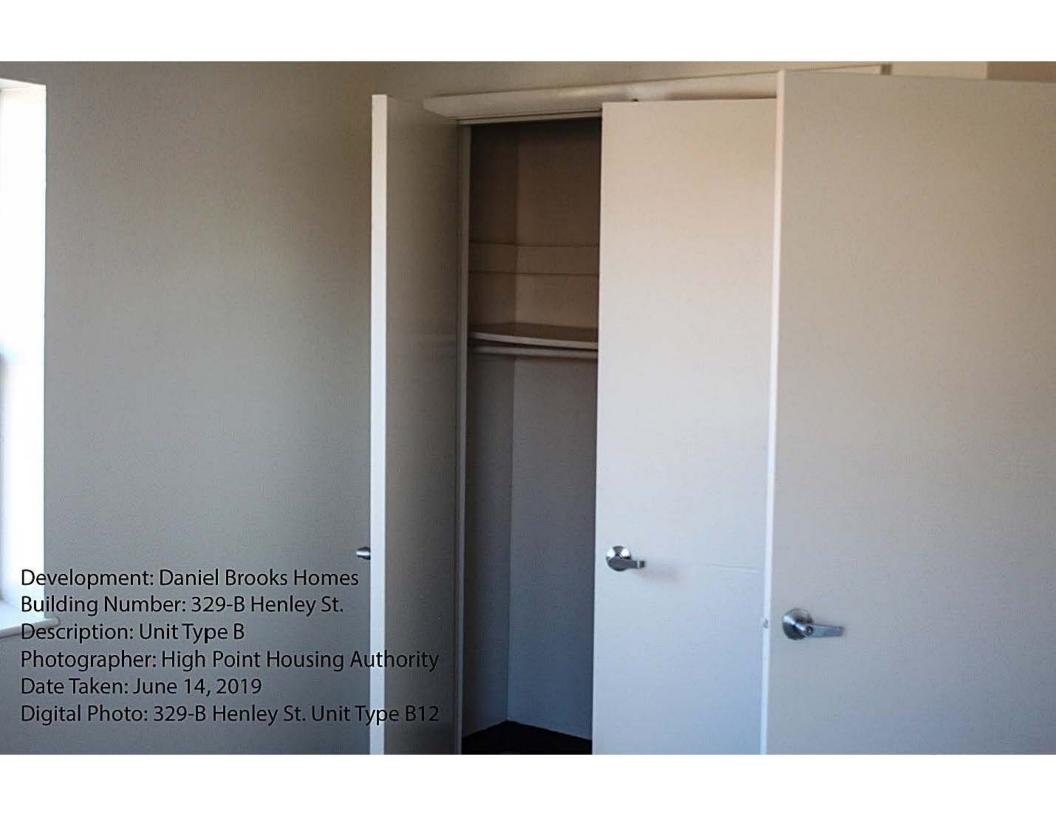


















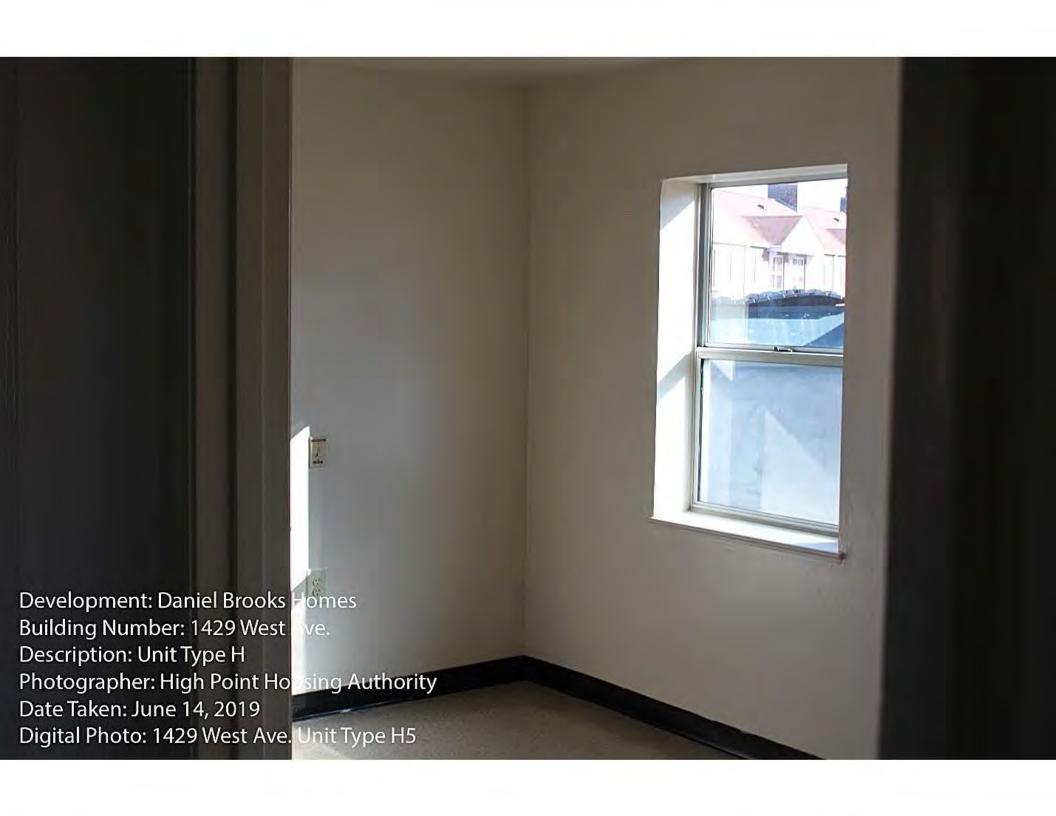


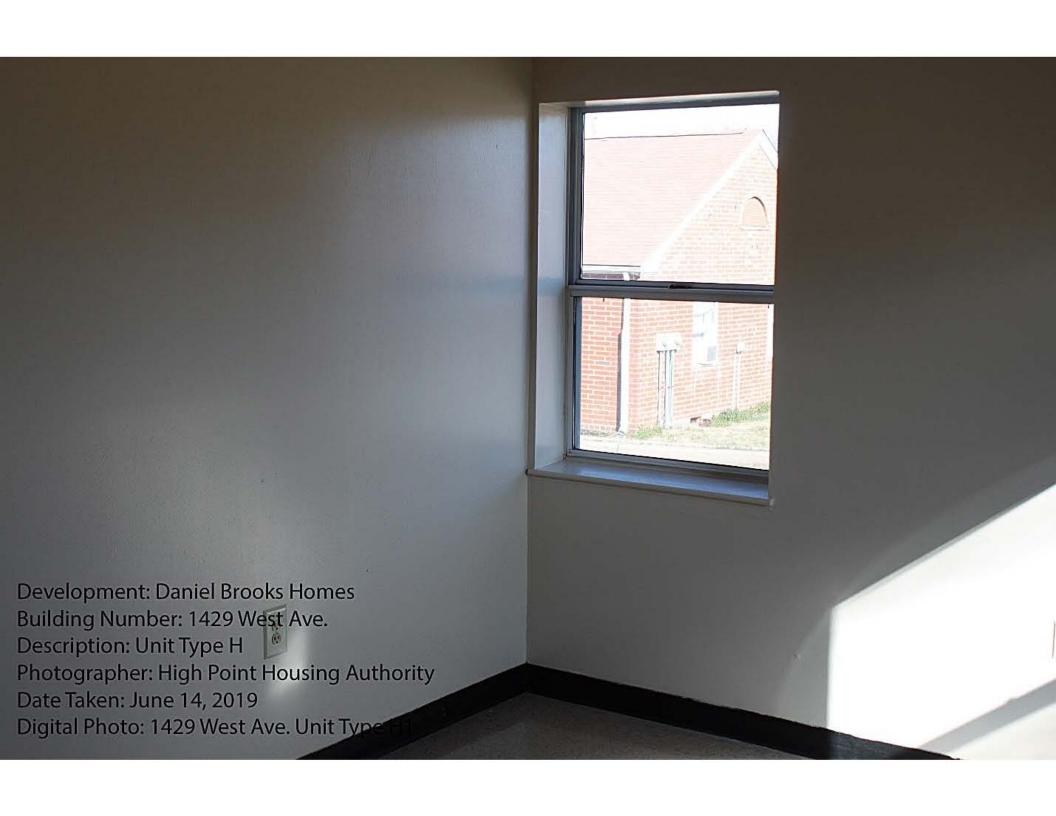


