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Re: New York State Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program

Please let this letter serve as a request for your support to extend the New York State Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program (“the Program”) to include all properties within the boundaries of the Parkside Neighborhood (“Parkside”) in Buffalo, New York. Currently, the Program is restricted by census tract and only a third of homes in Parkside are eligible for qualified rehabilitation tax credits. Considering the new Federal Tax Code restricts deductions available to property owners, this extension of eligibility would be especially welcome to homeowners in Parkside.

By extending the boundary of eligible properties to include the entire Parkside Neighborhood, the Program would cover many additional historic homes that make up Parkside. The Parkside Neighborhood was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and, in 1987, the entire Parkside Neighborhood became an Architectural Landscape District on the National Register of Historic Places. Parkside is fortunate to have homes designed by prestigious architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright, H.H. Richardson, E.B. Green, William Sydney Wicks and Louis Sullivan and the style of homes include American Four Square, Arts & Craft Bungalow, Victorian and Colonial Revival. Extending the eligibility of the Program would ensure the health and well-being of the unique and varied residences throughout the entire Parkside Neighborhood.

Attached is a map indicating the boundary of Parkside’s current Architectural Landscape District on the National Register of Historic Places designation and the census tract that delineates the limited qualifying residences within Parkside.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eric Harvey
President, Board of Directors
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