

Auburn Avenue, N.E.

1706 Auburn N.E. The first house constructed in the Auburn Hills subdivision, this home was begun by Joseph W. Lee, a supervisor for the Kent County Department of Social Services, in 1964. The neighborhood was developed to give African American residents a place to buy new homes. Four partners, dentist Dr. Julius Franks, school teachers J E Adams, Jr., and Samuel S. Triplett, and Lee formed the Auburn Hills Development Corporation in 1962. J E & Patricia Elizabeth Adams moved to Louisville, KY, on December 18, 1995 (Cf. "The Adams Bid Farewell to Grand Rapids," GRTimes 12/22/1995 6).