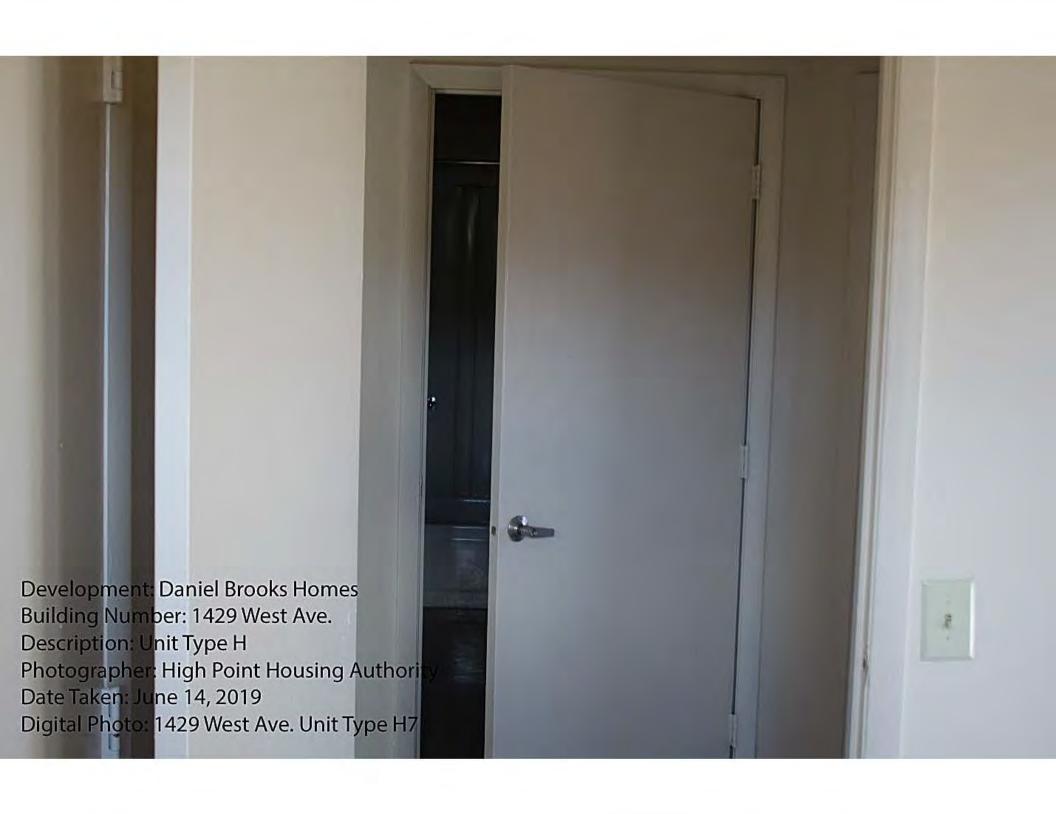




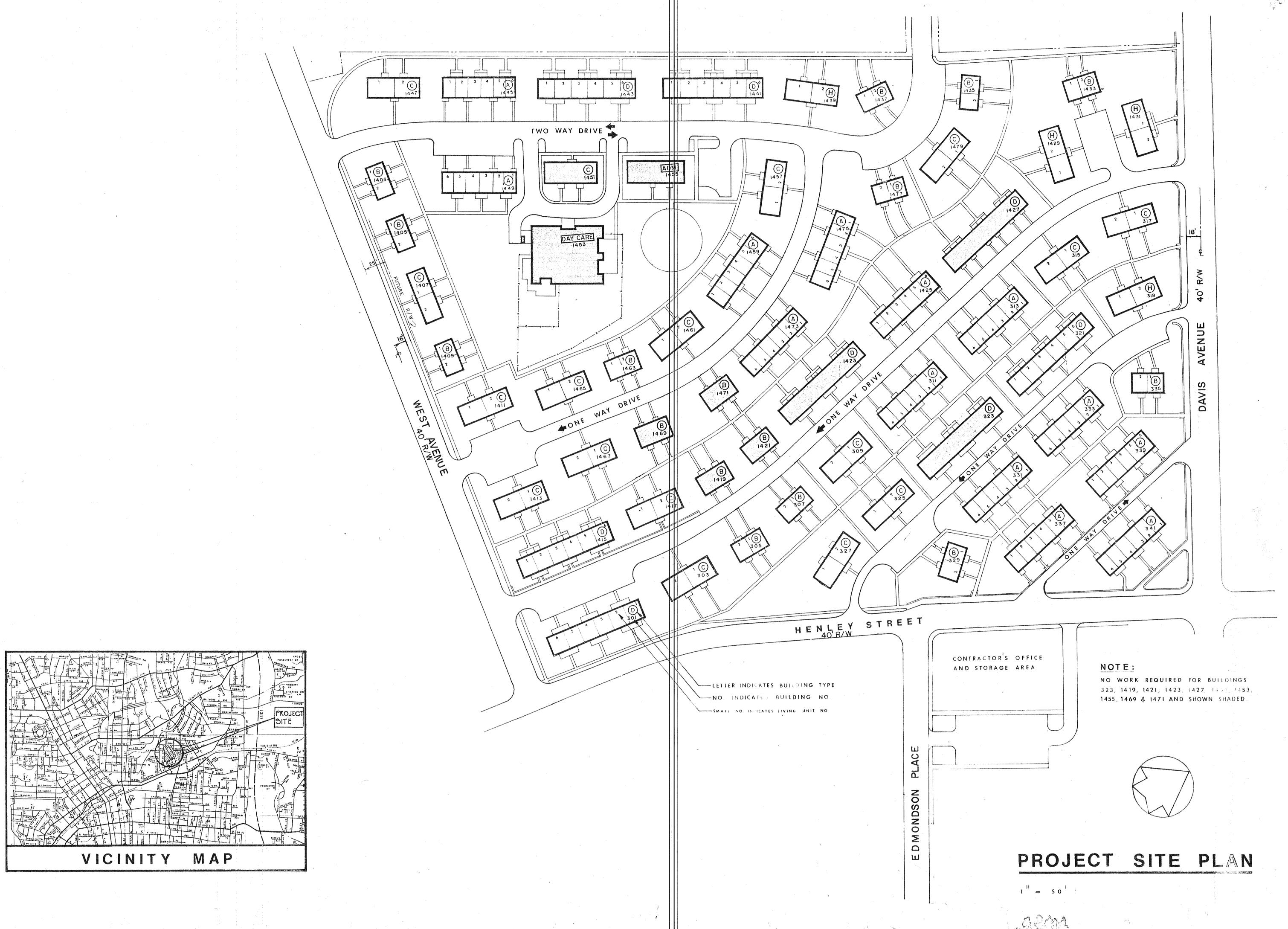












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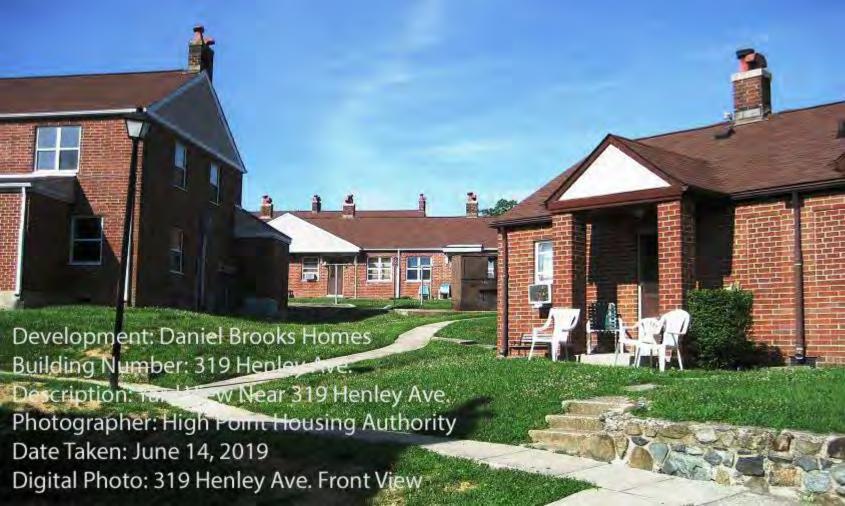
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Development: Deniel Brooks Homes Building Number: 329-B Henley St. Description: Unit Type B

