

SECTION 106

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Columbus, Franklin County



During Section 106 review of the Nelson Park Apartments rehabilitation project, additional research by Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office revealed the property's important connection to Columbus's urban renewal history. Originally constructed in 1958 as Eastgate Apartments, the development was created through an FHA-supported Section 221 Replacement Housing initiative to provide housing for families displaced by construction of the Goodale Expressway and related urban renewal activities.

The project was the result of collaboration among the Federal Housing Administration, community leaders, civic organizations, and local redevelopment advocates working to expand housing opportunities for displaced residents, including families of color. Because of its association with these significant community development efforts, the property was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion A.

This finding led the owners to successfully nominate the property as the Eastgate Apartment Historic District (NRHP Ref#:SG100009503) in 2023. Today, the property is being rehabilitated using Federal Historic Tax Credits, preserving an important chapter of Columbus's housing and urban renewal history while supporting continued community investment.