

PPMC Building Excellent Foundation

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Progressive Planning/Management Consultants, Inc. (PPMC) has become the company in Charlotte to call for any client's architectural design and/or construction needs. Now it's fast becoming the major black-owned firm involved in the field of land development.

PPMC's President, Anthony Hunt, relocated the 10-year-old full service construction company, from Houston, Tx., to Charlotte in 1988. Since then the company has maintained its reputation for top quality work in diversified services which include architectural design, general construction/construction management.

The company is licensed to construct both residential and commercial projects. Additionally, it offers subcontracting services encompassing such disciplines as masonry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical (heating & air), sheetrock, carpentry, etc.

In Houston, PPMC was primarily involved with public works contracts, institutional and government contracts. The company also had a number of contracts with the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO), NASA and the City of Houston, to name a few projects.

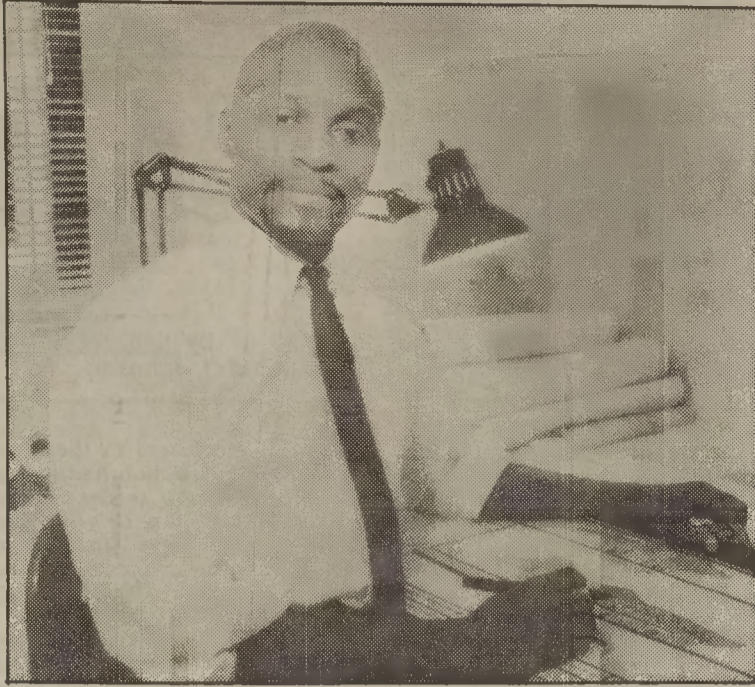
It was that successful track record that helped launch PPMC in Charlotte.

During its two years of operation in the city, PPMC has worked on such projects as the Cummings Retail Facility on Beatties Ford Road, an approximately 6,000 square foot mini-shopping center; a ten-unit, single-story, apartment complex at 2526 Eastway Drive; an 18-unit, two-story, apartment complex at 401 Tom Hunter Road; and the 13-unit, two-story Craig Avenue Apartment Complex.

PPMC is also working on several custom-designed residences and office facilities. The company has worked with the City of Charlotte's engineering department and Mecklenburg County.

However, at this point in the company's operations, its president is most excited by the new direction in which he's steering PPMC. "The next step for a full-service construction company is to move into development," explains Hunt. "After mastering the design/construction components, we feel prepared to move into land development."

Land development is an area Hunt is keen on particularly because of the lack of black participation in this lucrative field. "Blacks are losing land to majority developers. It's land that



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blacks could develop themselves.

"It's time for African-Americans to take control of the development of their land in their communities," Hunt emphasizes.

In its land development projects PPMC assists clients in all phases from start to completion. This includes meeting with the client to assess space, size and budget needs, working out a development proposal, providing design input, moving from the design phase to construction cost estimating, assisting in procurement of financing for the project --- if required, and coordinating a myriad of construction activities.

In the final stage, PPMC can assist the client in leasing or selling the developed facility for profit.

"African-Americans reap marginal returns by selling their land. If they develop the land themselves, they can realize greater returns," says Hunt.

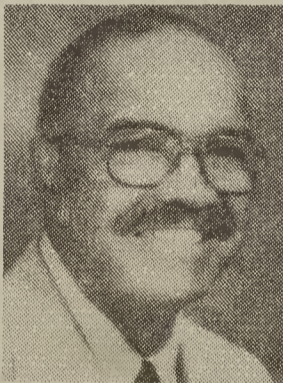
To prove the benefits of land development, PPMC invites African-Americans who own land they feel has potential for development (residential or commercial) to contact PPMC for a free consultation on preliminary market feasibility.

"PPMC stands ready to assist," concludes Hunt.

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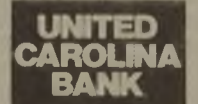
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