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Bunk Beds to City Blocks: Designing for Housing Needs Big & Small

Since its inception, Landon Bone Baker Architects have focused on community-based, affordable and environmentally responsible housing and design in Chicago and the region. With the belief that good design should be available to all, the firm has successfully balanced context, technology, and economy in its work while bringing a strong sense of ownership to the residents of a wide variety of new and rehabbed affordable, subsidized, and supportive housing developments.

From large-scale urban design and planning initiatives to small non-profit projects integrated into existing neighborhoods, Chicago’s diverse housing needs require unique design solutions both big and small for people in communities across the city.

The Legend’s South project (Robert Taylor Homes) for instance, is a large multi-phased Hope VI development that will eventually include construction of 2,388 mixed-income rental and ownership units, community facilities, and new retail space. The award winning LaCasa Norte’s Solid Ground Supportive Housing Project is a comparatively small infill rehab project providing shelter and supportive services for 16 homeless male youth.

Catherine Baker and Jeff Bone will discuss the design and impact of these diverse projects as well as other housing, outreach, and volunteer work of which the firm has recently been a part.