

The purpose of the Elizabeth Community Association (ECA) as defined by the bylaws written in 1979, and continues to guide the work of the ECA in the present:

1. To increase public awareness of and resident participation in the conservation of the housing resources of the neighborhood and to encourage property owners to make improvements to their property voluntarily and/or through housing code enforcement efforts.
2. To educate the residents of the area and the community at large in the financial, social, and aesthetic techniques and benefits of housing rehabilitation and conservation, and to retain and expand the neighborhood as a housing resource for the downtown area of Charlotte, North Carolina (hereafter "the City").
3. To act as a liaison between the neighborhood and institutions, industries, business establishments, and government bodies bordering or affecting the residential character of the area.
4. To create a citizen structure to work with the city police department, and to foster continuing improvements in the public safety of the area.
5. To accomplish housing rehabilitation for the area by obtaining and assisting design, site, and financial planning for owner-occupants and landlords, providing a liaison between absentee owners, neighborhood residents, and continuing planning liaison with the City.
6. To develop and advocate neighborhood concern for good design and complimentary site planning with developers and individuals undertaking new construction.
7. To undertake study and cooperative efforts - alone or in conjunction with other neighborhood organizations, to promote the stability and prosperity of business areas within or adjacent to the neighborhood and of neighborhood businesses which provide services to the residents of the neighborhood.
8. To prepare educational and research materials on conservation and rehabilitation efforts in the neighborhood, on public and private policies affecting the neighborhood, and on neighborhood characteristics.
9. To improve public works and services in the area, and to specifically work toward the establishment of a pedestrian circulation system, and improved alleyway system, and private and public landscaping efforts.
10. To establish and maintain a concern for the quality of housing available to tenants in the area.
11. To sponsor neighborhood meetings, cultural and civic events and presentations which will improve the quality of life, educate the residents, or further the goals of the corporation.