

The L'Enfant Trust Receives a 2016 \$100,000 Grant from The 1772 Foundation
The Trust's Historic Properties Redevelopment Program Supports Anacostia

WASHINGTON, DC -- The L'Enfant Trust was awarded, once again, a \$100,000 grant from The 1772 Foundation to support its Historic Properties Redevelopment Program (HPR Program). The Trust has focused its HPR Program on endangered historic buildings in the Anacostia Historic District. To date, the Trust has completed two award winning rehabilitation projects on long vacant, blighted single family homes and returned them to the Anacostia community.

The 1772 Foundation has now granted a quarter of a million dollars in philanthropic monies in support of the Trust's HPR Program to help underwrite the "uneconomic" rehabilitation of the many forgotten, wrecked historic buildings in Anacostia. Decades of disinvestment in Anacostia have caused protracted vacancies and endanger the irreplaceable historic fabric of the neighborhood. As a non-profit historic real estate developer, the Trust takes on historic rehabilitation projects that are not economically feasible for owners, or for-profit developers, or for the city government alone.

According to the Trust's Executive Director, Lauren McHale, "The first two properties saved by the Trust were on the verge of becoming two more city-owned, vacant properties. Now rather than draining city resources, the rehabbed properties have new homeowners, and are a sign of positive change in a long neglected area of the city."

Next in its pipeline, the Trust is working to take on the rehabilitation of several long vacant, blighted city owned historic homes in Anacostia. Together and with the full support of The 1772 Foundation and the Anacostia neighborhood, and also along with the District government, the Trust looks forward to its next ribbon cutting ceremony and open house celebration in the Anacostia Historic District.

About The L'Enfant Trust:

The L'Enfant Trust is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1978 to preserve and protect Washington, D.C.'s historic neighborhoods and streetscapes. In addition to its hands-on active historic rehabilitation activities, the Trust administers its nationally recognized Conservation Easement program, protecting more than 1,130 of Washington's historic buildings, the largest such program in the country.

About The 1772 Foundation:

Based in Newport, RI, The 1772 Foundation is a national leader in promoting the field of historic properties redevelopment programs. Through its far-reaching educational efforts and grant-making programs, The 1772 Foundation has been an invaluable source of support for organizations like the Trust working to preserve American architecture and cultural histories for future generations.

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