

**What are Emerson Park's
neighborhood's strengths?**

- Strong sense of community
- Improved municipal services
- Presence of numerous religious institutions
- New housing investment
- Availability of neighborhood-based social services
- The City of East St. Louis has committed \$3.5 million for public improvements
- Neighborhood oriented businesses
- Location and access to jobs and services (new MetroLink station)



Emerson Park Metro Link Station with
Parson's Place in the Background



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Emerson Park
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**Housing
Services &
Opportunities**

*The Building Block for a Better
Community*



*"I do believe that people want to
come back and this is what
we are very proud of."*

*-- Ella Rush, EPDC Board member
and Emerson Park resident*

What is EPDC doing for you???

- Striving to become a flexible community
- Striving to become a stable residential area
- Seeking to attract families of various income levels

How will EPDC do this???

By implementing an aggressive economic and social development program that will emphasize:

- Economic development
- New and rehabilitated housing
- A strong neighborhood retail base
- Youth programs
- Public safety
- Community organizing
- Municipal services
- Crime prevention
- Human services
- Zoning
- Land use

NEW HOUSING

Parson's Place

Parson's Place is a 174 unit multi-family rental apartment development in the Emerson Park neighborhood. Supported by the Mayor and the City Council, this important project has been embraced by the regional efforts of St. Louis 2004 and represents a key initiative in the redevelopment of this distressed community. The positive momentum is the result of the following incentives and collaborations:

- Sited adjacent to the new 15th Street Metrolink Station within blocks of the new Jackie Joyner Kersee Youth center.
- This is the first phase of over 400 units of affordable rental and 100 units of for-sale housing planned for this community.
- Emerson Park Development Corporation is a strong neighborhood organization that has partnered with McCormack Baron & Associates to rebuild its community.



Now under construction
Single family rental and ownership housing

HOUSING SERVICES

Rehabilitated Housing

Several occupied but dilapidated houses in the neighborhood have been successfully rehabilitated. Abandoned structures may also be renovated.

Of the 124 abandoned structures in Emerson Park, 22% were recently identified as candidates for re-inspection for rehabilitation potential. The neighborhood is filled with spacious bungalow type structures that are desperately in need of rehabilitation.



NeighborWorks Network

EPDC will partner up with the NeighborWorks Network to transform Emerson Park. NeighborWorks consists of 200 plus organizations that are established throughout the nation. Combined with the efforts of thousands of residents, business people, and government officials, as well as existing organizations within the community, NeighborWorks assists community residents in improving their properties and obtaining homes of their own which will enhance the entire East St. Louis community.