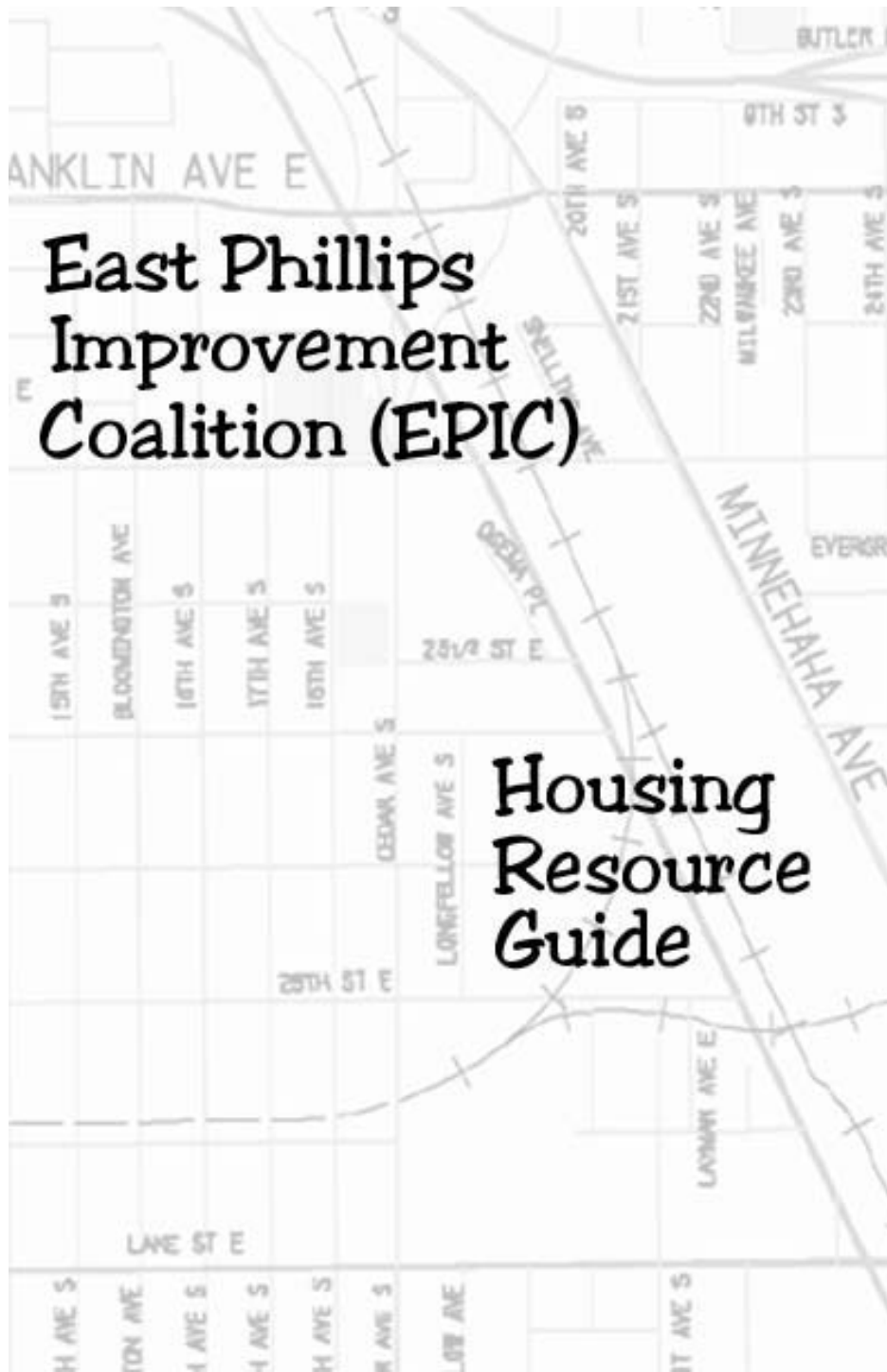


East Phillips Improvement



East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)

Housing Resource Guide

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East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) is the neighborhood organization serving the East Phillips area, which includes all residents and business owners between 24th St. on the north, Lake St. on the south, Hiawatha Corridor/RR on the east, and Bloomington Av. on the west. EPIC is made up of citizens who are committed to addressing social and economic issues in the neighborhood and we encourage your participation.

