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## Ideas in Action: Covington left well-positioned

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*Chuck Scheper is a Covington native and retired chief operating officer of Great American Financial Resources. In 2011, he was appointed to finish former Mayor Denny Bowman's unexpired term. He left office at the end of 2012.*

In October 2011, after the mayor of Covington resigned, I was asked to fill his unexpired term. With the recent loss of two major employers and with less than one week's payroll in surplus funds, the city was facing its own fiscal cliff.

Before I accepted the position, I spoke individually with each of the city commissioners. I have never held a political office, but I have seen how divisive the debate on issues can be on a federal and local level. I didn't expect us to agree on everything, but unless we agreed to a "social contract" to discuss issues in a civil and respectful manner, I wasn't interested. Life's too short I told them. They agreed.

On the day of my inauguration, I closed my acceptance speech with my favorite quote by George Bernard Shaw: *Some men see things as they are and ask "Why." I dream of things that never were and ask "Why Not?"*

I asked the leadership and all the employees of the city as well as the entire community to work together to develop a plan to put our city on a sustainable pathway and to join me in saying "Why Not?"

The first order of business was to explore the depth of the crisis. A five-year forecast revealed a "business as usual" strategy would result in a staggering \$20 million deficit. To address this brutal reality, we developed a plan of action. The plan I unveiled at the State of the City address was crafted by a unified commission and the city staff. Many of the ideas were not new. If I added anything, it was my ability to help tell the story that we could no longer wait to debate the critical issues.

C+V=G became our mantra. "C" stands for Courage to face the challenges and the courage to change. "V" stands for Vision, because you can't look in the rearview mirror to solve the problems of today and tomorrow. And if you have C+V you'll achieve "G" – for Growth or Greatness.

Despite the reality Covington faced, the introduction of our plan sparked a growing optimism that we could make progress. Contract talks with the police, fire and AFSCME unions had been at an

impasse for 15 months. With open, honest and respectful negotiating sessions over a 60-day period, we did finalize new four-year contracts. The contracts included necessary health-care concessions along with modest wage increases, which cut the projected deficit in half.

Simultaneous with these negotiations, we also decided to turn over our dispatch function to Kenton County, saving the city millions in the coming years while improving public safety. The idea of a consolidated dispatch had been debated for nearly 15 years. Hopefully, this action will lead to even more regional thinking among all of the cities in Northern Kentucky.

A final major initiative was conducting an independent review by a national consulting firm of all city departments. I contributed my salary as mayor and raised funds in the private sector to accelerate the reviews. The review enabled us to consider "best of class" practices across the country. The report led to healthy debate and ultimately a restructuring of many operations with sufficient savings to finally achieve a sustainable budget.

During my time as mayor, I have often been asked if I changed my approach to problem solving. Were the strategies I learned during my 35-plus years in the business world still applicable? My answer is that I didn't change anything. In fact, I relied on many of the skills I developed regarding collaborative leadership and fact-based decision making.

Covington is a city with many diverse assets and opportunities. We have historic neighborhoods and yet we embrace the modern architecture of the Ascent. We have a diverse population and were the first city in our region to adopt a human-rights ordinance. We have old businesses like Motch Jewelers, which has been in operation for 155 years. We have new technology companies like Tier 1 and C-Forward. We have traditional manufacturing companies and an emerging life-science corridor led by Bexion Pharmaceuticals. And we have more public green space than any other city in Northern Kentucky.

When you step back and admire the individual colors that make up our mosaic city, you see a beautiful picture that is Covington. I "Love the Cov," and so do many developers we've been courting.

While my tenure as mayor has ended, I am confident that the new commission will continue the momentum. I am thankful to my fellow commissioners – Sherry Carran, Steve Frank, Steve Casper and Shawn Masters. I have gained tremendous respect for each of them and the Office of Mayor. I also want to thank City Manager Larry Klein and his staff for their dedication and hard work during this year of transformation. I pledge to continue to support their collective efforts to move the city forward.□

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COVINGTON, Ky. - Residents of Kenton County feel slightly safer after local law enforcement executed a daylong operation Thursday to track down suspected drug offenders in Covington.

Law enforcement officials spent the day scouring the city, searching homes in the area, executing 42 warrants for traffickers of cocaine and heroin.

Covington police said they arrested 21 drug traffickers during Thursday's



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sweep. Nine others with warrants were arrested the week before due to other circumstances.

"We will be hunting for the remaining 21 suspects over the weeks to come," Covington police said on their Facebook page. "If you deal drugs in Covington, now is a good time to look over your shoulder."

Police caught two suspects in the 1500 block of Holman Avenue. They apprehended a third suspect at W. 16th Street and Banklick Avenue.

One alleged offender was caught during an unrelated traffic stop, according to Covington Police Chief Spike Jones.

Jones said the reasoning behind the task force focusing on street dealers is twofold. Not only will the arrests help rid the streets of drugs but it will also help to reduce other related petty crimes like car break-ins and copper thefts.

Local business owner Lance Sharp experienced firsthand the effects of a break-in at his tire business.

He says drug-related crimes continue to affect his bottom line. In addition to losses from the theft, he said he loses business opportunities because crime keeps customers away.

Sharp, who has owned a tire business in the area for the past two years, spent the afternoon watching as law enforcement officials conducted their citywide investigation.

However, there's still a long way to go before the area is cleaned up.

Jones told 9 On Your Side reporter Natashe Williams that a considerable number of the people for whom they have warrants do not reside in Covington and it could take as much as a month to catch all the suspects.

Still, though, Jones and other law enforcement officials said they were pleased with the results of Thursday's operation.

The warrant sweep will continue Friday.

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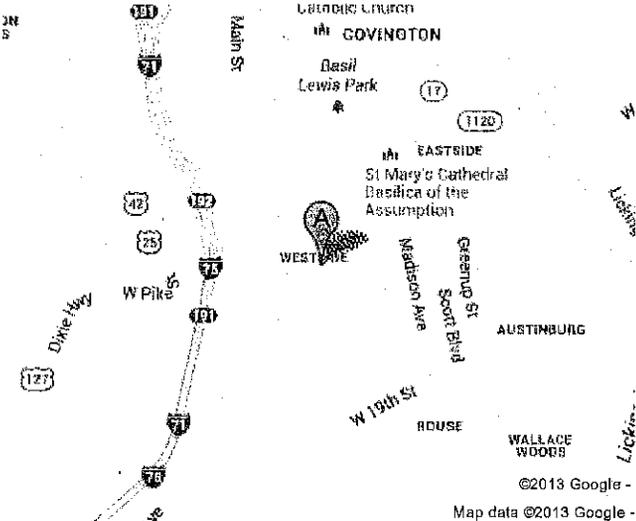
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## Catalytic Fund finally starting to make its mark

Written by Amanda van Benschoten @avbnky

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**COVINGTON** — When the Catalytic Fund was launched in August 2008, hopes were high in the community. The fund's mission was to raise \$10 million in capital to help jump-start development in Northern Kentucky's urban core.

Then the recession set in.

The initial goal of raising that capital in a year stretched into two years, then three and finally into five; the fund reached the \$10 million mark last November.

Now, nearly six years after its launch, the fund is finally embarking upon its first project: a \$130,000 gap-financing loan for a \$1 million apartment development in Covington's emerging Pike Street corridor.

Covington-based Orleans Development is renovating two historic buildings in the 200 block of West Pike Street into a 15-unit apartment complex, the Market Lofts. The project is designed to attract those who work in the area, including the nearby biotech corridor. Rents will begin at about \$650 per month.

It isn't a big, flashy, skyline-altering project. But that isn't what the Catalytic Fund is about.

The fund has a very specific mission: to provide gap-financing loans for projects that create market-rate housing in the urban core. The idea is that those types of projects stimulate other development and attract businesses to the area. The fund specifically targets projects that would not be able to secure the necessary financing without a little help. The goal is to leverage that \$10 million fund into \$100 million worth of development.

"The Catalytic Fund is a perfect example of something we should have had in place 10 or 15 years ago," said Jack Moreland, president of the riverfront economic development agency Southbank Partners.

The Market Lofts is the first of several projects to be announced in the coming weeks and months. As far as first projects go, it perfectly represents what the Catalytic Fund is trying to achieve — a high-impact project with a high probability of success.

Located in Covington's emerging Pike Street area, the Market Lofts is situated between the city's fast-growing biotech corridor and its Madison Avenue business district, where the current City Hall will soon be converted into a boutique hotel. City Hall will move to Pike Street, and other developments are planned or underway in the area.

"If you look at Pike Street as a potential redevelopment corridor, I think that working on and helping developers do some of the smaller, achievable projects sets the stage for larger things that could happen on larger sites or larger pieces of property," said Jeanne Schroer, president and CEO of the Catalytic Fund.

The Catalytic Fund isn't in the business of making risky investments. The \$10 million pool is funded by heavy hitters such as PNC Bank, Central Bank, Corporex Cos., Duke Energy, Fifth Third Bank, First Financial Bank, the Bank of Kentucky, U.S. Bank, the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation, and the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Each investor has a seat on a committee which vets projects and ultimately approves – or rejects – proposed investments. The focus is upon projects in Northern Kentucky's urban core of Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton and Ludlow.

"(It) really demonstrates the confidence they have in the strength of these communities," Schroer said. "To me, that's an important message. ... They didn't do it just to be nice; they did it because they really felt that the communities were strong and had significant assets and potential."

That potential is stronger today than it might have been four or five years ago, when the fund was supposed to have launched. Urban living, working and playing is enjoying a renaissance on both sides of the Ohio River, and the success of 3CDC in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood has demonstrated that investing in the region's urban core can pay off in a big way.

"When we were first starting this process, I had to spend a lot of time making a case for the fact that there was a demand for urban living units and for urban working spaces and for urban entertainment," Schroer said. "I think that now it's very evident that demand is here."

It's been a long six years since the fund was launched, but Schroer is optimistic about its chances for success. In another five or six years, she hopes to have doubled the investment pool to \$20 million and grown the number of investors "so that we can do even more." □

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## Covington growing with new businesses

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Cincinnati isn't the only city in the Tri-State area experiencing rejuvenation. Just across the Ohio River, Covington has seen a plethora of new businesses open in the last year, and the trend shows no sign of stopping.

Naashom Marx, business development manager for the City of Covington, works to attract new businesses and retain Covington's current businesses.

"Covington is a great place to live, work and play," she says. "It's a unique dynamic of people and places, and it attracts people."

Right in the heart of Covington's urban center—at Roebling and Fifth Street, eight buildings in a four-block area will soon become Gateway Tech's new location. The college is also opening a bookstore at Sixth and Madison, which will be open to the public. The addition of Gateway Tech's student body to the urban center will help that area grow, and keep businesses busy, Marx says.

The city's current focus area is the Renaissance district, the spaces around Madison, Short Pike and Scott streets. The goal is to continue to grow new businesses while encouraging the momentum to continue in other areas, too.

Since its founding 35 years ago, Mainstrasse Village has seen exponential growth. It's a walkable and bike-friendly area close to both the riverfront and the City's hotel district.

"Mainstrasse Village wouldn't have lasted long without the community," says Kim Blank, executive director of Mainstrasse.

Main Bite, Sugar Cube Records, Old Kentucky Bourbon Bar and Goodfellas recently opened in Mainstrasse, and Covington Yoga moved from Scott to the village to make room for Gateway Tech. Thai Sushi is slated to open later this summer, and Commonwealth Bistro is currently renovating two buildings in Mainstrasse.

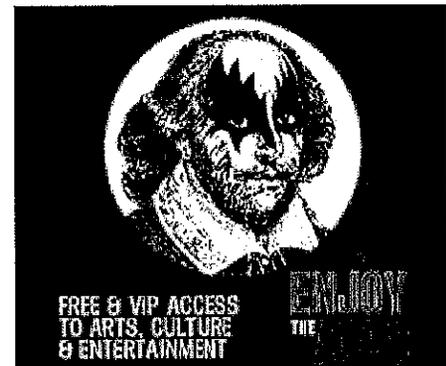
"Covington continues to grow, and it's a really nice area with lots of new businesses," Blank says. "It's an exciting time for us."

Pike Street has also seen lots of new businesses open recently. Buonavita Pizzeria

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opened last Monday; [gTC Designs](#), [Shrewdness of Apes](#), [Latoria Treasures](#), [Old Home Style](#) and [Green Line Salon](#) are all new to the area as well. [Grateful](#), [Grahams](#) and [Sushi Cincinnati](#) both moved to larger facilities on Pike Street, and [Tickets Sports Café](#) is reinventing itself into an all-Covington, all-green, family-friendly restaurant.