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Date Taken: June 14, 2019

Digital Photo: 329-B Henley St. Unit Type B8

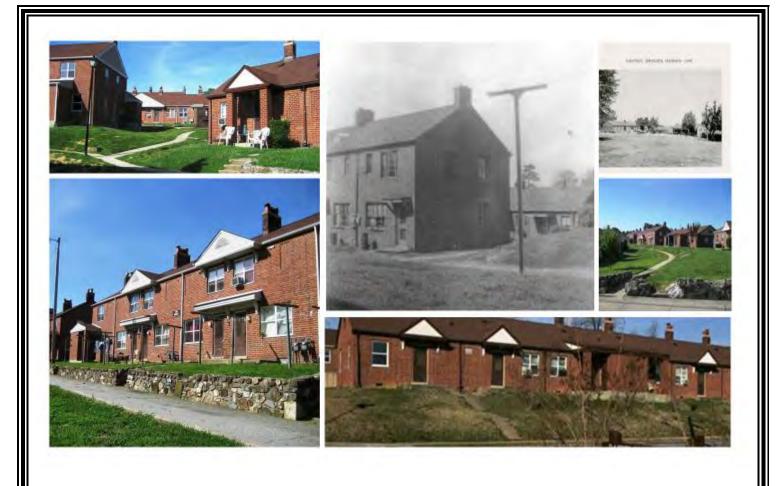










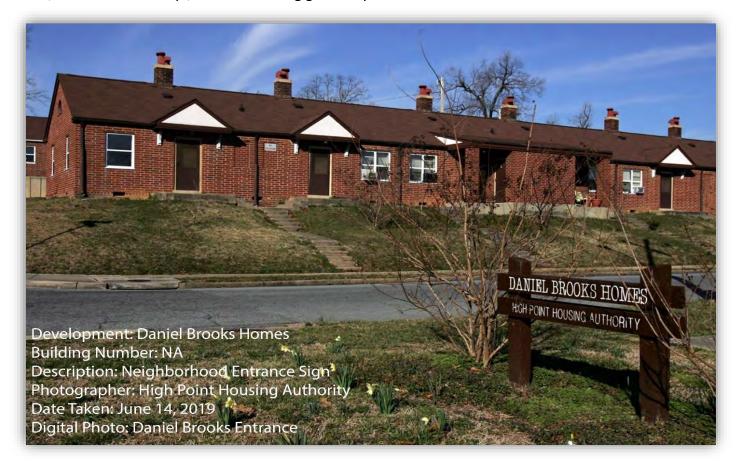


Daniel Brooks Homes Public Housing Historic Recordation Housing Authority of the City of High Point

September 5, 2019

Historical Background

The Daniel Brooks Homes community was constructed in 1942 and is the oldest property the Housing Authority of the City of High Point (HPHA) portfolio. This community consist of 172 housing units. The property was named in honor of Rev. Daniel Brooks for his service to the community. Rev. Brooks was a Methodist Minister in High Point and served multiple terms as a city school commissioner. He is best known best for negotiating the sale of land that later became the historic William Penn High School in High Point, North Carolina. Tyson Ferree, a prominent local architect, patterned the design for Daniel Brooks Homes based on mid-nineteenth century English worker housing; including signature stone walls, steep-pitched roofs, distinctive chimneys, and meandering greenways.



Daniel Brooks Entrance

Daniel Brooks Homes was developed as designated as an African American community in accordance with segregation laws of the time. HPHA borrowed \$1,770,000 funds from the United States Housing Administration to clear areas, that qualified as slums, to create new neighborhoods of apartments in their place. HPHA moved forward with two "separate but equal" projects. On the east side of the city, a site for Daniel Brooks Homes was selected near William Penn High School. Clara Cox, a slightly larger complex of 250 units located between Asheboro, Park, and E. Russell Ave., was reserved for whites only. Both projects were completed in 1942.

The construction of Daniel Brooks Homes and its design articulated social reform ideals of the day. These design ideals sought to engineer resident behavior in ways anticipated to improve their lives with attention to safety, proximity to nature, social interaction, and order. Tyson Ferree worked closely with the landscape architect, Reginald D. Tillson, to configure units with direct access to a network of curvilinear greenways that

were flanked by lawns, shrubs, and trees. These greenways would not only improve the health of residents, by encouraging walking, but also increase the frequency of social interaction. The incorporation of gently curving walkways separate from roads was part of the "garden city" ideal, first expressed in Great Britain, where clusters of buildings were surrounded by open spaces or village greens in contrast to the dense urban and industrial landscapes typical of manufactured cities.



Aerial View of Daniel Brooks

Daniel Brooks Homes also sought to provide a solution to the substandard and crowded housing conditions experienced in High Point during the 1930s. In contrast to market-rate residences that existed across the city, these federally financed units could be operated by HPHA based on need and income thresholds.

