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Buena Vida Multifamily Affordable Housing Development

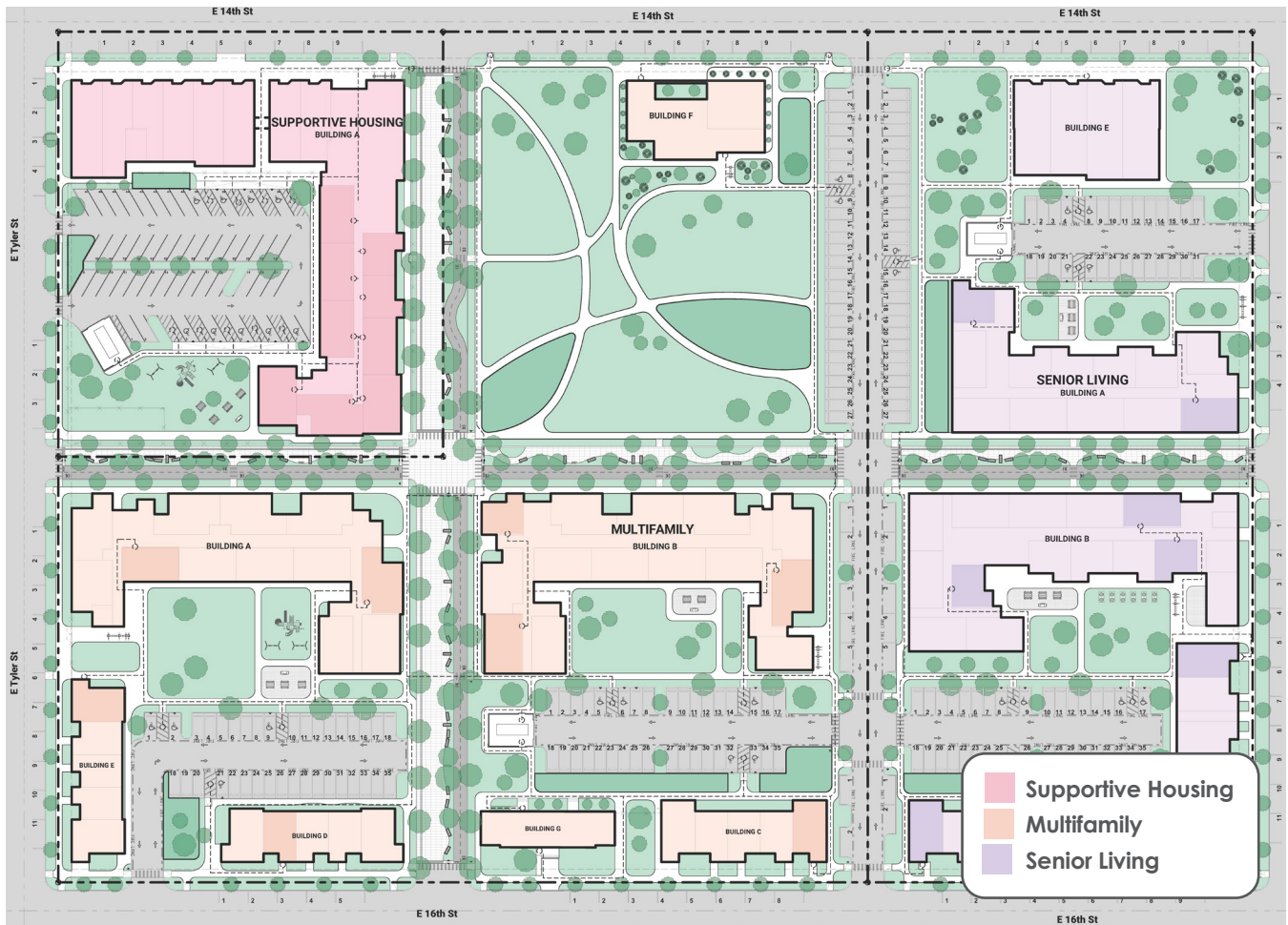
Client: Brownsville Housing Authority, Brownsville, TX



The redevelopment of the historic Buena Vida public housing site, first built in 1938, is a major move toward revitalizing the Buena Vida neighborhood in Brownsville, Texas. Focused on expanding affordable housing, this project will provide 212 families with new homes among three new developments: an 80-unit multi-family complex; an 82-unit senior living complex; and a 50-unit supportive housing complex. The project incorporates key strategies proven to bring about successful community projects. As a community-led effort, it is designed with input from residents and stakeholders through the Buena Vida HUD Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan. It reconnects walkability, making it easier for residents to move around and access neighborhood services. The project also includes a mix of uses, blending residential, supportive, and senior living spaces, and it celebrates the neighborhood's historic fabric, respecting Buena Vida's unique history and culture while bringing it into the future. Able City is proud to lead the master planning and architectural design for this project, ensuring the new developments are functional, community-centered, and true to the neighborhood's past and future.