In about nine months, City Hall will become Hotel Covington, a boutique hotel near the Madison Event Center. (City Hall moved to a smaller office to accommodate the project.)

Covington has also seen lots of larger businesses, like [Westpack](#) and [Blair Technology Group](#), move in because of the perks the city has to offer—parks, restaurants, shops, quality of life and a sense of community.

“Developers are seeing great growth and rehabilitation efforts here, which attracts more developers to Covington,” Marx says. “And property owners see higher property values, which encourages them to stay and raise their families here.”

*Stay tuned to Soapbox for stories about Covington's new businesses and its continued growth.*

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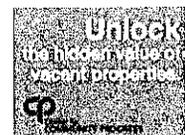


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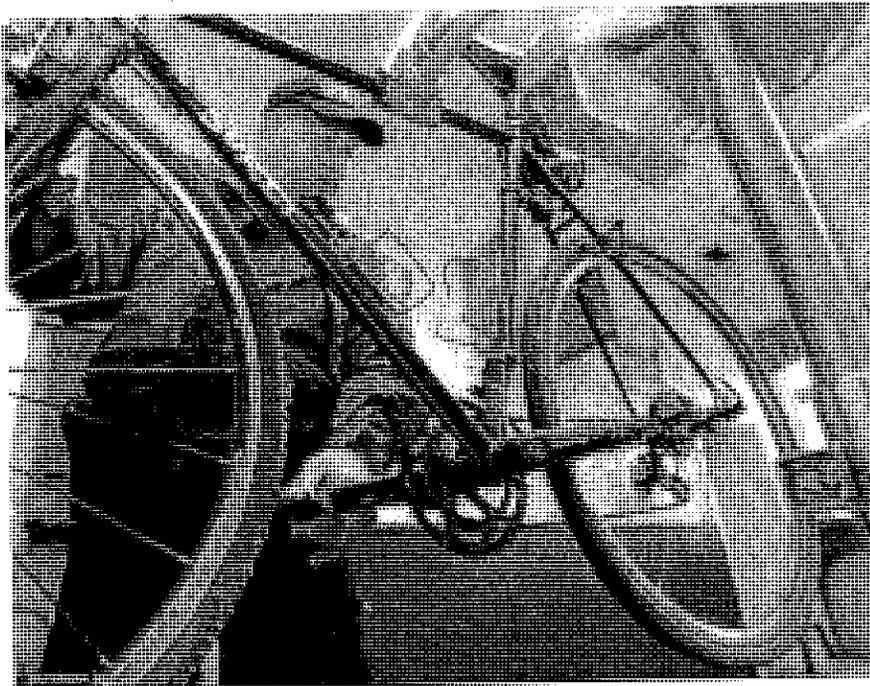
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Covington Police Spc. Rob Linton checks to make sure the gears on his bike are working properly before going out on bike patrol. / The Enquirer/Patrick Reddy



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**COVINGTON** — As Officer Rob Linton pedaled by a house in the MainStrasse area last week, something caught his nose - raw marijuana.

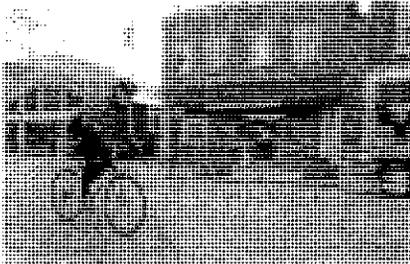
"It was like 'Oh my god where is it?'," said Linton, who has ridden as a Covington Police bike patrol officer for four years. After getting a search warrant, police found over 1/2 pound of marijuana inside and charged a resident with felony trafficking drugs.

Had Linton been in his patrol car, he might not have smelled the marijuana. He might not have even gone down Pershing Avenue at all.

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Covington police Spc. Rob Linton, a member of the department's bike patrol, rides along the 400 block of Madison Avenue. / Photos by Patrick Reddy/The Enquirer

"It's really tight to get in there. It's a street, but it's buried between alleys," he said. "I probably wouldn't have went back there just because it's kind of a pain in the butt to get in and out of."

But as one of 10 bike patrol officers, Linton can go where cars can't.

"We can go between buildings, we can go down alleys that are only half as wide as a car," he said.

The unit has been around for more than 20 years, but in recent years it's grown in popularity both within the department and out, said Police Chief Spike Jones.

"I know our business owners and business community they love seeing the police bicycles around the businesses patrolling," Jones said. "It's a lot easier to stop a cop on a bike and talk to him."

After years of being shuffled around to any city-owned that had space available, the unit is about to get a permanent home at 409-415 Scott Blvd.

Covington City Commission recently approved a deal to sell the city-owned building at 409-415 Scott Boulevard to RAH Realty LLC for \$1, said Larry Klein, city manager. The company will then rennovate the three-story building, providing a home for the bike patrol on first floor.

The city will pay \$100,000 for 15 years rent with the money coming from a federal grant, Klein said. The rent will be paid up front to help with the cost of the rennovation, and to ensure the bike patrol will have a home for 15 years.

That will be a welcome change for the unit which has been shuffled around to any city-owned building with empty space.

"It's going to be permanent and it's going to be a custom space," Jones said.

The building will have room for an office, classroom, repair shop, work stations for the officers and a meeting area for the community.

The bike patrol now operates out of a former laundry mat on Fifth Street with a peeling ceiling and windows covered with decals of the laundromat.

The classroom space is important to the unit because bike patrol commander Lt. Jim Donaldson, teaches bike patrol certification classes for the International Police Mountain Bike Association.

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Donaldson has become a sought after instructor for departments across the country, Linton said.

Covington's unit has also gained national attention for its bikes. The unit uses cyclocross bikes, while most departments use mountain bike.

The bikes look like a cross between a road racing bike and a mountain bike, with tires that have smooth centers and knobby outer treads.

"You have the speed to get around in the city environment," Linton said. But the bikes can also go off road.

On the bikes, officers operate just like they would in a patrol cars, they answer calls and respond for back up on other officers' calls. They are also used for special events, such as Opening Day and festivals in MainStrasse. Officers ride with their radio, gun and stun gun.

But unlike patrol cars, people don't see an bike patrol officer coming from blocks away, said Linton, who has been a Covington Police Officer for 15 years.

"When you're on the bike, people will look at you on the bike and they'll look away," he said. "They don't recognize you, it doesn't kick in that you're a cop. And a lot of the time, that gives you just enough time to get the upper hand."

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# Fighting blight in Covington, site after site

## City demolishing more than 50 properties

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The exterior of 1322 Holman Ave. in Covington, one of approximately 30 buildings the city is going to demolish. The Enquirer/Patrick Reddy

**COVINGTON** — Northern Kentucky's largest city is moving aggressively to combat blight: Demolition is underway on dozens of vacant, abandoned properties across the community.

The properties have sat vacant for years and are either beyond rehab or have been abandoned by their owners. In the coming weeks, approximately 29 privately owned and 22 city-owned residential properties are slated to be torn down.

"There's been buildings that have needed to be demolished, but for budget reasons they weren't done. So a lot of these buildings have been vacant for quite some time now," said Community Services Manager Mike Yeager.

Once the structures are gone, city officials will work with neighborhood groups to decide the best use of the vacant lots.

Some could end up as community parks or bought by adjacent landowners, while others could be privately developed.

The demolition program is the first major initiative by the new Community Services Division, formerly known as the code enforcement department, which was formed late last year in a widespread restructuring of City Hall. One of the goals of the restructuring was to more effectively combat blight.

The city-owned properties to be demolished are all beyond rehabilitation, Yeager said.

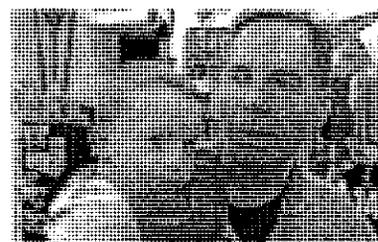


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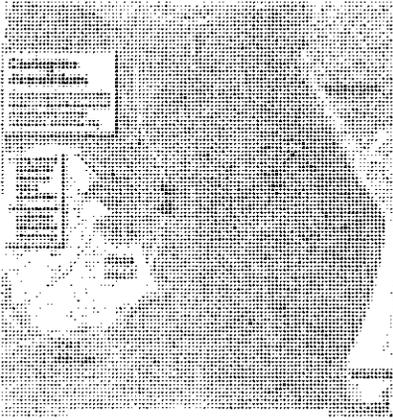
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"We went through each city-owned residential property and tried to figure out if it was cost-effective or feasible to rehab," he said.

"The ones that we felt were beyond rehab – the foundations were bad, or whatever – that's how we figured out which ones to demo."

In the case of the privately owned properties, hearings were held to give each owner a chance to remedy the situation. Some of the owners signed waivers allowing demolition, while other properties were deemed structurally unsafe. Yeager said all of the properties also have city liens due to back taxes.

"A lot of the privately owned ones have been vacant and abandoned, basically, for years, so they're not secure," he said. "People regularly break in and steal the copper from them, and homeless people hang out – it's just not safe."

He said the city will save money by not maintaining the structures and their yards, as well as by not having to police the properties.

The cost of the demolitions is about \$292,000, or roughly \$5,600 per structure. (Some of the structures on the list approved by City Commission may not end up being demolished.)

If the city were to demolish the properties individually, Yeager said it would cost at least \$10,000 per structure.

The city also paid \$15,565 for asbestos inspections and abatement prior to demolition.

Demolition is expected to take about two days per property, though state approval is still pending for some of the city-owned properties.

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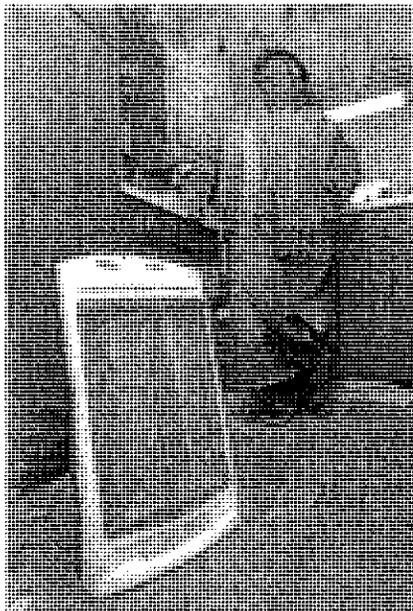
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For Devan Fabre, a Covington mother of five, the financial help she's receiving from an emergency heating assistance program means her young family won't be homeless.

"If this program wasn't here, I'd probably be living on the streets," a tearful Fabre said. "If you get a disconnect notice when you're living in Section 8 housing, you lose your Section 8. With me having five kids, I wouldn't have anywhere else to go."

Through the federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, \$400 will be paid to Duke Energy after Fabre received a disconnect notice from the utility. As a single parent and full-time student at Gateway Community & Technical College, Fabre said she wouldn't have been able to come up with the money to stop her electricity from being turned off if

not for the help she received through LIHEAP.

Fabre was among 320 families from Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties who visited Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission centers Monday, the first day of the crisis component of LIHEAP, and received \$82,918.84 in assistance. Under the federally funded program, payments are made to the utility that sent the disconnect notice or to a vendor of heating supplies.

To qualify, clients must meet certain income criteria and be in a crisis situation involving imminent loss of heating energy. Households must be within four days of running out of bulk fuel such as propane or fuel oil, or within four days of disconnection from a metered utility.

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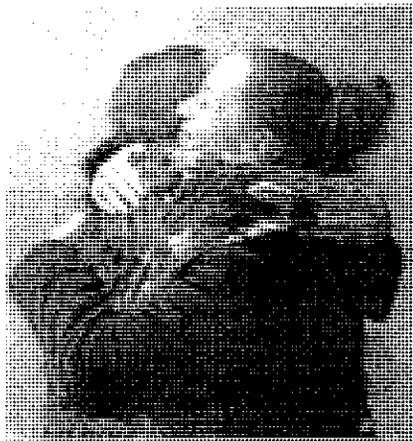
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Benita Gregory, a 55-year-old Covington resident, is shown in a photograph. The caption is partially obscured and difficult to read.

Income guidelines start at \$1,211 gross monthly income for a single-person household and increase in increments of \$429 for each additional family member. For example, a family of four would have to have a gross monthly income of not more than \$2,498 to qualify.

This year, \$1,085,607 in crisis benefits will be available in the eight Northern Kentucky counties that include Boone, Kenton and Campbell, said Tammy Jacobson Teets, community services director for the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission. That's down more than 23 percent from last year's \$1,414,954 allocation.