For more information call the EPIC office (612) 278-7155

DO IT YOURSELF HOME IMPROVEMENT RESOURCES

Do It Yourself Network

<http://www.diy.net.com/DIY/categoryHome/0,1018,DIYR,FF.html>

Extensive on-line resource that provides information and instructions on a range of home repair projects.

Energy Information Center

<http://www.commerce.state.mn.us>

(651) 296-5175

Offers a series of 19 home energy guides that provide detailed information on a range of issues including heating, cooling, insulation, lighting, moisture, and ventilation. Includes suggestions for repairs and improvements.

Minneapolis Community Education

<http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/services/commed>

(612) 668-1100

Classes on home repair and improvement are offered under the Adult Enrichment Classes and Activities section. You can find the current schedule on-line.

Old House Guide

<http://www.oldhouseguy.com>

This website provides information on repairing and restoring older homes with a focus on shutters, siding, windows, porches, and woodwork.

The Reuse Center
(612) 724-2608

A non-profit retail store that sells low cost reusable building materials that have been previously used or come from manufacturers' surplus. If you're looking for cabinets, doors and door hardware, windows and window parts, plumbing supplies and fixtures, dimension lumber, molding and trim, or lighting fixtures at affordable prices, stop by the store (2216 East Lake St).

Community Action
<http://www.campls.org>
(612) 348-8858

Energy Assistance: Helps low-income households pay heating bills. Both homeowners and renters may qualify. Available annually from October 1–June 28. Call Community Action for information about how to apply.

Weatherization: Based on a free energy audit you may receive air-sealing, insulation, and furnace repair or replacement in order to make your house more comfortable and less expensive to heat. Call Community Action to see if you meet the qualifications.

Energy Savings: The Home Electric Savings Program (HESP) provides home energy conservation education tailored to each individual household's energy need and usage. Efficient use of energy translates to savings on energy cost and greater self-sufficiency for low-income families. Call Community Action for more information.

Sustainable Resource Center
<http://www.src-mn.org>
(612) 870-4255

Offers free consultations and referrals on any of the following: ice dams, moisture problems, poor indoor air quality, drafty rooms, mold and mildew, and carbon monoxide. Also performs energy efficiency and weatherization improvements for Community Action (see above). Call 612.872.3294 for more information.

Community Revitalization Resources

<http://www.mncee.org>

(612) 335-5858

Operation Insulation: an energy audit program that involves performing diagnostic tests on a house to locate potential energy leaks. The result is a list of recommendations on how to make the home more energy efficient. This service costs \$150.

Salvation Army Heat Share

<http://www.angelfire.com/mn/hshare>

1-800-842-7279

Offers emergency heat assistance for elderly, disabled, and low-income people who are unable to find help elsewhere.

Minnesota ACORN

(651) 642-9639

ACORN Housing: offers a first-time home-buyers program and support for victims of predatory lending. Call (651) 203-0008 for more information.

Community Revitalization Resources (CRR)

<http://www.mncee.org>

(612) 335-5858

Offers several types of home improvement loans. Call CRR for more information.

Home Ownership Center

<http://www.hocmn.org>

(651) 659-9336

Offers home education workshops and individual mortgage counseling in Spanish, English, Hmong, and Khmer. This service is available to any person or family thinking about buying a home in the Twin Cities regardless of income level. (Check on-line or call the center for a current schedule).

MCDA CityLiving Home Programs

<http://www.mcda.org/Services/Housing/CityLiving.htm>

(612) 673-5288

MCDA offers 3 types of low-interest home loans—purchase, purchase/rehab, and refinance/rehab (call the MCDA office for more information).

Powderhorn Residents Group (PRG)

(612) 721-7556

Minneapolis-based community developer that offers educational workshops and counseling assistance to families and individuals interested in purchasing homes. PRG also markets new and rehabilitated single-family homes in South Minneapolis under the Home Ownership Works program (HOW).

Southside Housing Resource Center

<http://www.housingresourcecenter.org>

(612) 722-7141

The HRC administers a range of low-interest home loan programs as well as an MHFA housing fix-up loan (call for more information on what's currently available). HRC also offers free construction consultations for homeowners seeking to make improvements on their homes. Extensive housing information resources on a range of topics including buying your own home, understanding credit, and choosing a mortgage company are available at the office (3800 Longfellow Ave. S).