Daniel Brooks Homes buildings and unit types are broken down as follows:

Daniel Brooks Core Community (1942)							
Unit				_		Total	Total
Types	Bedrooms	Stories	Sample Location	Sq.ft.	Entrances	Buildings	Units
Α	2	2	1459-A West	723.34	6	13	78
В	1	1	1433-B West	456.74	2	12	24
С	3	1	1457-A West	762.75	2	16	32
D	1	1	321-C Henley	456.74	6	5	30
Н	2	1	1429-A West	767.41	2	4	8
					Total	50	172

- Type A This is a 2-story rowhome style building that consist of 6 dwelling units with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom located on the second level.
- **Type B** This is a 1-story duplex that consist of 2 dwelling units with 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom.
- **Type C** This is a 1-story duplex that consist of 2 dwelling units with 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom.
- **Type D** This is a 1-story rowhome style building that consist of 6 dwelling units with 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom.
- **Type H** This is a 1-story duplex that consist of 2 dwelling units with 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom.

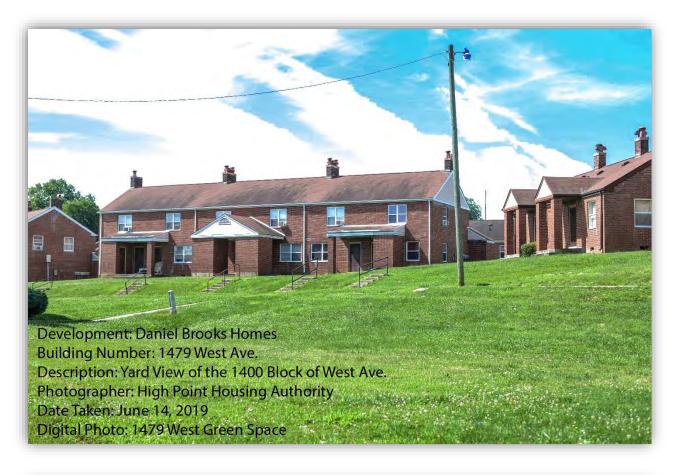
Sketch Plan of Development

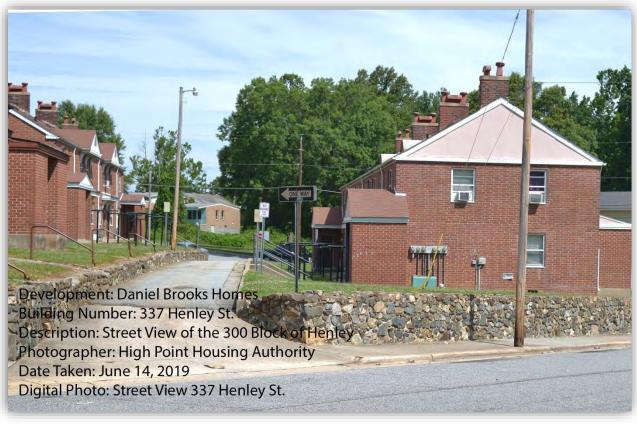


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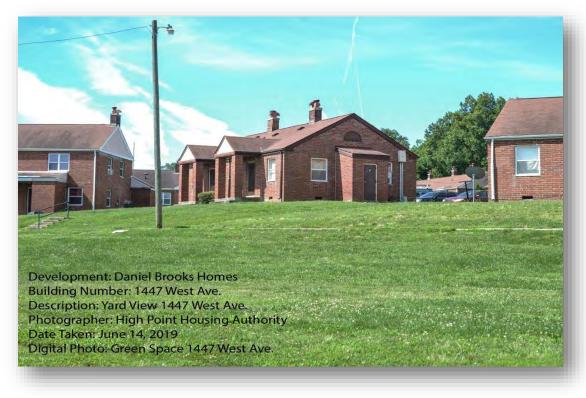
Streetscapes and Amenities