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"Statewide, we've been cut a bit," Teets said. "(Emergency assistance) will be given out until it's gone, or March 31, whichever comes first."

Teets said the program is critical because it keeps everyone – from low-income senior citizens to families with young children – warm in the winter.

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Besides preventing her electricity from being shut off, Fabre also checked into the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission's weatherization program Monday, as well as an annual scholarship of up to \$1,000 to help pay for education for clients such as herself.

Another who's received help through the LIHEAP program is Benita Gregory, a 55-year-old Covington resident. She answers the phones and does filing at the Kenton County center of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission on a part-time basis, while searching for a full-time job.

Gregory, who's earning a degree in construction management from Northern Kentucky University, has struggled financially since the Blue Ash-based home health-care company where she worked as a resident manager went out of business in 2010.

Last March, her unemployment benefits ran out, and her husband, a recovering alcoholic, is undergoing rehabilitation after breaking his back in October.

From April through November, the family's electricity was shut off. However, Gregory, who's been heating their home with the help of space heaters, recently was able to work out a payment plan to pay most of the \$2,600 owed on their electric bill over 10 months.



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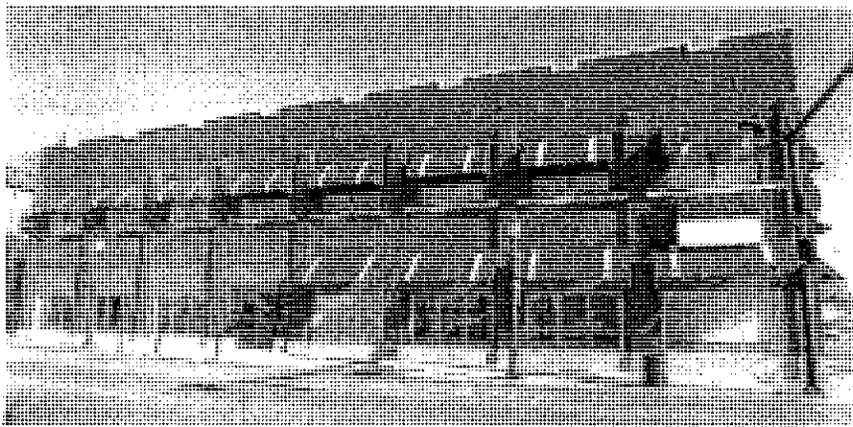
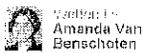


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**NEWPORT** — A \$10 million residential development is coming to the heart of Newport's downtown entertainment and retail district, and officials believe the project will help revitalize the entire Monmouth Street business district.

Mount Adams-based developer Towne Properties will break ground early next year on Saratoga Flats, a 100-unit apartment complex one block south of Newport on the Levee. Plans call for upscale one-bedroom apartments beginning at 800 square feet and \$875 monthly.

Saratoga Flats is modeled on Covington's Roebling Row apartments, which Towne Properties developed in 2001 at the foot of the John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge.

Many of the things that made Covington attractive — the proximity to Cincinnati and the dining and entertainment options within walking distance — also made Newport attractive, said Towne Properties project manager Matt Olliges.

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"We did well with Roebling Row in Covington, and a lot of it is because of the walkability: the urban living, the proximity to downtown. We did very well with DeSales Flats in Walnut Hills, near UC and the hospitals. And we're just looking to continue that in Newport," he said.

Saratoga Flats will be located on the east side of Monmouth Street between Fourth and Fifth streets. It will take up the entire block between Monmouth and Saratoga except for the Carnegie Events Center at Fourth and Monmouth. The development site is owned by Newport businessman Wayne Carlisle.

Plans call for about 100 units of upscale, market-rate apartments aimed at young professionals. The development will include granite and stainless steel kitchen features, a fitness center and off-street surface parking. It will also include about 4,000 square feet of retail space at the corner of Fifth and Monmouth.

Newport on the Levee is located a block north and the Monmouth Street business district begins a block south. In addition to entertainment and nightlife, there are more than a dozen dining options within walking distance, plus amenities such as a dry cleaner, a bank, a movie theater, bookstore and coffee shop.

"There's no doubt that it's going to have a big impact throughout the Monmouth Street corridor and the entire area," said City Manager Tom Fromme. "It lends ever-increasing vitality to the area. You have new people, you have more buzz created, you have more pedestrian activity. Adding hundreds of residents to an area is nothing but good: it's a big benefit."

Two other residential developments are also planned in Newport: the 93-unit apartment complex Vu 180 is under way next to the SouthShore condominium tower on the riverfront, and the planned \$1 billion mixed-use Ovation development at the confluence of the Licking and Ohio rivers could eventually include hundreds of residential units.

The projects are part of a broader vision to make Northern Kentucky's riverfront a thriving regional destination once again. Each one is "a piece of the puzzle," said Jack Moreland, president of the riverfront economic development agency Southbank Partners. "This all has to fit together, and it has to fit together in a uniform way, because we're trying to create a destination where people will want to live and work and play."

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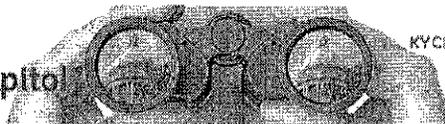
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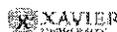
# Covington adopting new blight rules

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**COVINGTON** — Landlords in Northern Kentucky's largest city will soon have a new set of regulations to abide by, rules designed to reduce blight and crack down on absentee landlords.

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Beginning Jan. 15, city-issued rental licenses will be required, and failing to maintain a property's exterior can trigger an inspection by city staff.

Blight is a major issue in Covington, where rental properties account for about 50 percent of the housing stock. But some landlords say the new rules are an imperfect piece of legislation which will punish everyone for the sins of a relative few.

"I want things to be better for all of us. I don't want blight; it ruins my property values just like it does everybody else's," said Jerry Fink, a landlord in the city for more than 30 years. "All I want to make sure is that what we put on the books is good, solid, defensible language which is reasonable."

Covington has been battling blight for three years. The regulations approved by the City Commission on Tuesday were developed by city staff and a task force of landlords using Newport's ordinance as a model.

"I think it's a good start," said Community Services Manager Mike Yeager.

"I don't know if there's any perfect ordinance, but I think it's going to accomplish what the city wants to get done, and I think it's fair to owners, especially the good ones. If they keep up with their property and do what we expect all property owners in the city to do, then they're never going to have an inside inspection."

The rental licenses will be issued through the new Community Services Division, which will oversee code enforcement. There is



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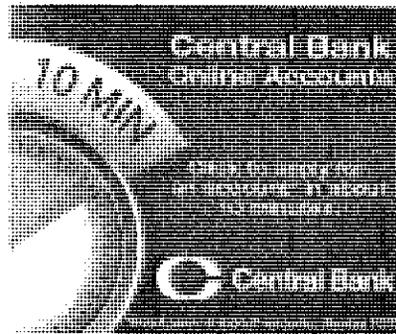
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no charge for those who obtain them by Jan. 15 each year. Landlords must still obtain occupational licenses.

The new regulations also allow Community Services staff to inspect a rental property when a complaint is made or when one of several "triggers" is visible, such as broken or busted-out windows; damaged roofs, gutters, exterior walls and steps, porches or balconies; weeds or grass in excess of 10 inches tall; and prohibited trash set outside.

The inspection fee is \$30 per unit, which is capped at \$100 per rental dwelling and/or \$500 per landlord annually.

Landlords will have 30 days to fix violations or face a license suspension, which may be appealed to the city's board of housing, building and construction appeals.

The new regulations are part of a broader reorganization of City Hall, and officials said they can be reviewed and tweaked in the future if needed.

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NorthKey receives about \$160,000 in funding from Campbell County for 2012, said Pat Dressman, director of human services for Campbell County.

Campbell County did reduce the county's funding for 2012 of NorthKey, but the money was shifted to fund programs at three school districts, Dressman said.

The school districts of Newport, Dayton and Silver Grove receive funding for a children's mental health program where they can be referred for services if they are having difficulties at home, she said.

NorthKey receives 34 percent of the \$462,276 the county collects in mental health tax, which is the largest percentage of any agency the county helps fund, she said.

Nichols said during his presentation to fiscal court that NorthKey has received less state funding in recent years. In 2005, NorthKey received \$1,200 per person served, and now is receiving about \$770 per person served.

"In my opinion, that's not a lot of money to deliver good mental health resources for an entire year," Nichols said.

Nichols said about 32 percent of the funding for NorthKey comes from state and county funds, and about 33 percent comes from Medicaid.

With county funding being cut the last few years, of that 32 percent, probably 95 or 96 percent of is state contract dollars, he said.

A larger issue is that NorthKey, an eight-county district, receives the least amount of funding of any of the state's districts, Nichols said.

Judge-executive Steve Pendery said there is an issue of a lack of funding for mental health services throughout the state. A former governor once led Kentucky was the lowest in the country by state in mental health funding, Pendery said.

"So we're the 50th state in the U.S., and we're in the least well-funded region within it," he said.

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**BELLEVUE** — In the mid-80s, this city took advantage of partnerships between federal, state and local governments to drive economic development in small towns and is now reaping the benefits.

Bellevue's revitalization efforts over the past three decades will be the focus of the annual Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati Community Development Tour on Friday.

The walking tour will highlight local businesses, historical preservation efforts and the rejuvenation which began in 1986 after an economic downturn in the 1960s and 1970s.

"We were right on the cutting edge of listening to discussions in Washington and Frankfort and we were the first really in Northern Kentucky to aggressively apply that thinking to increase our tax base and build

what you see today in Bellevue," said Tom Wiethorn, current councilman and mayor of Bellevue from 1986 to 2001. Wiethorn will be one of four tour guides at Friday's event.

Urban sprawl during the 1960s and 1970s left Bellevue with fewer residents and vacant homes and businesses. The city now has a population of 5,966, according to the 2011 estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau.

"We had a lot of challenges facing us," Wiethorn said. "As the children fled to the suburbs in their 1970 Chevrolet, grandma, who never learned how to drive and being dependent upon the corner grocery store, was stuck in an urban, threatening environment."

According to Wiethorn, whose family came to Bellevue in 1884, the city could not compete with the larger homes and lots of

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the suburbs and had to use its historic qualities to renew itself.

City officials actively pursued grants and tax credits for historical preservation for residents to reinvest in their homes and to bring individually-owned small businesses to

the area.

"If you market your town creatively and if you understand the importance of an existing built environment, you can then attract an outside dollar," Wiethorn said.

"We are encouraging people to go in shop, visit, really truly experience the avenue," said Jody Robinson, Main Street Manager and Assistant City Administrator since 2006. "That suburban feel really isn't Bellevue and part of Bellevue's beauty is that it's a very walkable community. You can walk to a grocery store, you can walk to a bus line, you can walk to Fairfield Avenue, you can walk to church and school."

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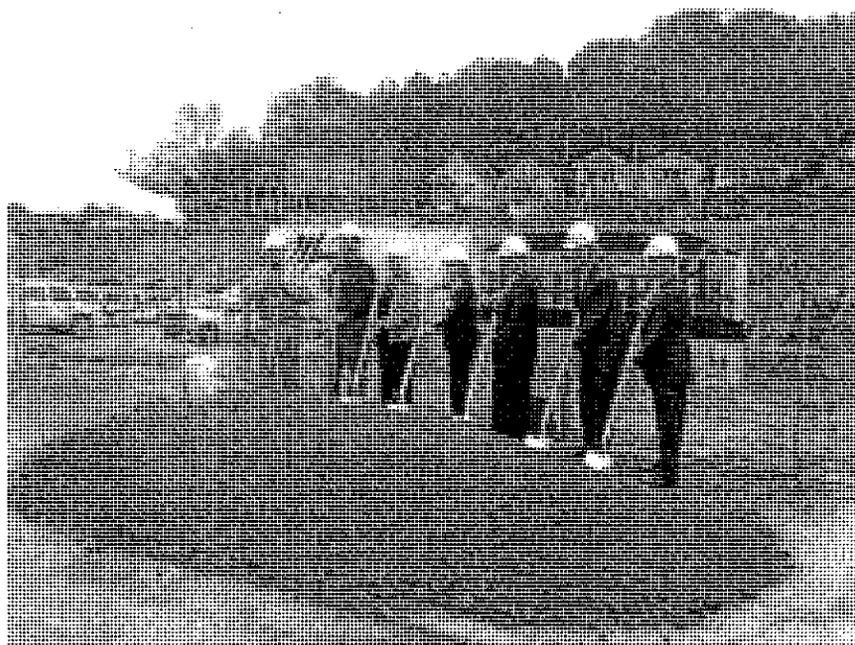
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Construction workers hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday for Clifton Hills, a new 32-unit senior apartment complex under way on 18th Street in Newport. The complex is expected to open in about 10 months. It will become the first LEED-certified multi-family development in the state. (The Enquirer, Amanda Van Benschoten)

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**NEWPORT** — By this time next year, dozens of new, energy-efficient apartments will be available to senior citizens in Campbell County.