Southside Neighborhood Housing Services of Minneapolis

<http://www.southsidenhs.org>

(612) 823-5216

Offers a range of home ownership and home improvement programs and loans. Check on line or call SNHS for more details.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.tchabitat.org>

(612) 331-4090

Constructs and sells homes to low-income families with a zero interest mortgage and low monthly payments. Call Habitat for Humanity to see if you qualify to apply (you and your family will have to be willing to put in 300-500 hours of work alongside other volunteers on your or another Habitat home).

Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program (MFPP) provides counseling, advocacy, referrals to additional resources and, in some cases, financial assistance to families facing foreclosure. Call the Habitat office to see if you qualify and for information about how to apply for help.

Information about affordable housing issues is available on Habitat's website.

GREEN BUILDING, LANDSCAPING, AND LIVING

Center for Sustainable Building Research

<http://www.csbr.umn.edu>

The center is working on putting together a comprehensive sustainable building guide (check back later).

Green Institute

<http://www.greeninstitute.org>

(612) 278-7100

Phillips Community Energy Cooperative (PCEP): still in the works! The idea is for neighborhood residents and businesses to come together to exercise control and economic power over the cost and conservation of energy. Members will have access to education, services, and energy efficient appliances. If you're interested call Andrew Lambert at (612) 278-7118.

Green Resource Center: opening soon! A library of sustainable building and green landscaping information located in the Phillips Eco-Enterprise Center. To find out more contact Andrew Lambert at (612) 278-7118.

GreenSpace Partners: Working to protect and promote greenspace through community gardening, urban forestry, and advocacy. If you're interested in gardens take a look at the Community Gardening Resource Guide online. For more information contact Corie Zoll at (612) 278-7119.

Hennepin County Environmental Services

<http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us/environmental>

(612) 348-3777

Information on waste disposal, recycling, and composting (check out the website!).

Sustainable Resource Center

<http://www.src-mn.org>

(612) 870-4255

Urban Lands: provides technical assistance, resources, and advocacy to Twin Cities community gardeners. For more information about this program call 612-872-3297.

University of Minnesota Extension Service—(612) 374-8400

<http://www.extension.umn.edu>

Sustainable Urban Landscape Information Services: offers extensive resources for green landscaping, lawn care, and gardening. (www.sustland.umn.edu).

Eco-Building on-line resources:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Home Improvement Toolbox

<http://www.epa.gov/hhiptool>

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—Energy Savers

http://www.eren.doe.gov/consumerinfo/energy_savers

H2OUSE: Water Saver Home

<http://www.h2ouse.net/index.cfm>

HEALTH

City of Minneapolis Lead Hazard Control Program

(612) 673-3856

Lead reduction services include lead hazard inspection and assessment, lead paint and dust analysis, and window replacement.

Sustainable Resource Center

<http://www.src-mn.org>

(612) 870-4255

CLEARCorps: provides free educational services, free home lead risk assessments, and lead hazard reduction services for qualified homeowners or tenants. Also offers a lead-safe landscaping project and a home gardening program to help prevent lead poisoning through malnutrition. Call 612-872-3287 for more information.

SAFETY AND HOME SECURITY

Community Crime Prevention/SAFE

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/citywork/police/ccp-safe/index.html>

(612) 673-3447

Offers a range of safety and home security information resources.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Housing Link

<http://www.MNHL.org>

(612) 522 2500

The purpose of this organization is to provide resources and information to low and moderate-income people about how to find affordable rental housing in Minneapolis. Call the 24-hour helpline (612-333-4888) to get connected with a service center in your area.

Minneapolis Legal Aid

(612) 827-3774

Mediates disputes between landlords and tenants and provides free legal advice and representation for low-income tenants facing eviction.

If you feel that you have been denied rental housing due to your race, gender, sexuality, religion, or nationality contact the Housing Discrimination Law Project for assistance (part of Minneapolis Legal Aid).

Minneapolis Housing Service

(612) 673-3003

An office of the city of Minneapolis that advises tenants and landlords about their respective rights and responsibilities and also provides information on city ordinances/laws regarding rental housing and renters. In case of an eviction notice, the Minneapolis Housing Service can help prepare tenants for court or refer clients to Legal Aid.

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