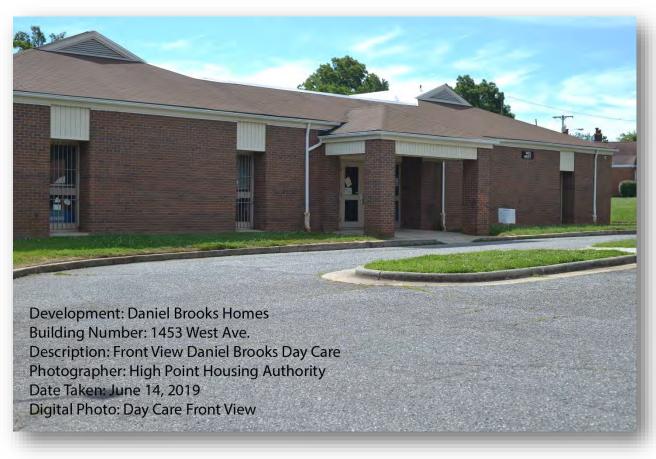




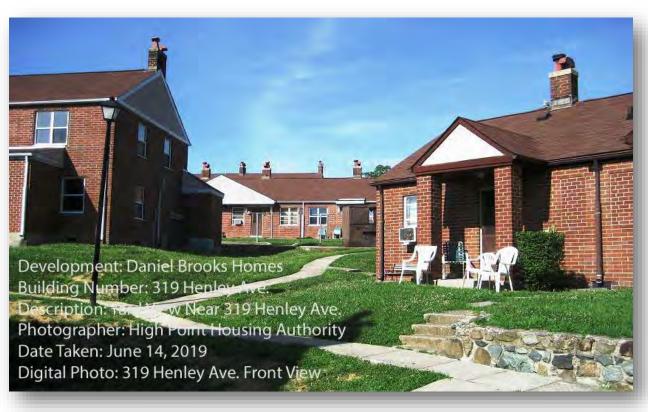


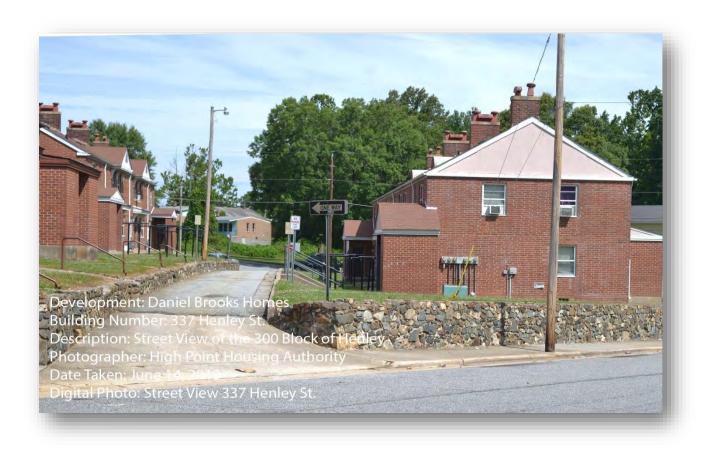


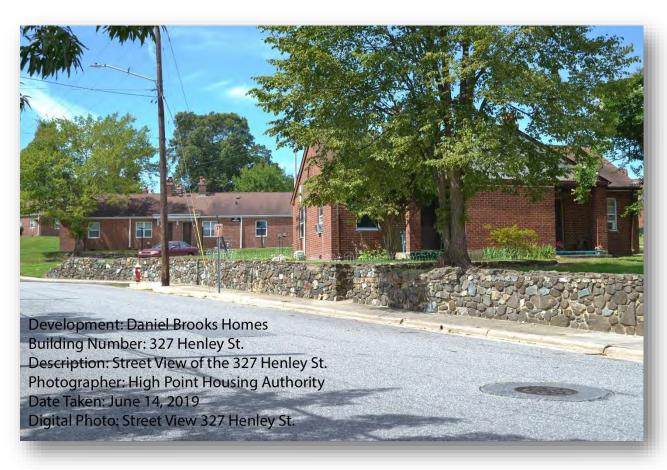




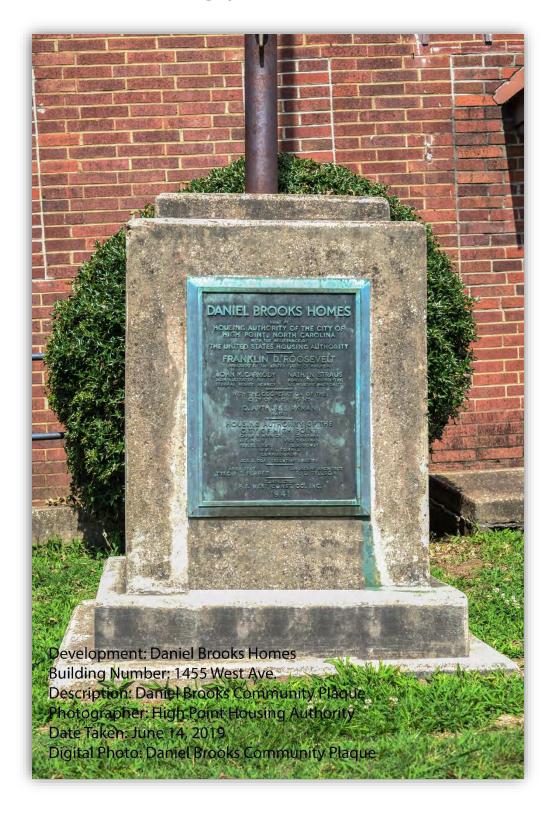




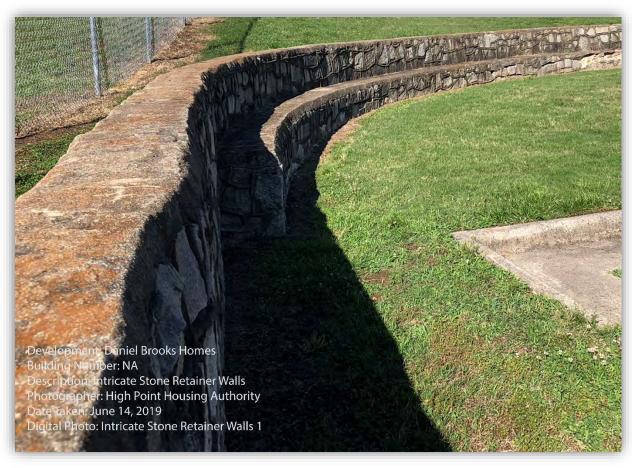