Clifton Hills, a 32-unit senior housing development, will also help fill a gap in a community which has lost 155 units of low-income senior housing in recent years, between the remodeling of Grand Towers in Newport and the coming closure of Lakeside Terrace in Highland Heights.

The \$4 million project is under way on 18th Street and is scheduled to be completed in about 10 months. When it opens, it will also be the first LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) multi-family housing development in Kentucky.

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The project is a partnership between the Kentucky Housing Corporation, the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Huntington Bank, and Newport's public-housing development agency, Neighborhood Foundations, which will run the facility.

Financing includes a \$1.9 million loan and \$466,000 in tax credits annually over 10 years.

Tom Guidugli, executive director of Neighborhood Foundations, called the project "a big win for the urban core."

Nestled on a 0.7-acre lot in South Newport, Clifton Hills is adjacent to the Summer Hill Addition, a low-income single-family home development launched in February with a \$1 million federal community development grant.

The projects represent a housing renaissance on previously-vacant land, said state Rep. Dennis Keene, D-Wilder.

"This is what's incredible about Newport: here you're building new housing stock, and it's not just the Wiedemann Hill or the fancy condos down by the river. You're keeping everyday people in your community, which makes it stronger," Keene said. "People see new housing stock, and it gets them excited. It's a win for everybody. ... This is a huge testament to what Newport has done to reinvent itself."

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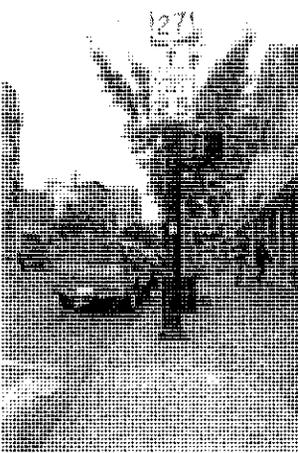
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**NEWPORT** — The City of Newport is continuing its efforts to improve Monmouth Street by implementing a new facade improvement program.

The program, which will begin on the 800 block of Monmouth Street, offers business owners up to \$7,500 in matching funds to improve the outside of their buildings.

"This is a continuation of our effort to improve the downtown corridor," said City Manager Thomas Fromme. "I think its going to be a great program."

In the past, the city has completed work including putting utilities underground and improving lighting on the street, Fromme said, but more work needs to be done.



The 800 block of Monmouth Street is the first to have facade improvement funds available to the business owners. Photo by Amanda Joering.

"If you look down Monmouth Street, you'll see we have a lot of nice buildings," Fromme said. "But, we also have some buildings that need some work."

Through the program, businesses can get matching funds for everything from painting and windows to siding and awnings, Fromme said.

Fromme said as long as the business stays open in their current location for at least five years, they won't have to pay the money back.

The city decided to start with one block, the 800 block, for the first year of the program, to have a more condensed visual impact to show what the program can do.

Next year, the program will be extended to the rest of Monmouth Street.

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Fromme said the city have allocated \$100,000 for the program, which is enough to help several of the street's businesses.

One business that is ready to take advantage of the new program is Sis's Family Affair Restaurant, located at 837 Monmouth St.

Owner Sandy Schweitzer said the front of their building, which they hope to restore to the way it was originally, needs a lot of work.

"I think having this facade money gives businesses an opportunity to be able to do a lot more with their

buildings," Schweitzer said.

Using money from the program, Schweitzer said she plans to make improvements including uncovering some of the old windows located on the front of the building, extend their patio area across the entire front of their building, install awnings and more.

"I think all those things will make our business more appealing and bring in more customers," Schweitzer said.

For more information about the facade improvement program, contact Bev Holiday at 292-3687.

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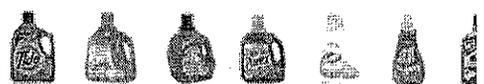
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# City unveils rehabbed homes on Banklick Street

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Don Bradley (left) stands on the front door of a house at 902 Banklick St., Covington. It is one of four houses in the neighborhood that has been rehabbed through a federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant.

By Terry DeMio

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**COVINGTON** — A string of vacant properties that lined Banklick Street a year ago has been transformed into an enticing neighborhood of scrub-cleaned, rehabilitated and even newly-built homes.

First-time homebuyers Jordan and Lauren Haizenga will close on theirs Friday, confident that Banklick Street offers the quality they're seeking in urban living in Covington.



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Lauren and Jordan Haizenga in the living room of a home they purchased on Banklick Street. Covington. Four homes in the 300 block of Banklick Street have been rehabbed or built new through a grant from the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Their home is newly finished with bamboo floors. / Covick Freddy / The Courier

"We're excited to be a part of revitalizing this area and hopefully getting some new, great neighbors," Lauren said Tuesday as she entered her new house.

The opportunity on Banklick Street provided the Haizengas the chance to move into a new home in an urban setting near the Ohio River -- exactly what they wanted.

The homes on Banklick are among 33 the city purchased with a \$5 million Neighborhood Stabilization grant through the state. The grant required recipients to buy foreclosed homes and rehabilitate them for purchase at appraisal value. Homes that could not be rehabbed were torn down, and new houses were built in their place.

Covington partnered with the Center for Great Neighborhoods and Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky as developers for the project.

Today, four homes on Banklick will be unveiled to anyone who wants to take a peek during an open house.

Jordan Haizenga said he and Lauren rented in Covington before looking for a house to purchase.

"Covington is really a community you can get involved in," he said. "It's a very personable city and community, built around neighborhood associations and neighborhood schools."

He heard about the Neighborhood Stabilization project through a shop worker in the city and learned about Banklick Street homes from Jeremy Wallace, a city urban housing specialist.

Adam Rockel of the Center for Great Neighborhoods said the city and developers are receiving plenty of interest from prospective buyers.

"We're really excited," Rockel said. "Banklick is a critical block that's been vacant and blighted for many years."

HONK is doing the same kind of work in Covington's Austinburg neighborhood.

The agency has completed three rehabs on East 18th Street and torn down and rebuilt a house on East 17th Street. Two of the homes have been sold, Hastings said.

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Houses on Banklick Street are the higher-end homes in the spectrum of those being developed. They range in appraised value from \$122,000-\$210,000, said Wallace. In Austinburg, homes are appraised in the range of about \$84,000-\$94,000, and so far, two of the four completed have sold, said David Hastings, executive director of HONK.

The city offers buyers down payment and closing cost assistance, Wallace said.

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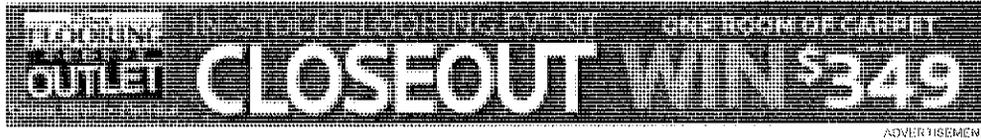
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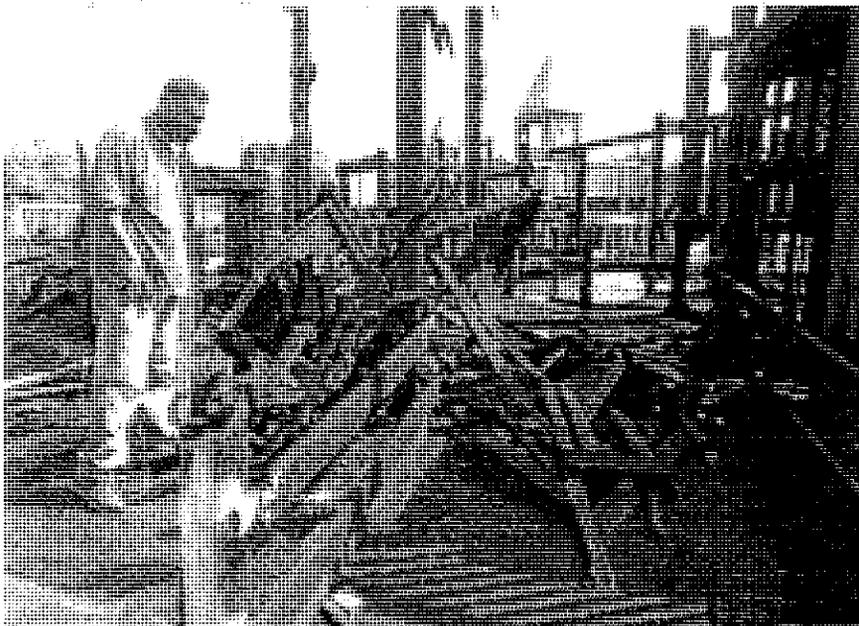
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Maurice Brown (center) looks over the damaged playground at Sixth District Elementary School in Covington, Ohio, after a fire on June 24. Patrick Reddy/Enquirer file

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**COVINGTON** — All work and no play will lead to a lot more playing in the future at the Sixth District Elementary School playground.

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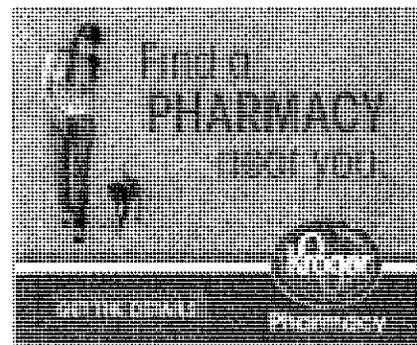
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Workers are installing an expanded playground after a fire over the summer left equipment and the area damaged and charred.

Sixth District Principal Bill Bradford said students will be back on the playground no later than Oct. 1.

"They are definitely ready — and I think the teachers are too," Bradford said.

Even before the fire at 2:30 a.m. June 24, the park had been scheduled for a new swing set in July.



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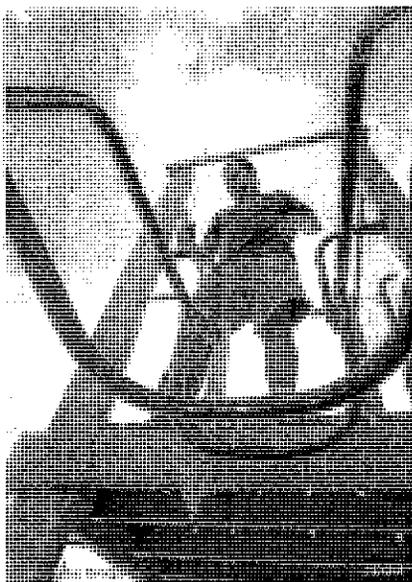
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Bill White, of Funtraya Playground, installs a deep ring set on new playground equipment at Sixth District Elementary School. The playground was destroyed about a year ago. The school's playground. Work is expected to be completed soon. The playground re-opened by Covington Daily Enquirer.

Assistant Fire Chief Brian Bamberger said the cause of the fire is currently undetermined.

After the fire, the group behind the new swing set expanded its focus to help the effort to rebuild.

The school's Business Education Success Team partner, held a community event after the fire, collecting a list of volunteers and funds for extended building plans, said Heather Abbott, chair of the Sixth District BEST partnership, which is a project of Gateway Community & Technical College.

That event triggered a wave of support: Covington firefighters -- who helped build the playground originally, pitched in to rebuild. On Aug. 18 and 19, U.S. Navy Seabees Unit NMCB26 built and installed the new swing set, Abbott said.

In addition, Abbott partnered with Keep Covington Beautiful and earned a grant of \$5,000 from Lowes through that program and applied for a Place Matters grant for \$2,000 through the Center for Great Neighborhoods. The grants and other donations spurred the idea for the expanded playground project.

"We've received a lot of support and donations," said Bradford, "and we want to put that toward the playground."

The rebuilding project will cost \$38,000. Insurance will cover all but \$5,000 of that,

which will be paid through a donation, Bradford said.

The nearby community responded so generously, Bradford said, that children can look forward to expansions of the playground in the future.

Eventually, the playground area will include a blacktop mural, a learning garden, access for children with special needs and more, she said.

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**COVINGTON** — The new Licking River Greenway is the domain of grasshoppers, dragonflies and birds.

