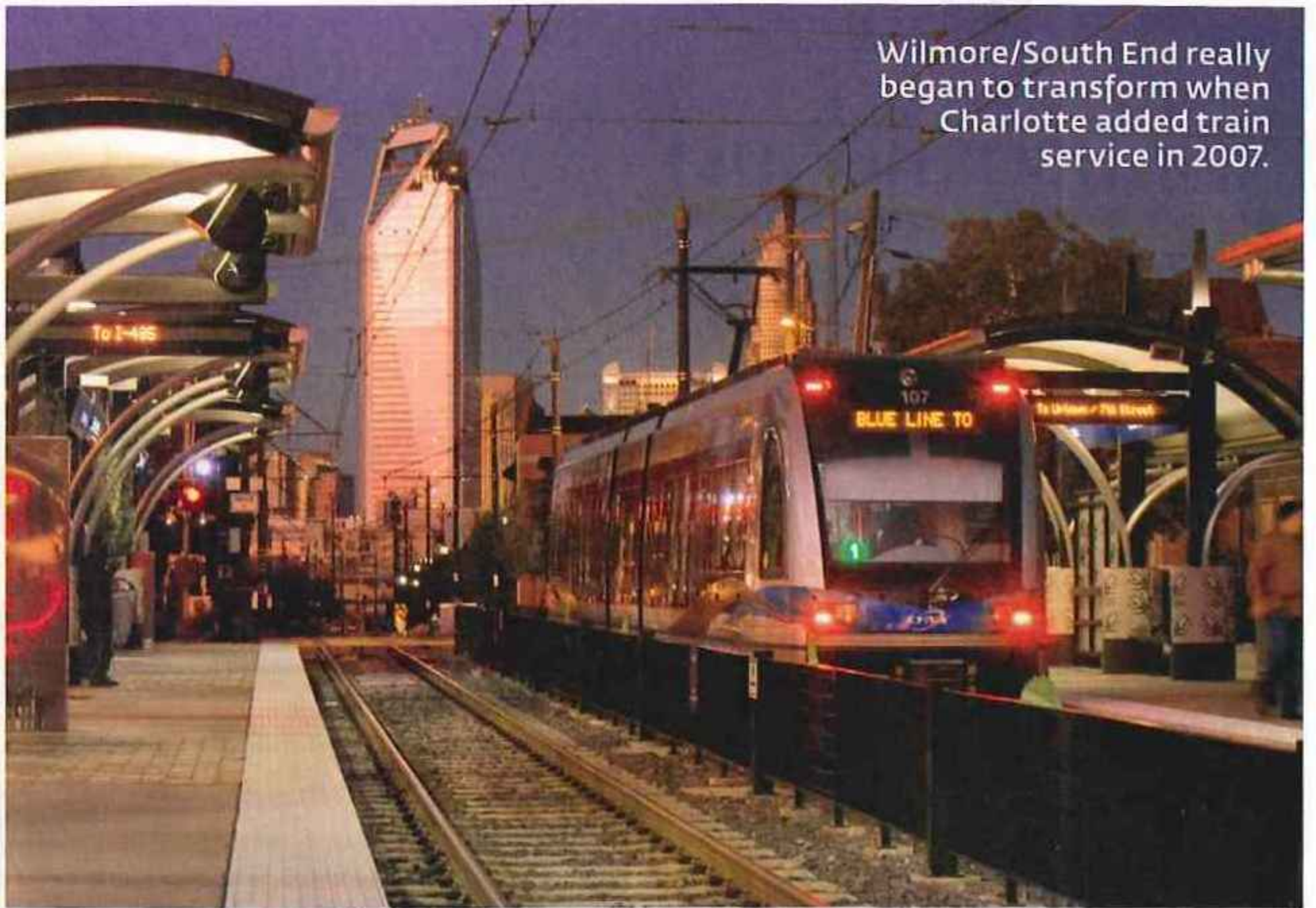


3 WILMORE/SOUTH END CHARLOTTE, NC

Take the Light Rail Home

The Wilmore neighborhood followed a familiar path of growth, decline, and rebirth. From the early 1900s, working-class families lived in small Craftsman bungalows and worked at the nearby mills. The area flourished until mill closings and isolation due to highway construction almost finished it off in the sixties. Then in the eighties, the adjoining Dilworth neighborhood began to take off. In the nineties, as Dilworth became more expensive, people looking for affordable places began to reclaim neglected houses and shuttered warehouses in Wilmore and the South End. "I got in a 1931 bungalow for \$50,000," says 12-year resident Kirk Callahan. "It was fun watching brake lights as people slowed to watch me work." When Charlotte added train service to the area in 2007, the neighborhood turnaround found new energy. "For these up-and-coming areas, the new rail service has been like throwing kerosene on a fire," says local real estate broker Terry McDonald. neighborhoodlink.com/Wilmore/home



Wilmore/South End really began to transform when Charlotte added train service in 2007.



New housing fits the historic mix of South End neighborhoods.



Blue Dog Bakery & Café owners and Crescent Hill residents Bob Hancock and Kit Garrett built their Frankfort Avenue business with hard work and fresh bread.

4 CRESCENT HILL LOUISVILLE, KY

Walk to New Local Shops

Crescent Hill residents love to talk about their neighborhood near downtown Louisville. They'll tell you about the well-kept cottages, beautiful churches, and involved citizens who saved the local library and improved Kennedy Park. They'll also talk about the turnaround of the Frankfort Avenue business corridor. "Fifteen years ago you didn't have to look for cars before crossing Frankfort," says councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh. "Now it's the heart of Crescent Hill." Neighbors walk to locally owned restaurants and shops, which they happily share with visitors. "We're at the right place and time for this swing toward a love of great neighborhoods," says Don Burch, owner of Quest Outdoors. crescenthill.us