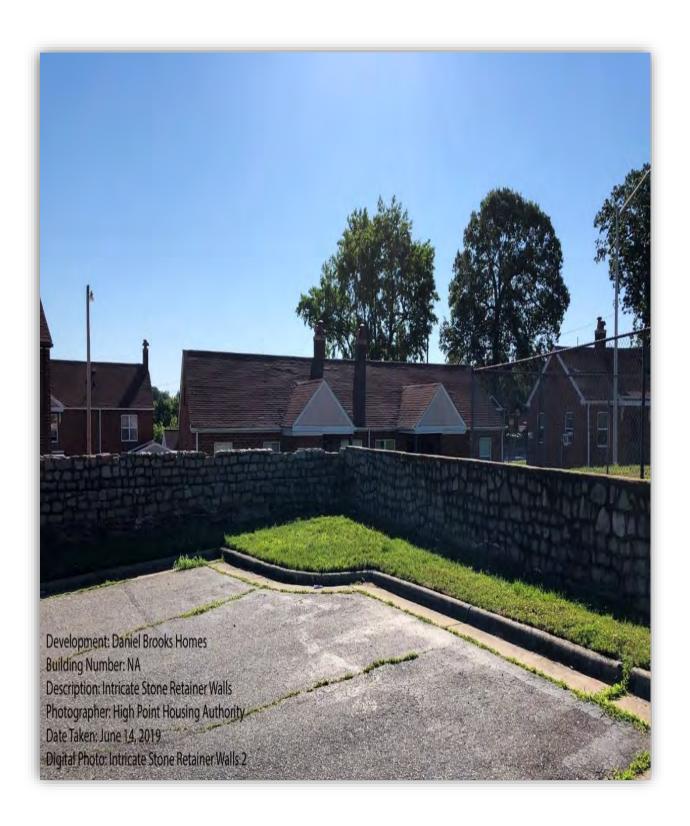


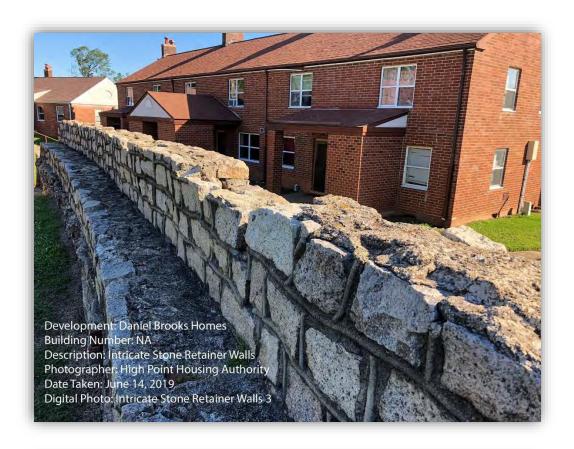
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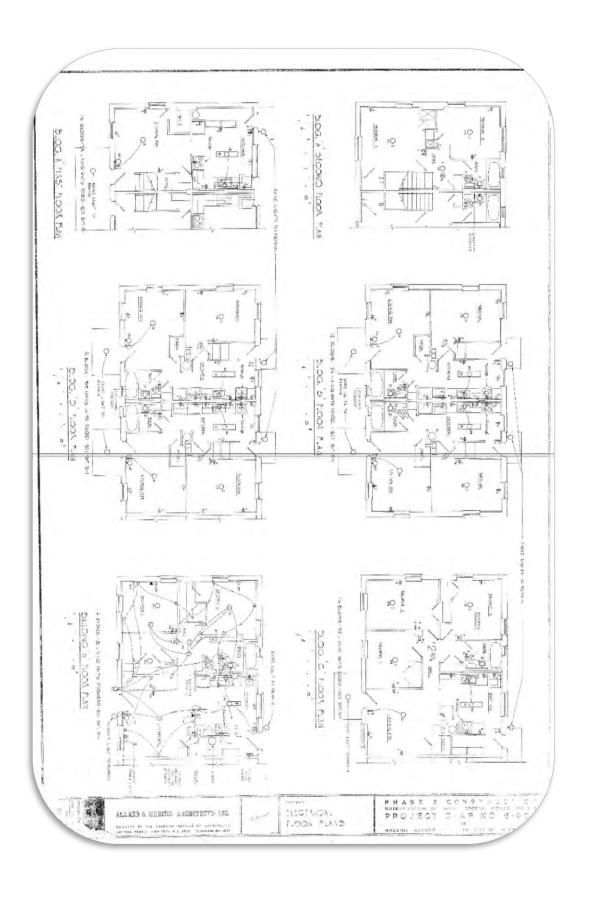








Unit Types



Unit Type A (1459 West Ave.)