Walking or biking along the path, shielded from the sun by a parasol of leaves, it is hard to believe that you are still smack in the center of Northern Kentucky's urban core.

City sounds do sometimes break the peace, when noise of heavy equipment from a Wilder factory, distant traffic or even Covington church bells remind walkers that active neighborhoods are just beyond the levee. The occasional home rooftops can also be seen from the path.

"That's the beauty of an urban trail," said Kara Williams, vice president of the Vision 2015 organization that's leading the Greenway's creation. "You're five minutes from everything, but you can feel as if you're in the middle of nowhere — in a very good way.

"You can really reconnect to the environment and nature, make sure your mind is clear, and five minutes later you can be at the pharmacy, the grocery store, or in my case, back at the office," Williams added.

The Greenway is a proposed set of 5-mile trails along each shore of the Licking River

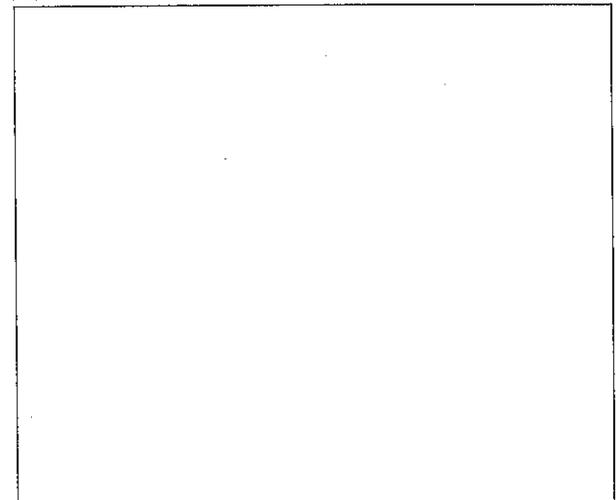
from where it meets the Ohio River at least as far south as Interstate 275, through Covington, Taylor Mill, Newport and Wilder. Organizers also want to create kayak/canoe launching and landing sites to turn that part of the river into a "Blueway" — a recreational trail for boats. Next month, organizers hope to start work on the last element for the first phase.

The first phase of the trail extends from Covington's 16th Street to Levassor Avenue. After an asphalt, handicap-accessible pathway is added to the top of the flood levee starting in mid-September (with completion before this winter) the trail system will include a two-mile loop.

Phase II plans are to move north toward Randolph Park at Ninth Street. Ultimately officials want the trails to extend from the Ohio River, where the Riverfront Commons walking/biking path is planned, south to Interstate 275, including pieces along the shores of Campbell and Kenton counties.

"We think that the trail's going to be built

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piece by piece," in \$100,000 segments, Williams said. Proposed parks along the Greenway could raise total costs to \$10 million or \$12 million range, she said.

So far \$450,000 has been raised for the trail, including \$100,000 from Covington that helped attract other grants and \$80,000 in state funds. The rest came from companies like Humana and other private donors.

Much of the path on the river side of the levee is built from "fine dense-grade aggregate," the least expensive way to pave in a flood zone where asphalt or concrete would be costly to replace.

Mountain bikes and bicycles with wide, rugged tires work best on the gravel, which would be tougher on traditional 10-speed bike tires.

### Artists and volunteers brighten path

A team of student art apprentices, led by professional artist Kyle Penunuri of Florence, last week finished eight murals on parachute silk that they "wallpapered" with special adhesives onto small "gateway" buildings that stand near the flood levee.

"It's very peaceful," said Harrisen Carney of Maineville, a student of visual communication design at Kent State University. "I don't even feel the urbanization of this trail."

"It's very nice they're taking back this piece of property," said Penunuri.

Walkers are appreciating the new murals produced by the summer-labor ArtWorks team. The murals depict images reflecting activities that happen along the river:

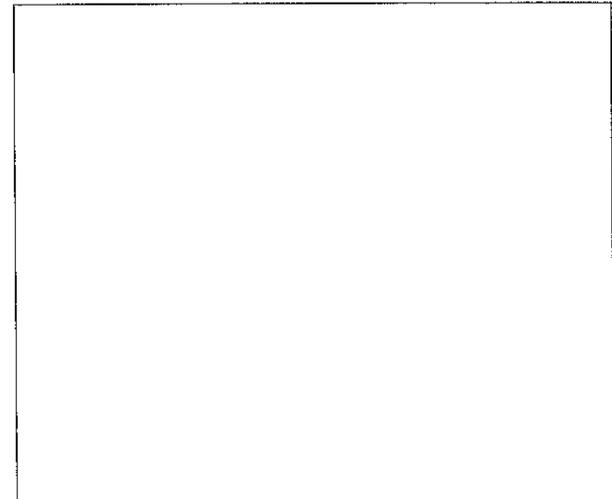
The students' favorite is the most unexpected mural: It shows five-winged dogs in outer space. Anticipating many dogs who will walk the paths in coming decades, one dog each was designed by apprentices Brendan Haehnle of Bridgetown; Conner Nielander of South Covington; Shayna James of Forest Park; Margaux Hackett of Hyde Park; and Carney.

"It's really interesting how they've all come about and what people see in the connections of the river and the trail, and the community, and how they're interpreting that on the murals," Williams said.

### A getaway for man's best friend

Robert Cook, whose Delmar Place home is

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less than a block from the flood levee, recently enjoyed the visit with his 4-month-old, black-and-white pup, Chunk.

"I was just on it last night for the first time," Cook said. "I liked it. I was surprised it's as nice as it was.

"Once the word gets out that people know they can walk it, they'll use it," Cook said.

Not everyone thinks the walkways is a sanctuary, however. Two Levassor Avenue women who live near the trail's entryway aren't comfortable with the concept and its impact on their lives.

"I've had people out here at 12 o'clock at night, having conversations," said Loretta Gullett, who has lived in her home 15 years, and lived within two blocks her whole life. "If I could sell this house I would, and I'm not the only one feeling this way."

"Some of the people I meet (who use the trail) are nice, they'll say hi and wave," Gullett said. But others, like a woman who was lying on the trail for an unknown reason, and the pair she saw on three-wheelers, aren't as welcome, said Gullett and neighbor Rosemary Knight.

Covington Recreation Director Natalie Gardner said signs soon will be posted that warn the walkway can only be used, like other city parks, from dawn to dusk. Police will be called in if problems continue, she said.

As more people use the trail it will become safer and cleaner because walkers and

bikers will watch out for each other, Williams said basing her opinion on experiences of similar walking/biking trails.

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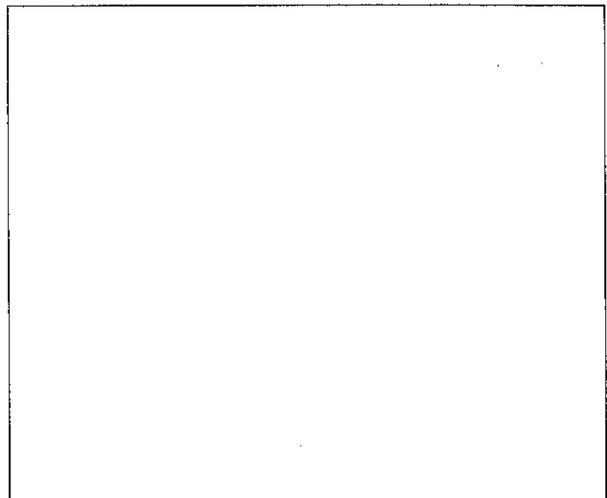
### Mural celebration approaching

The murals will be officially unveiled with a party scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sept. 29 at a Greenway entrance, Levassor and Eastern avenues.

The artists who created the eight murals will be at the event. Snacks will be available. Volunteers are encouraged to help clear more non-native plants from the land around the path afterward.

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LaTesia Workman, 16, helps Niassa Conrad, 10, with a reading exercise. In the summer youth program at Latonia Elementary School, LaTesia is a youth worker in the Housing Authority of Covington's Teen Summer Work Program. The program is held weekly.

Written by William Croyle

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**COVINGTON** — LaTesia Workman had never held a paying job, making the interview for one she really wanted a bit daunting.

"I was nervous when I got there," the 16-year-old said. "But once it started, I got relaxed and comfortable."

And she was hired.

LaTesia is a sophomore at Holmes High School and resident of Latonia Terrace, one of the city's public housing complexes.

She is employed as a youth worker at Latonia Elementary School in the Covington Summer Youth Program.

She got the job through the Housing Authority of Covington's Teen Summer Work Program. Fifteen people, ages 16 to 20, were chosen from among 30 applicants to work at nonprofit agencies throughout the city for six weeks this summer.

They are paid minimum wage for 20 hours of work each week. They will get a \$100 bonus for perfect attendance and no tardiness.

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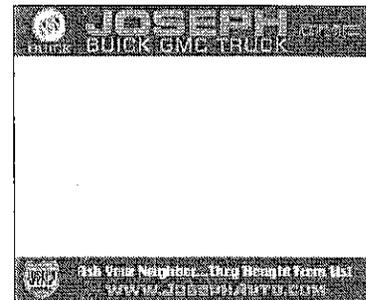
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"Once we picked the 15, they went through a two-day, 12-hour orientation on things such as work-readiness skills, job etiquette and showing up on time," said Jon Adkins,

education coordinator for the housing authority. "Then we really tried to put them in good places where they could shine."

The jobs generally involve construction, maintenance work, teaching children or office work. All employees are provided bus passes for transportation.

"We look at all the barriers they face and try to remove them so they can be successful," Adkins said.

He said part of the housing authority's mission is to help its residents become more self-sufficient.

"The more self-sufficient they are, the better neighbors they are, the more independent they become and the more successful they are overall," Adkins said.

Since these jobs are the first for 95 percent of those hired, each person is set up with a bank account and taught money management skills.

"I've been buying some stuff I need, but I'm saving most of it so that when I go to college, I'll have something," said LaTesla, who wants to be a pediatrician.

Amie Weckenbrock, the summer camp teacher LaTesla reports to each day, said LaTesla has been a model employee.

"She's been fabulous," Weckenbrock said. "She's here in plenty of time every day and works real well with the students."

LaTesla said she couldn't have a better job.

"I love the kids," she said. "I absolutely love it here."

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"We would like to introduce ourselves to the people handing these out," Jones told an audience of more than 40 that gathered for a Monday meeting of the Covington Human Rights Commission. The commission moved its meeting to City Heights so it could hear from the community about the single-paged sheets.

"I would like to have known about them the day they came out," Jones said. He promised: "We're going to find out who they are, why they're coming here."

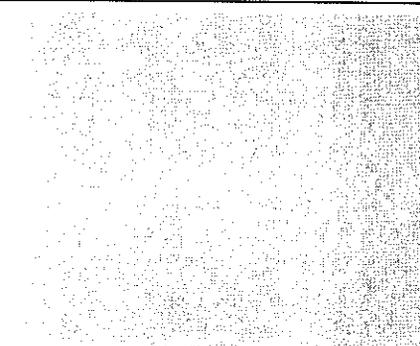
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Posturing itself as a "white rights" organization, the group in pamphlets states: "We wish to see the preservation of our race, as we think the black people wish to save (their) own."

Tanya Ballou, treasurer of the City Heights resident council, called that message ridiculous. White people like herself are mixtures of various cultures, such as Irish, French and others, so, "Ain't none of us full-bred nothin'," Ballou said, noting she is mother to three biracial teens.

The housing complex's resident council and its block watch group plan to jointly meet with police and others to give advice to children and others about how they can respond non-violently if they see people distributing fliers. Among their options: Calling 911, and photographing those posting the pamphlets.

It's important to respond without breaking the law. That advice came from several, including Jones; members of the human rights



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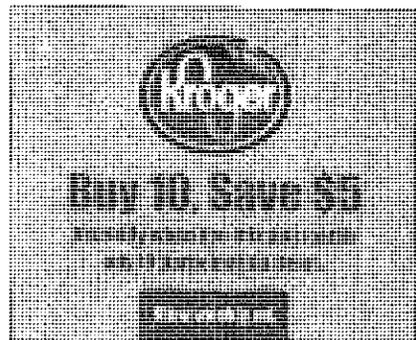
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commission; John C.K. Fisher, who represents the Kentucky Human Rights Commission locally; and Jerome Bowles, president of the Northern Kentucky branch of the NAACP.

"They're showing their ignorance," said Tiffany Hollums, mother of an 18-month-old daughter. "We can show our strength and our wisdom to them."

