

A village transformed to better serve its residents



▶ TASSAFARONGA VILLAGE

Location

85th & G Street, Oakland

Project

157 Affordable Apartments

Value

\$70 Million

Completion

Scheduled for Spring 2010

Architect

David Baker & Partners

Contractor

Cahill Contractors, Inc

Financing

Citibank
National Equity Fund
Oakland Housing Authority
City of Oakland
California Dept of Housing & Community Dev

On the strength of its successes in managing the redevelopment of two large public housing projects in San Francisco – North Beach Place and Valencia Gardens – ECB was selected by the Oakland Housing Authority to guide its efforts to redevelop Tassafaronga Village, a 157-unit affordable development in Oakland’s Coliseum District. ECB enhanced the capacity of the Housing Authority’s project management staff during the pre-construction phase – including close coordination of the design process with explorations of a variety of financing options – and managed the construction of the development.

As with the San Francisco developments, Tassafaronga Village was transformed, based on “defensible” urban design principles, to better serve the needs of its long-time residents. By increasing the density on a portion of the site, providing accessible open spaces, and incorporating two courtyard developments by Habitat for Humanity

that provide home-ownership opportunities for lower-income families, the revitalization of Tassafaronga Village removes significant obstacles to the safety of this community.

The changes at the site, however, reach beyond the development itself. The street grid around the site is re-connected to adjacent residential areas, and pedestrian links are established to newly-constructed civic developments – two new schools and a library – as well as to an existing public park adjacent to the project. The development has achieved a platinum rating in the LEED for Homes program, and gold in the LEED for Neighborhood Development program.