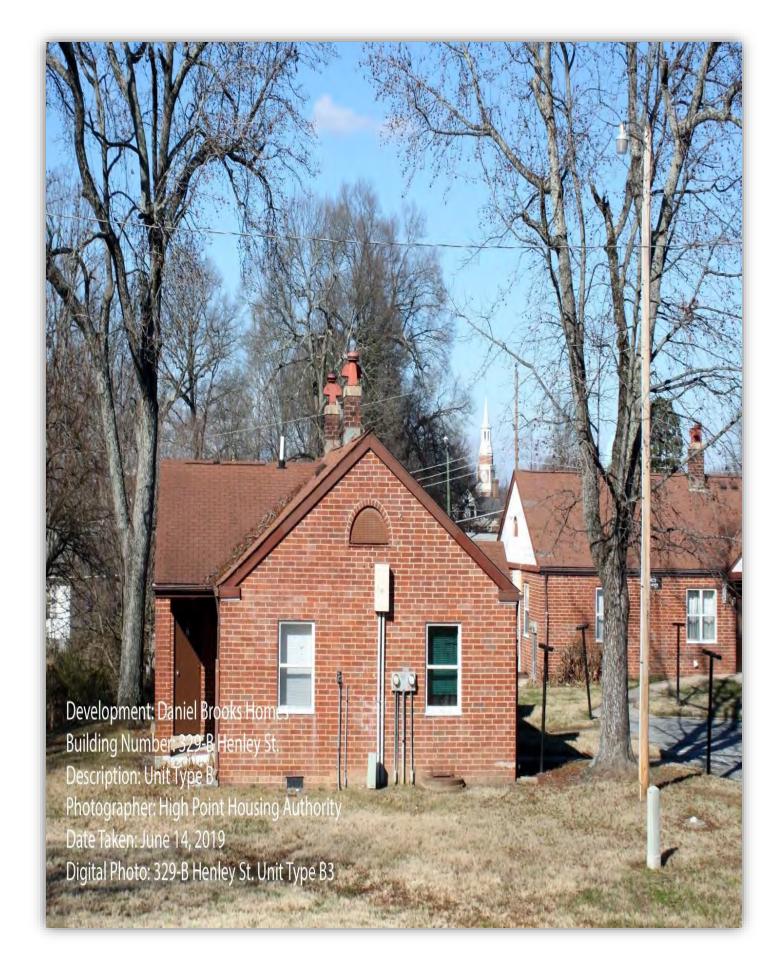




Unit Type B (329 Henley St.)

























Unit Type C (1413 West Ave.)









Unit Type H (1429 West Ave.)

































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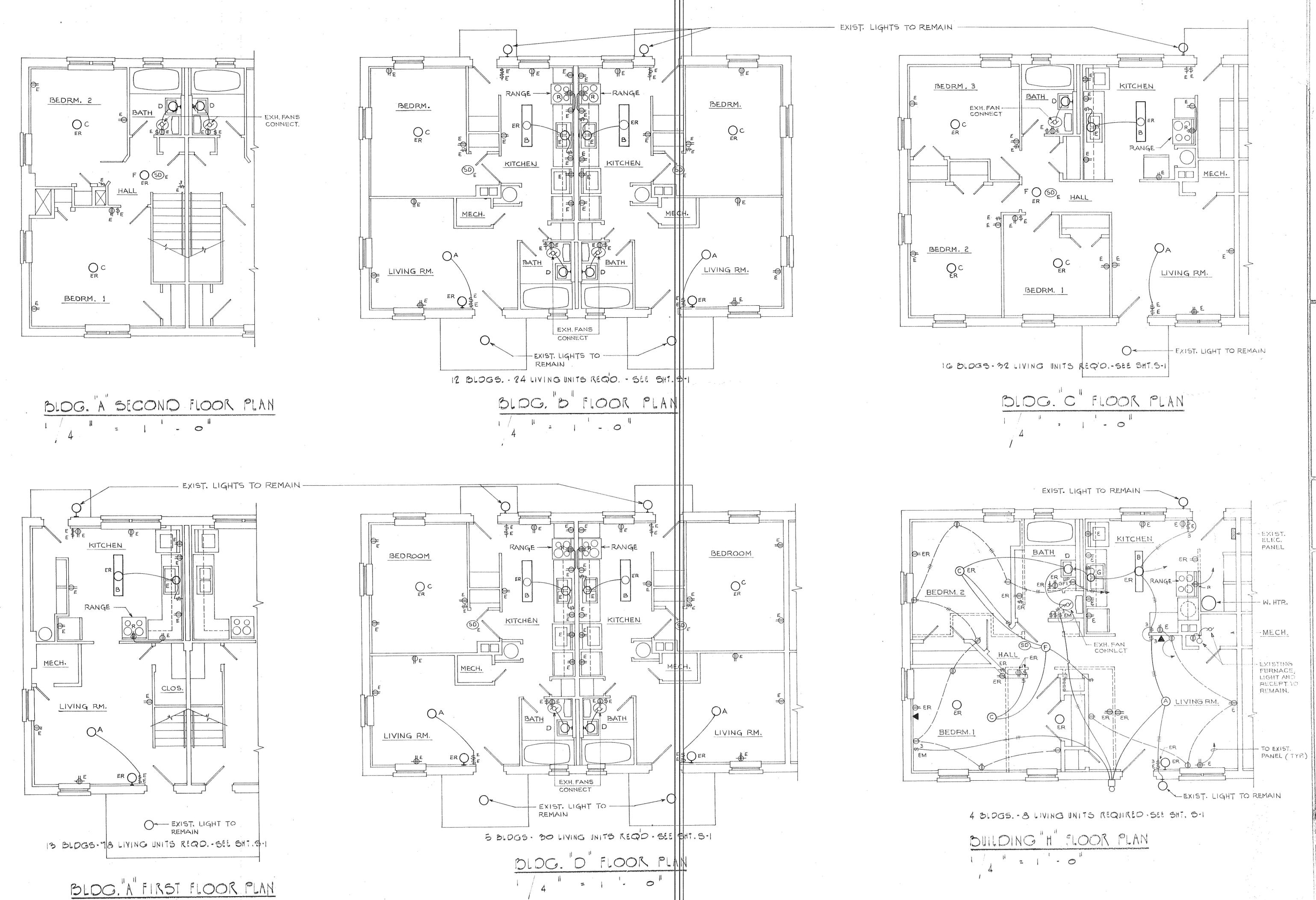












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Building Number: 1453 West Ave.

Description: Front View Daniel Brooks Day Care

Photographer: High Point Housing Authority

Date Taken: June 14, 2019

Digital Photo: Day Care Front View







Development: Daniel Brooks Homes

Building Number: 1447 West Ave.

Description: Yard View 1447 West Ave.

Photographer: High Point Housing Authority

Date Taken: June 14, 2019

Digital Photo: Green Space 1447 West Ave.