The City Heights residents' council and its block-watch organization plan to meet with police officials and complex residents soon to give children and others advice about ways to respond if people return.

Bowles offered other suggestions for responding to the organization, which called itself Trinity White Knights and listed a "24-hour hotline" in the 513 area code, a yahoo email address and a Covington post office box.

"You've got to have a peaceful anti-hate rally, with the kids," Bowles suggested. He also recommended "positive, anti-hate fliers" and either banners or signs at the City Heights entrance that declare it to be a loving community opposed to hatred.

"You've got to flip the script on hate," Bowles advised. "They come and they try to get you riled up."

Covington's Human Rights Commission chairman, the Rev. Charles Fann, who may have been the first to tell police about the fliers after he learned about them, promised: "We're going to work up some plans. We're going to have other meetings."

"At least we should get banners out to say we don't agree with the hate," Ballou said after the meeting.

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The park at 727 Liberty Street has been dedicated to Tim Freudenberg, a Newport native who served as a top aide to Gov. Brereton Jones.

Freudenberg died in 1991 from heart disease, shortly after Gov. Jones took office.

The park is part of a major residential and neighborhood redevelopment project, constructed by Newport's Recreation Department.

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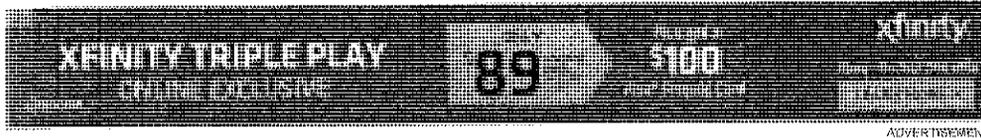
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**NEWPORT** — The model house for a new, affordable-housing program will be revealed at an open house Wednesday.

Neighborhood Foundations had just finished construction on the model house for the Summer Hill addition project, Executive Director Tom Guidugli said.

"We are kicking off ... with the open house and hope to get people interested," he said.

Neighborhood Foundations was given a \$1 million Community Block Development Grant through the city of Newport to build 10 affordable-housing homes on 19th Street, Guidugli said. The foundation got the plot of open land along the street in an agreement with the city about 10 years ago, he said.

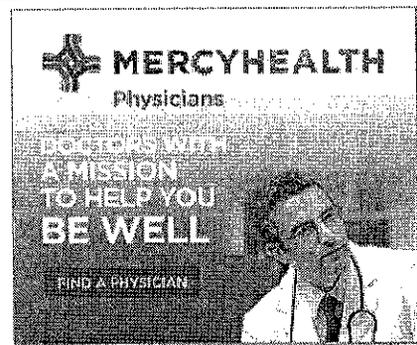
City Manager Thomas Fromme said the location for the houses was well chosen and will help the affordable-housing market in the city.

"Formerly, there were a lot of dilapidated houses there, and they were all demolished about 15 years ago," Fromme said. "The land was serving no useful purpose. This project will improve the area."

An open house is scheduled from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the model house at 35 19th St. Guidugli said he hopes the open house will create interest for the houses and offers will be made. The houses will be sold for \$149,000 with a down payment of \$40,000, he added.

Construction will not start on the other houses until an offer is made on the model house.

The houses are designed at 2,100 square feet, with three bedrooms and 2½ baths.



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### HAC TO EXPLORE \$50K DONATION TO KEEP POOL OPEN WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

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UPDATE (THURSDAY 5:58PM): City Commissioner Steve Casper, also a member of the Housing Authority of Covington board of commissioners, reports at The River City News Facebook page:

Last night's action by HAC was only the 1st step, by passing a resolution instructing the Director to speak with the City Mgr to finalize the contribution. Today after communication as directed, the money is forthcoming with much appreciation!!! When the planning process begins for Lincoln Grant I'm confident HAC will help play a role in it. Yes, Charlene many share your same concerns and desires for the school to be brought back as a viable piece of the Eastside community, the City will do everything in its power to make that happen.

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"I don't want to just give the city fifty-thousand dollars and have them say 'thanks a lot'," said John Spence, vice chairman of the Housing Authority of Covington's board of commissioners. Spence was referencing a request from the City of Covington for a

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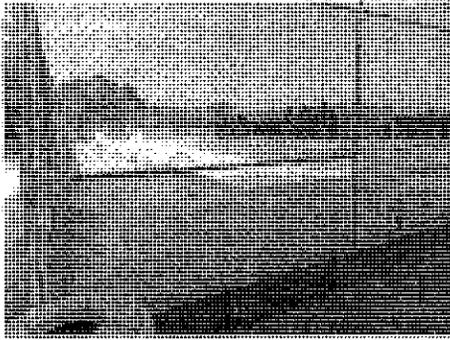
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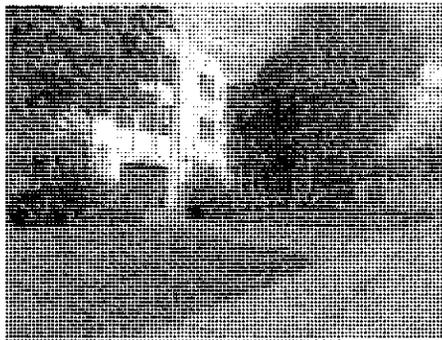


Randolph Park Pool

\$50,000 donation from HAC that would allow the pool at Randolph Park in the city's Eastside to open this season. Without the funds, the pool, which is in poor condition, would not open. HAC's board seemed eager at Wednesday's meeting to approve the donation but Spence spoke strongly in favor of a caveat within the board's resolution: HAC would give the city \$50,000

in exchange for the opportunity to facilitate and organize the redevelopment of Randolph Park and the adjacent vacant building that was once Lincoln-Grant School. Additionally, Spence requested, the Covington City Commission would publicly thank the Housing Authority for the deal.

HAC's board could use the transaction to push for other things it would like to see happen on the Eastside, Spence said. "We are actually helping the city and improving the quality of life in the neighborhood," he said. Spence served as chairman at the meeting in Glenn Kukla's absence. The other three commissioners, Rita Dreyer, Michelle Sherrill, and Steve Casper (also a Covington City Commissioner) expressed concern over the language of the resolution. Though there was obvious support from the board members for the notion that HAC could facilitate and organize the redevelopment of the park and former school there were issues raised with attaching strings to what would otherwise be an act of generosity. The pool and school in question are located mere feet from HAC's forthcoming mixed-income housing project River's Edge at Eastside Pointe and also a block of city-owned parcels that could eventually be developed into market-rate housing by HAC.



Lincoln-Grant School

The news that the pool at Randolph Park could close follows Tuesday's revelation that Gus Sheehan Pool in Botany Hills would not open this season. That pool's fate was announced in an email from the City to its online subscribers but Wednesday The River City News learned that City Hall did not want that news going public until after Thursday's meeting of the Botany Hills Neighborhood Association. With the summer pool season just weeks away word of the possible closures is arising with little public notice.

Meanwhile, HAC's relationship with City Hall has been nothing short of tumultuous recently and was on display publicly last month during a tense joint caucus meeting with the City Commission. The donation was viewed as part of an effort to rehabilitate that fractured partnership and to score some positive publicity. Attaching the strings to the donation and requesting public acknowledgement for it took the wind out of the announcement's sails as demonstrated by inordinate spells of silence during the meeting as commissioners debated the resolution's language. More bizarrely, toward the end of that portion of the meeting when asked by The River City News to clarify his intention Spence denied having ever said any of it.

"Just because you have it written down doesn't mean it's true,"

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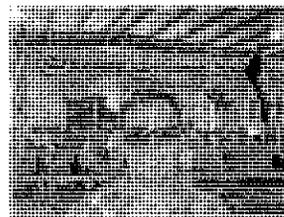
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he said.

The resolution's description read:

For approving the expenditure of \$50,000 of Housing Authority's central office cost center's non-federalized funding to assist in the revitalization of Randolph Park Pool as part of a broader revitalization strategy including Randolph Park, the Lincoln-Grant School, and the Eastside neighborhood. (snip)...the Board authorizes Aaron Wolfe-Bertling... to execute any and all documents related to the Randolph Park Pool, development of Lincoln Grant School, and a planning process under the direction of the Housing Authority of Covington for envisioning the future of Lincoln Grant School and Randolph Park.

The resolution also included details of how HAC and the City worked together during the planning process for River's Edge and heavily explored how that development could positively impact the neighboring central business district. Ultimately, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution and explore the possibility of offering the donation and of taking over the task of redeveloping Lincoln Grant and Randolph Park. HAC Executive Director Aaron Wolfe Bertling plans to meet with Covington City Manager Larry Klein and Mayor Chuck Scheper to discuss the possibility which would require approval from the city commission.

Posted by The Voice Of Covington, KY at 10:15 PM

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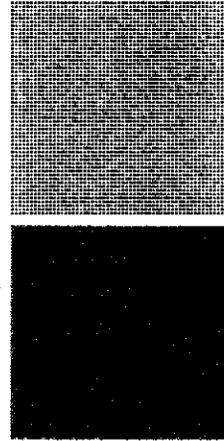
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**City of Covington, KY Consortium**

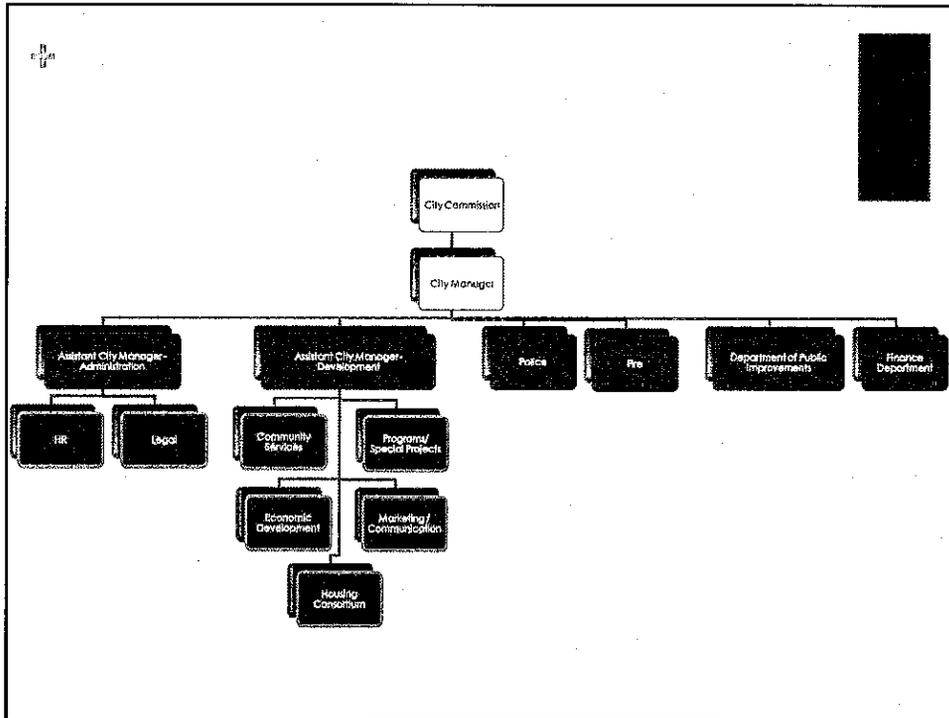
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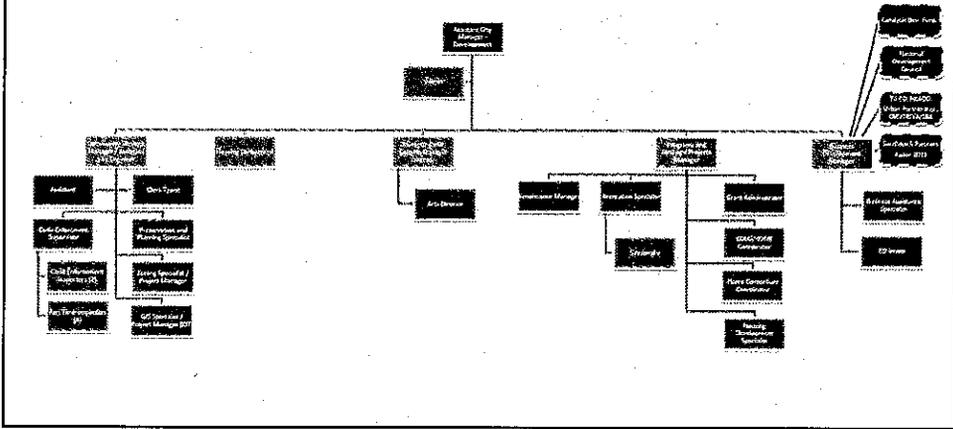


