

Summary Report

Our Place in the Urban Age

The Levin College of Urban Affairs 30th Anniversary Forum Series



Creating and Sustaining Communities of Choice: Greening Northeast Ohio's Neighborhoods

On February 6, 2008, the Forum welcomed more than 150 guests to continue an ongoing exploration of strategies for creating and sustaining communities of choice in Northeast Ohio. In addition to a presentation on the US Green Building Council's new pilot project – LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for Neighborhood Development – the program showcased five Northeast Ohio neighborhood projects that are combining the best practices in urban planning, environmentally sound design and construction, and community health in a comprehensive approach to greener neighborhoods.

Presenters included Tom Hicks, Vice President, LEED, U.S. Green Building Council LEED for Neighborhood Development: Building Green Communities; Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO, St. Luke's Foundation; Naomi Sabel, co-founder, Sustainable Community Associates, Oberlin; Justin Glanville, Project Director, Building Cleveland by Design, ParkWorks; and, Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells, Project Manager, City Architecture, LEED Accredited Professional.

Local LEED ND Pilot Projects

Northeast Ohio currently has four LEED ND pilot projects. Cleveland alone has three, ranking it sixth in the nation (fourth when adjusting for population). Cleveland also hosts an Enterprise Community Partners Green Communities project.

The East College Street Project Oberlin, Ohio *Naomi Sabel*



Transforms an abandoned Buick dealership from a brownfield to an eastern anchor for downtown Oberlin.

The building will feature both market and affordable housing units as well as commercial retail space.

Project goals include revitalization of the central core, creation of economically integrated housing, and improvement of overall sustainability.

The project is applying for gold level certification in both LEED ND and LEED NC (new construction).

The Flats Eastbank Project Cleveland, Ohio *Justin Glanville*



Building Cleveland by Design (BCBD) serves to coordinate a number of different plans to rejuvenate the Flats.

The project focuses on three areas: the public realm, existing buildings, and infrastructure.

This is one of three proposed LEED ND projects in Cleveland. BCBD has leveraged these projects to change how the city operates. They are working with the City of Cleveland to address a number of obstacles that sustainable/green building projects currently face.

The project is applying for gold level certification in LEED ND.

St. Luke's Neighborhood Redevelopment Cleveland, Ohio *Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells*

Plans include a large-scale geothermal system that would heat and cool multiple buildings in the neighborhood using the earth's constant temperature.

Upper Chester Cleveland, Ohio *Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells*

A collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic and the Site Center could produce a fully accessible neighborhood.

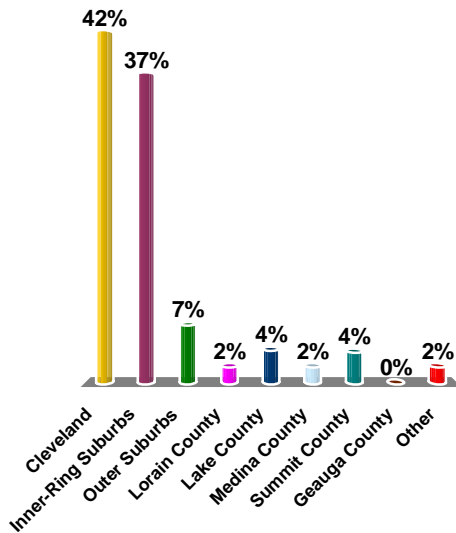
Tremont Pointe Cleveland, Ohio *Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells*

This project is part of the Enterprise Community Partners' Green Communities program. It is a mixed income HOPE VI public housing redevelopment project.

Who Attended?

The Forum Program seeks to strengthen the capacity of the community to tackle difficult issues across government, business and civic sectors to strengthen the region's future. Since 2000, over 11,000 people have attended over 100 forum events. So where did forum participants on February 6th come from in the region?

Where do you live?



What sector do you represent?

Private Sector	17%
Non-Profit	27%
Government	19%
Academia	3%
Entrepreneur	11%
Student	3%
Retired/not Working	6%
Other	5%

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Data was analyzed from 156 forum participants. Survey was conducted on February 6, 2008. Respondents were asked to answer a series of questions at one point in time during the forum program.

The results of audience surveys will be incorporated into an end of the series report.

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