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Bougainvillea Multifamily Affordable Housing Development

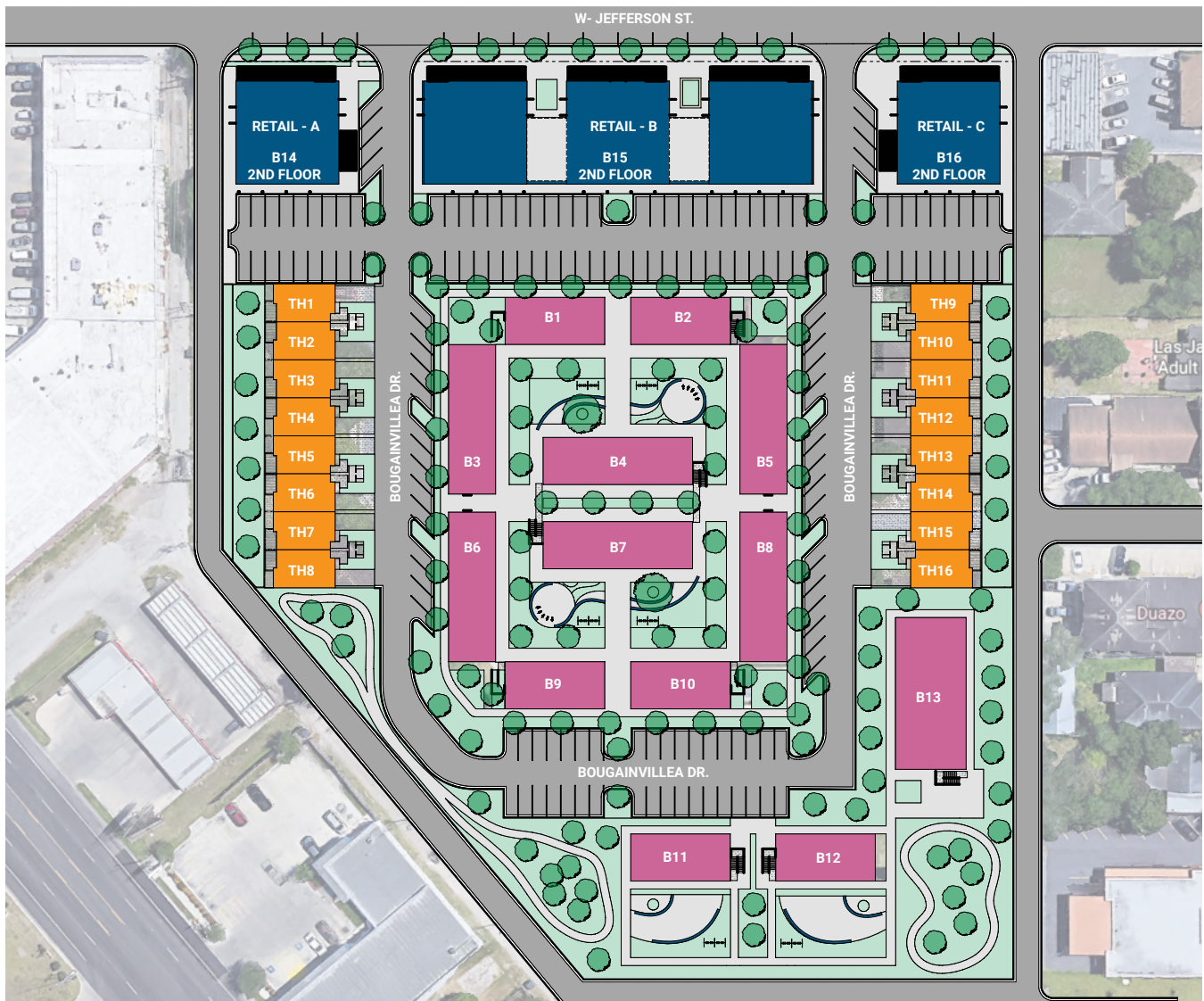
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The Bougainvillea Development was constructed in 1941 and is composed of 23 buildings and 50 units. This area of ± 6.28 acres was vacated in March 2022. The Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville (HACB) was seeking approval from the Texas Historical Commission to demolish the site, however The Texas Historical Commission determined that the proposed demolition would be an adverse effect to historic resources. The Historical Preservation Office requested that HACB provide them with a schematic design of a future proposed redevelopment. Able City contributed in revitalizing the existing site into a 21st century sustainable development, by providing walkable and bikeable spaces in a mixed-use environment that includes residences, townhouses, multifamily and commercial areas with zero added parking spaces. This approach allows parking to be utilized during the day time for retail and during night time by residents. Our design provides privacy in the interior with a walkable, pet-friendly path and park, as well as urban agricultural areas.



