Rehabilitation Investment: $62,291
Total Project Investment: $62,291
Tax Credit Available: $15,572
Jobs Created (Direct & Indirect): 1.5

Site: 2942 Burns
Location: Detroit
Historic District: Indian Village Historic District
Owner: Kenneth Brush
Original Use: Single Family Residential
Current/Future Use: Single Family Residential
Completed: 2004
SHPO Contact: Bryan Lijewski, Architectural Coordinator
Type Of Project: State Tax Credit Project

Project Description:
When Mr. Brush purchased the home at 2942 Burns in the Indian Village Historic District in Detroit, the backyard was so overgrown that you could not see the garage, large holes in the roof allowed the elements and animals into the attic, and large chunks of plaster were falling from the ceilings and walls throughout the house. Mr. Brush began rehabilitating his house in September 2000. Work included removing overgrown brush and an abandoned pickup truck from the back yard, rebuilding a bowed exterior wall and a sagging ceiling in the living room, electrical updates, plumbing updates and of course, plaster repair. Perhaps one of the more unusual projects Mr. Brush tackled in his house was the restoration of the original icebox in the kitchen. The icebox had previously been converted to electric. Mr. Brush restored the icebox, installed a new compressor, and uses it as his primary refrigerator. Thanks to Mr. Brush’s significant private investment and commitment to preserving 2942 Burns, he can now park his pickup in the driveway, enjoy an ice cold beverage from his icebox, and sleep soundly knowing he won’t be bothered by animals creeping into his attic late at night.