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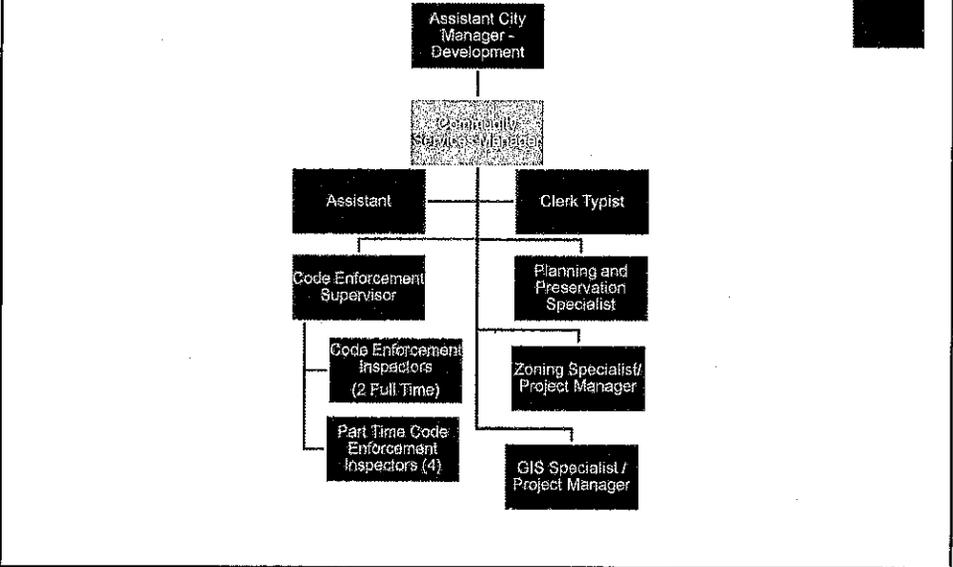


# New Department of Development Organizational Chart

City of Covington  
Department of Development Organizational Chart  
January 2013



# Community Services





## Code Enforcement

### Staffing

- ▣ Integrate Code Enforcement with Community Development and Housing to reduce management
- ▣ Reduce staffing to fit the workload
- ▣ Adopt full time/job sharing hybrid model (187.5 current enforcement hours vs 200.5 enforcement hours – additional 13 hours a week)
- ▣ Transfer maintenance functions to DPI
- ▣ Transfer building inspections to NKAPC, intake at City Hall – **October 24th**
- ▣ Transfer Solid Waste Coordinator to DPI



## Code Enforcement

### ■ Focus the Code Enforcement Workload

- ▣ Transfer maintenance of City-owned, blighted/abandoned structures to DPI
- ▣ Transfer CSX property maintenance to DPI; ask CSX for more \$
- ▣ Demolish blighted structures
- ▣ Develop close working relationship with banks to ensure they maintain the buildings they own rather than the City
- ▣ Offer assistance to homeowners that don't have funds for repairs
  - CDBG funding
  - Consider partnering with Non-profit agencies
- ▣ Transfer management of waste to DPI



## Code Enforcement



- Develop an interior rental inspection program
  - ▣ Update the relevant ordinances
  - ▣ Coordinate with Fire Inspection
  
- Incorporate appropriate recommendations from the Rental Task Force – Blight Fight Team
  
- Invest in technology upgrades



## Code Enforcement



- **Develop clear standard operating procedures for staff**
  - ▣ Set timeline/consequence for each type of violation
  - ▣ Evaluate and identify appropriate methods for writing citations
  - ▣ Track all activities on a property, even warnings
  - ▣ Appoint hearing officer to help filter items on Code Board agenda
  - ▣ Pursuing criminal charges if no corrective action is being taken by the property owner



## Code Enforcement

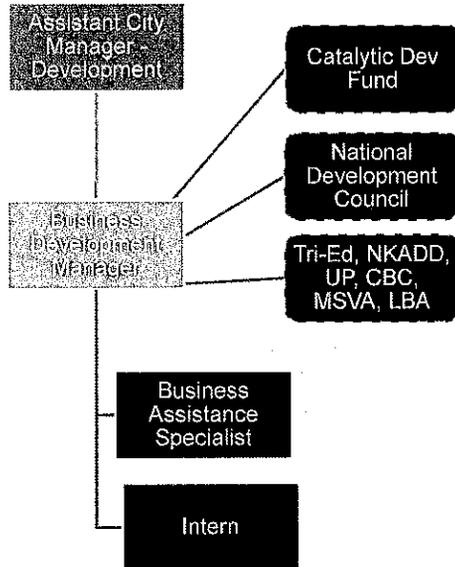


### ■ Address Foreclosures and Vacant Properties

- Adopt HB 135 to give City liens priority over bank liens
- Expand or privatize foreclosure process
  - Consider establishing a land bank
- Enforce vacant property tax escalator
- Demolish / Dispose of City Owned Properties



## Business Development





## Ombudsman Transition Plan

### Current Duties

- Receives complaints when resident does not find resolution through regular channels
- Receives citizen concerns as first (one-stop office) contact
- Serves as general resource office for citizens
- Addresses city-department related complaints
- Refers concerns to appropriate department or entity

### Proposed plan to address citizen concerns/complaints:

- Citizens will call a centralized phone number and receive an automated system that will provide a variety of issue-based options
- A 'live' option via the City Manager's office will be available during regular business hours
- The City Manager's office will receive complaints when resident does not find resolution through regular channels / via departments
- Specific and general information that is requested will be provided via the new Marketing/Communications Division



## Neighborhood Services Transition Plan

### Current Duties

- Support services to various neighborhood associations
  - **Current levels of support:**
    - Enhanced: Assistance with monthly meeting documents and distribution; Posting of neighborhood association website; Assistance with Special Events; attendance at monthly meetings; Coordination of guest speakers.
    - General: Attend meetings; coordinate guest speakers; provide literature, information, and assistance periodically
    - As-requested: Attend meetings by request; address specific concerns and/or topics; provide requested/relevant guest speakers; help promote special NA events; available to provide support via telephone and email.



## Neighborhood Services Transition Plan



### Proposed future levels of support:

- Enhanced support
  - Monthly Meeting Assistance: NAs will communicate their completed agendas and minutes to the **new Marketing/Communication Division for distribution**. Copies of agendas/minutes for the meeting will be provided in advance of the meeting.
- All neighborhood associations:
  - Event Promotion: flyers, website posting, submission of slides to TBNK, media promotion will be provided by the Marketing & Communication Director.
  - Guest Speakers to address specific concerns, issues, current topics, etc. will be coordinated through the City Manager's office.



## Community Relations Transition Plan



### Transition Plan

- Prepare and submit monthly report
- Submit monthly report
  - to the appropriate department, to the appropriate staff member
- Submit monthly report to the appropriate department



# Community Relations Transition Plan



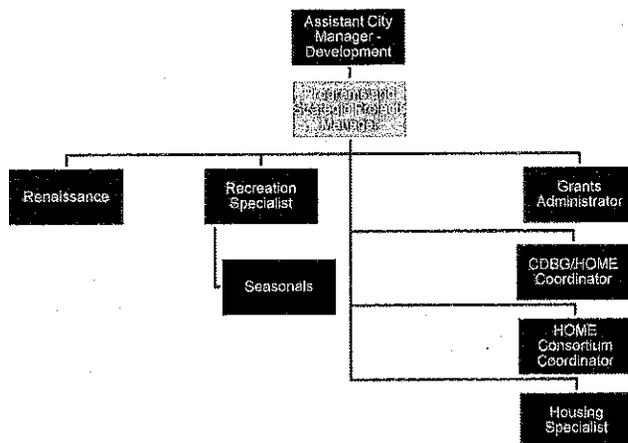
## Proposed Future Communications

- The same high-level of Communication from the City of Covington will now be handled centrally by the new Marketing and Communications Division

## Residential Parking Program

- Ampco (soon to be ABM) will be maintaining all facets of the Residential Parking Program
  - Maintain documents, forms, data, etc.
  - primary difference for residents is that they will get the permits at the Ampco office at the Mid-Town Garage instead of Finance Department.
  - Ampco and city staff will work together toward a smooth transition for all those utilizing this program.

# Programs and Strategic Projects





# Marketing and Communications



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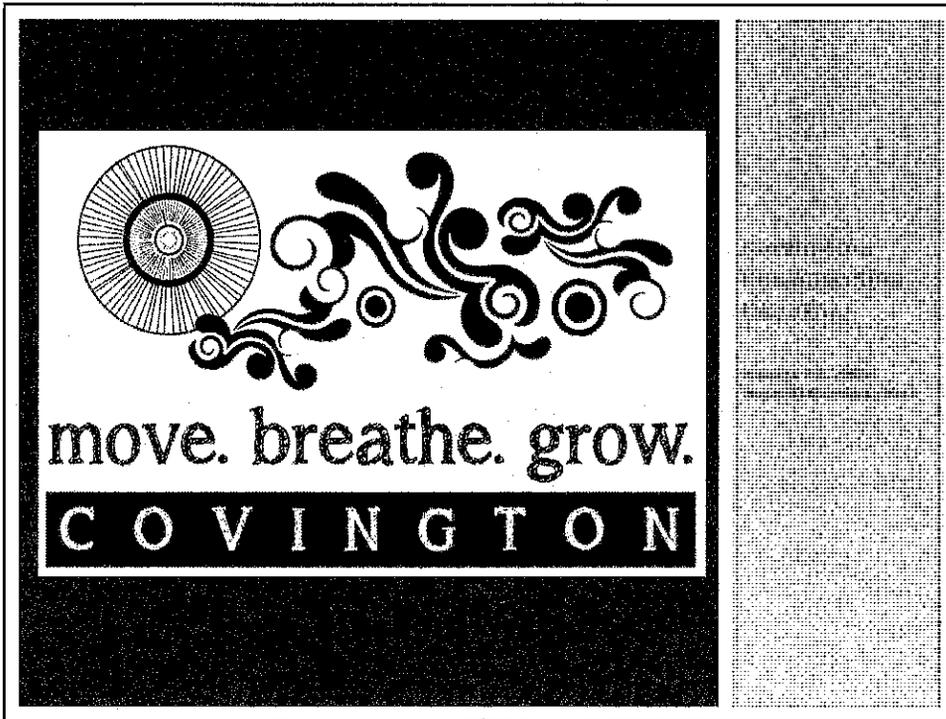
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### Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation

#### Community-At-Large Summary

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Physical Activity	57.58%	62.12%
Nutrition	37.68%	38.24%
Tobacco Use	40.00%	38.18%
Chronic Disease Management	33.33%	35.56%
Leadership	38.18%	47.27%
<b>Demographic Information</b>		
Community Density - Population	40,840	
Community Density - Sq Miles	13	
Community Setting	Urban	
Median Household Income	\$35,000 - \$49,999	
% No High School Diploma	15% - 19%	
% Poverty	≥20%	
% Unemployed	10% - 14%	

## COALITION CREATION

- Vision: Covington, a vibrant, active, and green community where the healthy choice is the easy choice.
- Mission: To proactively implement change in Covington that creates a healthy community for everyone by empowering residents, building connections and engaging leaders.

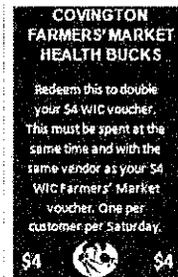


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## INITIAL EFFORTS

- ▣ HAC Smoke-free Living Efforts
- ▣ Farmer's Market WIC/SNAP Acceptance
- ▣ Aquatic Facility Young Lungs Effort
- ▣ Licking River Greenway Trail Access



## NEXT EFFORTS

- ▣ Creating a walkable and bike friendly community
  - ▣ Walking Routes
  - ▣ Bike Route
  - ▣ Bike Friendly Policies
- ▣ Establishing smoke free playgrounds and school grounds
- ▣ Improvement in school wellness policies
  - ▣ Collaboration with Covington Partners
- ▣ Establish non-profit for initiatives

## JOIN US

- ▣ October 24<sup>th</sup>
  - 8am – 9:30am at Center for Great Neighborhoods
  
- ▣ Natalie Gardner  
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# Success Stories

## Young Lungs At Play: Smoke-free Aquatic Facilities in Covington, Kentucky

Megan Folkerth

### Summary

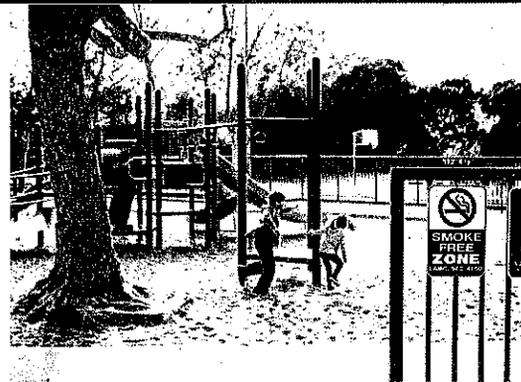
Tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) is a public health concern across the country and Covington, KY is no exception. Addressing tobacco use (adult and youth) and exposure to SHS is a priority and can be addressed in a variety of ways. Covington aquatic facilities were previously smoke-free inside however, smoking was occurring near the entrances. A policy to limit smoking within 50 feet of the perimeter of the aquatic facilities was implemented to protect patrons from exposure to SHS.

