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COMMUNITY CENTER, LANDON BONE
ARCHITECTS

This is the city's most dramatic renovation of a dismal public housing project into an attractive complex. The simple gesture of placing a curtain wall over the long, exposed corridors was enhanced by dividing the glass into panels, some clear and some frosted, and by painting the entry doors in bright hues that make the wall a tapestry of color, especially at night. A new community building provides a simple but light-filled gathering space for residents, all former Chicago Housing Authority tenants who now use Section 8 vouchers to pay rent to the private owner. Asian design motifs are integrated into features such as the fence and gateway. To complete the transformation of the property into a mixed-income community, the western portion of the site has town houses (2003, Landon Bone Baker Architects), of which the majority are market rate.