Paint the Town during Rehab Week is an intensive home rehabilitation program in Jacksonville conducted by the Housing Partnership of Northeast Florida. Each year, the group works with established neighborhood associations and community groups to perform essential home repairs on 40 owner occupied units belonging to low income families. Most of this work occurs in the months leading up to Rehab Week, which occurs in the spring, and it is performed by licensed contractors.

During Rehab Week itself, hundreds of volunteers come in to finish the work, painting the houses and landscaping the yards. The average house in this program has three-bedrooms and 1,100 square feet of living space. This year, homes being renovated are in the Northwest Quadrant of the city – part of the urban core area.

Jacksonville’s Northwest Quadrant is an urban area that already enjoys many of the attributes of a sustainable community, including compact, walkable neighborhoods, sidewalks, public transportation, and public amenities. In addition, rebuilding and updating older homes requires fewer resources and is itself green. However, because this is a rehab project, many of the structural features of the houses will remain the same.

The “green-ness” of each house will become obvious on the inside, where old, inefficient appliances and lights will be replaced with Energy Star models, where water conserving fixtures will be installed, and where paints, sealants and other construction materials low in chemicals will be used to ensure a healthy living environment.
**Amenities**  The Magnolia Gardens Neighborhood is surrounded by a public library, a community center, two parks and a boat ramp.

**Developer**  In 1992, Jacksonville’s civic leaders decided that the city needed a community-based organization to help develop, operate and enhance affordable housing for local residents. After a series of meetings with neighborhood groups, businesses and government agencies, the Housing Partnership of Northeast Florida was born. In addition to developing and rehabilitating housing in the Jacksonville area and providing quality homes for thousands of low income families, the Housing Partnership offers an array of additional services that help strengthen neighborhoods and communities.