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Able City engages with members of the public, **both in English and Spanish**, during the charrette for the Alazan Courts Master Plan, San Antonio, TX

Alazan Courts Master Plan & Community Engagement

Client: Opportunity Home San Antonio, San Antonio, TX



The Alazan Courts Master Plan, led by Opportunity Home with Able City and partners, is a comprehensive effort to redevelop San Antonio's oldest public housing complex while honoring its cultural and historical roots. Through a year-long, community-driven process—including resident and community committees, public meetings, surveys, and direct outreach—the plan reflects a shared vision grounded in trust and inclusion. It preserves key historic buildings, reconfigures the site for better green space and livability, and adds modern, energy-efficient housing without displacing residents. Floodplain risks are addressed through strategic relocation and expansion, while phased development ensures minimal disruption. The plan strengthens connectivity and safety, ensuring Alazan Courts remains a vibrant anchor for the West Side.



Reimagining Alazan Courts





Bernal Sunrise Court Tiny Homes

Client: Laredo Housing Authority

Able City helped develop the first Tiny Home master planned community in Laredo, Texas. The project consists of three tiny homes of varying sizes (from 280 SF to 600 SF). Each house is unique to provide a variety of housing options for future tenants. The project is aimed at providing rental housing, to be managed by the Laredo Housing Authority, to different clients such as homeless veterans, small families, and the elderly. The concept was to create a court surrounded by these

tiny homes to establish a community of support among the various tenants. The development also adheres to the planning guidelines set forth by Plan Viva Laredo, which is the City of Laredo's Comprehensive Plan also developed by Able City. Each house was designed to have a street presence, as well as, dedicated driveways for parking for each unit. Able City assisted the Laredo Housing Authority with obtaining approvals through the Land Development Board for this pilot project. We also provided project drawings, specifications, and construction observation services.



Bibliotech Digital Libraries (4)

Client: Laredo Housing Authority

Able City partnered with the Laredo Housing Authority, Bexar County, and BiblioTech San Antonio to adapt and implement four all-digital library programs as part of Laredo's Inner City Revival Plan, bringing technology and digital services to residents of lower-income housing. Able City developed architectural standards and programming for each BiblioTech site, repurposing vacant public housing offices and community centers into modern digital libraries with computer labs,

classrooms, and spaces supporting after-school programs. The first, BiblioTech Casa Verde, is integrated into a former fitness center at the Casa Verde Apartments. The second, BiblioTech Russell Terrace, is located within a 138-unit RAD community. BiblioTech Ana Lozano, a prototype with an outdoor learning area, is located in a residential zone and includes a multipurpose room and lab. BiblioTech Del Mar is currently in schematic design. Across all projects, Able City has taken on a significant role in construction administration, helping the client optimize design and reduce costs through close coordination with the project management team.



El Azteca Affordable Neighborhood Housing

Client: Azteca Economic Development & Preservation Corp.

Once a thriving 23-plaza district, downtown Laredo maintains only five plazas of its original landscape. El Barrio Azteca Housing Complex pays homage to Laredo's history, honoring its original layout and preserving the landscape that sets Laredo apart. A 50-unit complex, this housing project builds around the plaza concept and maintains a

community-oriented environment overlooking the banks of the Rio Grande. **Award: Azteca Affordable Housing Project Design Excellence in Contemporary Architecture Webb County Heritage Foundation**



The Historic Hamilton Hotel Housing Project

Client: City of Laredo

A facility assessment and feasibility study was conducted to convert the existing hotel into an elderly housing project. This assessment includes a historical restoration and preservation plan. The project also involves the design and development of 165-studio, one and two bedroom units and commercial space. **Awards: National Trust for Historic Preservation Award Hamilton Hotel, & Excellence in Historical Preservation, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary's Award.**



Community Development Housing

Client: Laredo Housing Authority

Able City was hired by the City of Laredo to serve as one of their on-call architects for their housing rehabilitation program. Through their Reconstruction Loan program, the City of Laredo is able to provide interest free loans in an amount to be determined on a case-by-case basis (payback only 57% of loan) for homes that have been damaged as a result of a fire or are dilapidated beyond repair. We worked with the City of Laredo to develop plans, assist with project variances through their Board of Adjustment processes, and construction observation reports. We have completed 3 houses to-date and are currently working on a fourth project with the City of Laredo.



Don Camilo Apartments

Client: Inhabit

Able City designed this nine unit apartment building in South Laredo across the street from the Laredo College - South Campus. Able City provided design drawings, as well as, assisted in the construction of the facility in collaboration with Inhabit Construction. Able City provided cost estimating, sub-contractor qualifying, and construction observation support. The two-story, nine unit complex features an open corridor bisecting the units, as well as, a small walking trail/pocket park in the rear, and raised planting beds to be tended by the tenant community.



Fremont Townhomes

Client: City of Laredo

Context-sensitive design of a 97-unit affordable housing development incorporating local architectural styles, native landscape materials, safety through smart design and landscape.

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