

## Building on Community Strength

### FOUNDED

Bridge Street Development Corporation (BSDC) was founded in 1995 by the pastor and senior officers of one of New York City's oldest African-American congregations, Bridge Street African Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church.

### MISSION

BSDC is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to build partnerships with businesses, government, and other community stakeholders to provide civic and economic opportunities to residents of Central Brooklyn.

Our vision is to preserve Bedford-Stuyvesant as a desirable neighborhood for raising families owning businesses and taking part in rich cultural, spiritual and recreational opportunities. Our motto, "Building on Community Strength" describes our core belief that the most effective way to improve a community is to promote local assets including people, homes, businesses, and organizations.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed nearly 600 units of high-quality affordable housing, including homes sold below market price, giving buyers immediate equity
- Created the first condominium project in historic Bedford-Stuyvesant
- Developed Quincy Senior Residences, the first senior housing focused on wellness and life extension in Bedford-Stuyvesant
- Provided technical assistance and support to hundreds of new & existing businesses



- Provided hundreds of free workshops and classes on a wide variety of topics, including: buying a first home, financial empowerment, investing, foreclosure prevention, home maintenance, and more
- Created Bed-Stuy Works, an alliance of more than 60 block and resident associations that shares information about issues and collaborates on community-wide events and programs
- Assisted with the formation of merchant associations along Tompkins and Bedford Avenues, and Malcolm X Boulevard
- Installed the first rooftop solar powered water heating system on a multi-unit building in Bedford-Stuyvesant
- Expanded services to Canarsie to provide post-Sandy foreclosure assistance, and merchant and resident organizing

### REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Develops attractive, safe, high quality, affordable housing for families of all income levels & increases homeownership opportunities

- Develops, markets and sells 1-4 family homes at below market value to first time home buyers
- Develops new and renovated affordable housing projects of 8 to 100+ units, some including commercial space
- Provides homeownership counseling and education to assist individuals achieve the dream of owning a home and help existing owners preserve their assets
- Educate and provide technical assistance to residents to help prevent predatory lending practices and foreclosure

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Attracting and retaining diverse businesses and jobs while building wealth and assets within the community.

- Revitalizes commercial corridors through district-wide marketing and promotional events
- Assists property & business owners to access a variety of private and government resources and services
- Provides business development services and technical assistance to start-up and existing small businesses
- Hosts a variety of public forums with experts in their fields discussing topics relevant to a dynamic and changing community, such as gentrification, retail diversity, and more
- Actively recruits new retailers and other businesses to locate in the community, matching them with owners of appropriate commercial spaces

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & EDUCATION

Partners with Bedford-Stuyvesant residents to create a safer and healthier community and strengthen community pride.

- Assists with the formation and strengthening of block and resident associations
- Partners with community-based organizations to sponsor literacy campaigns and youth empowerment programs
- Provides residents with information, education, and referrals to resolve tenants' rights issues
- Organizes events such as Flower Bed-Stuy, a community-wide day of clean-up and beautification