### Challenge

Covington, the largest city in Northern Kentucky, is located in Kenton County and has a population of 40,640; comprised of almost 12% African American, 82% Caucasian and 3.6% Hispanic or Latino. 23% of the population lives below the poverty level and 10.6% are unemployed. Local data indicates 37.9% of Covington adults smoke and 2010 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data reports 30% of Kenton County high school students smoke. Exposure to SHS is linked to many illnesses and diseases including; heart disease, lung cancer, asthma exacerbation, chronic ear infections, and sudden infant death syndrome. In addition, when youth are exposed to adult smoking it portrays the habit as acceptable and encourages the behavior. Covington aquatic facilities previously became smoke-free inside which then encouraged smokers huddling at entrances. Implementation of further restrictions will protect patrons from SHS

### Solution

Expansion of existing aquatic facility policy was needed to protect patrons from exposure to SHS and to provide positive role modeling for the youth in the community. In order to accomplish this, expansion of the current rules was needed to include no smoking within 50 feet of the pool perimeter. This rule change would protect patrons as they entered the facilities as well as remove smoking from sight of youth in the facilities. Inclusion of the new policy into the rules and regulations for the aquatic facilities would ensure that all patrons were made aware of the rule change and would require compliance with the new policy.



**Your Involvement is Key**  
Making health changes in the community takes a combined effort from citizens and local groups and organizations. In order to work towards a healthier Covington support is needed from all community sectors. If you are ready to get involved in the efforts towards smoke-free playgrounds or other health initiatives in Covington, join the **Move. Breathe. Grow. Coalition** (contact information provided at the end of this document).

## Results

The Director of Parks and Recreation worked with other decision makers at the City of Covington to implement changes to the rules governing the aquatic facilities. The rule change was put into the pool rules and regulations and now prohibits smoking within 50 feet of the perimeter of the facilities. Smoking is now limited to designated areas that are outside the 50 foot perimeter. To gain access to the pool, all patrons are required to complete an application and sign off that they received the rules and will abide by them. Aquatic facility staff was trained on the changes to the rules and regulations and are responsible for enforcement of the policy. In addition, permanent signs were placed at the entrance to each facility in order to notify patrons of the rule change.

### Contact

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*"Implementation was a much smoother process than expected. We installed the signage and patrons complied willingly. I would have never expected such success, which forces me to rethink all the questions we aren't asking about our community's health."*

**- Natalie Gardner**

## Future Directions

Implementation of the revised aquatic facility rules has been successful and patron compliance has surpassed the expectations of City of Covington staff. In order to continue to protect our youth from exposure to SHS, Move. Breathe. Grow. Covington will continue to work on tobacco policy. The next steps will be to work towards establishing smoke-free playgrounds in Covington by continuing to promote the "Young Lungs at Play" message in the community which will protect our youth from the harms of secondhand smoke exposure provide positive role modeling to our youth.

# **Licking River Greenway Master Plan & Successes**

**City of Covington, KY Consortium**

Consolidated Plan 2013-2018

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# Preface

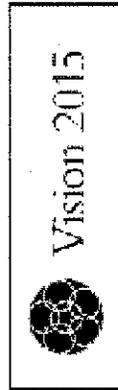
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To the reader:

Imagine a place to hike, cycle, paddle your kayak, or quietly sit at the river's edge – all within just a short drive or walk from Northern Kentucky's urban core along the Licking River. The exciting concept of a multi-purpose Licking River Greenway emerged from the collective thinking of community leaders during strategic planning sessions sponsored by Vision 2015 a couple years ago. During the past year, the master planning process combined innovative design by Woolpert and Human Nature, the dedication of the Greenway Steering Committee and Civic Engagement Team, and enthusiastic community input with funding support from Vision 2015 and its partners. This synergy has produced a master plan that brings us to the threshold of transforming the abstract into reality.

These pages reveal detailed information about the abundant cultural and natural resources of the five-mile Licking River corridor in both Campbell and Kenton counties, from the Alvin C. Powelait Bridge spanning the river on I-275 to the Licking's historic confluence with the Ohio River. The corridor's surprising hidden assets are waiting to be rediscovered as the greenway plan unfolds. To be realistic, the plan examines both opportunities and constraints inherent in developing individual segments of the trail system in the coming years. Perhaps my favorite part is the recommended initial implementation plan, because it indicates where we could begin trail development in the near future. The possibilities for new recreational opportunities, water quality improvement, wildlife enhancement, and environmental and cultural education along the river corridor are limited only by our imagination and our commitment to seek resources to develop the trail system to its fullest potential.

So let's not let this plan collect dust on a shelf. Many challenges lie ahead, but with persistence and determination, the Licking River Greenway can take shape to become a legacy to benefit future generations in our region. The words on our project logo describe the greenway well – where Northern Kentucky comes together. Both literally and figuratively, we can come together to make the greenway a reality!



Lorna Harrell, Chair  
Licking River Greenway Steering Committee

For information on how you can get involved in this project, visit our web site [www.vision2015.org](http://www.vision2015.org).



# Introduction

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The concept of a Licking River Greenway is one of many initiatives to improve the economy and quality of life in Northern Kentucky that were generated by community leaders under the guidance of Vision 2015. The Licking River Greenway Master Plan goes beyond the initial vision to create a framework for establishing a continuous green corridor threading through the Licking River communities of Covington and Taylor Mill in Kenton County and Newport and Wilder in Campbell County. The plan is multi-faceted, presenting details for developing bicycle and pedestrian trails, creating new river access points, and enhancing habitat along the banks of the Licking River, while making connections with parks, schools and other existing facilities in adjoining neighborhoods. Open spaces and existing street systems near the river's edge have been integrated into the five-mile study corridor.

Looking to the near future, the plan recommends ways to connect with other existing or planned pathways and projects along the Ohio River and Banklick Creek. Looking further ahead, implementation of the plan could result in a greenway system that could become an outstanding component of a more comprehensive Northern Kentucky regional park system.

### Location and Study Area

The study area is located in Northern Kentucky, a part of the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area. This phase of the study encompasses the Licking River Corridor from the confluence with the Ohio River to I-275 and the adjoining communities of Covington, Taylor Mill, Newport and Wilder, Kentucky. Two counties are involved, Kenton County, home to Covington and Taylor Mill, and Campbell County, home to Newport and Wilder. Figure 1 shows the location of the study area within the greater region.

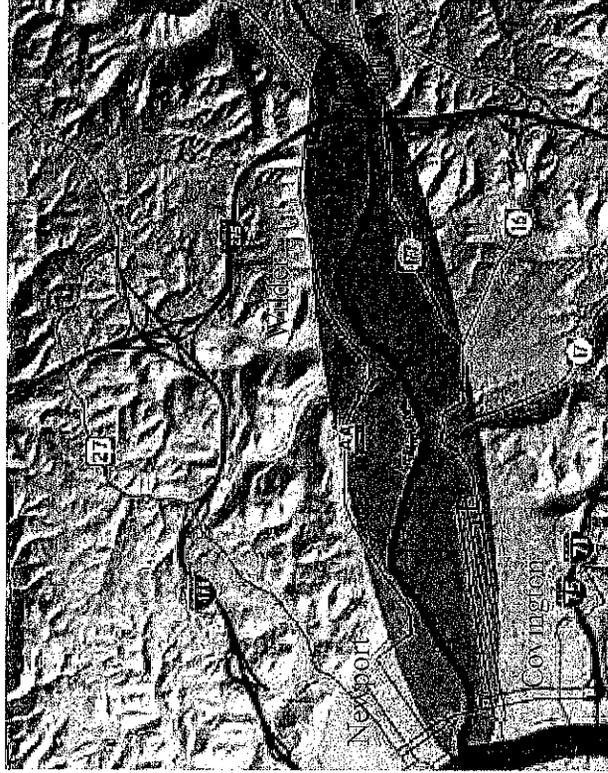


Figure 1: Study Area Location



Area 1: Confluence



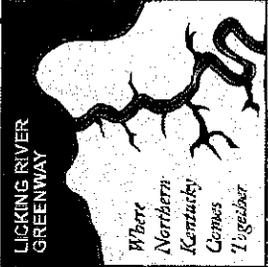
Area 2: Industrial Core



Area 3: Golf Course



Area 4: Southern Gateway



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## Project Team

Vision 2015 is a catalyst for growth and change that has developed a 10-year strategic plan for Northern Kentucky. Vision 2015 consists of a small staff and a large, diverse group of business and community volunteers known as the Regional Stewardship Council.

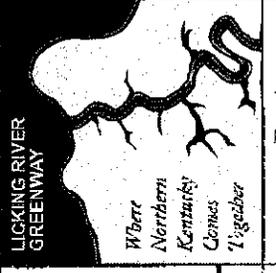
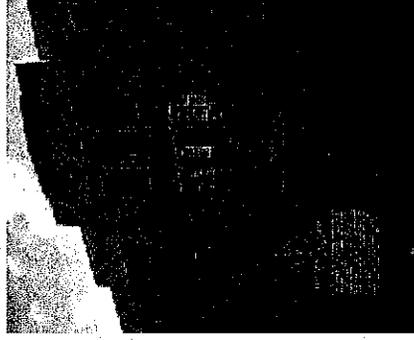
One of Vision 2015's committees, the Licking River Greenway Steering Committee, chaired by Lorna Harrell, was responsible for the development of the Greenway Master Plan. Members of the Licking River Greenway Steering Committee include:



- Lorna Harrell, LR Steering Committee Chair
- Sherry Carran, Covington City Commissioner
- Lajuanda Haight-Maybriar, KY Division of Water
- Jill Bailey, Taylor Mill Administrator
- Marc Hult, Licking River Watershed Watch
- Peter Klear, Campbell Co. Planning Commission
- Larry Klein, Assistant City Manager, Covington
- Tom Miller, Retired from Drees
- Bill Moller, Covington Assistant City Manager
- Kenneth O'Dea, Vivian Llambi & Associates
- Roger Peterman, Northern KY Port Authority
- Mike Phillips, Vision 2015 Park Task Force Chair
- Janet Scanlon, Kenton Conservancy
- Bill Scheyer, President, SouthBank Partners
- Mindy Scott, Northern KY Sanitation District 1
- Wayne Spiegel, Kenton Co. Fiscal Court
- Marg Theuer, Cincinnati Rowing Club
- Patricia Timm, Civic Engagement Team Chair
- Matt Wooten, Northern KY Sanitation District 1
- Bill Wulfek, Northern KY Water District
- Michael Hammons, President Vision 2015
- Mark Raines, Vision 2015
- Greg Tulley, City of Newport Planning Director
- Terry Vance, City of Wilder Administrator
- John Heilman, OKI
- Don Burrell, OKI
- Matt Dressman, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Chris Manning, Human Nature
- Gary Wolnitzek, Human Nature
- Nicole DiNovo, Human Nature
- Karen Ren, Human Nature
- Bruce Rankin, Project Director Woolpert
- Emi Randall, Project Manager Woolpert
- John Cody, Woolpert

## Greenway Vision

The Licking River Greenway is envisioned as a continuous riverfront corridor that encompasses riverbank stabilization and provides a multi-level trail system that connects the partner communities. Riverbank stabilization and the development of a continuous public recreational corridor are the primary goals of the project. Enhanced connections between the river greenway and the adjacent communities are expected to foster further economic development within each partner community. The Greenway Master Plan describes actions to further increase economic and recreational utilization of the river corridor in a sustainable manner.



# Introduction

## Planning Process

The process included extensive public input through a stakeholder steering committee and public workshops. Guided by this public input, a team of planning and design professionals developed a plan to link continuous public access along the river and into the surrounding neighborhoods.

### Phase I – Site Inventory and Analysis

1. The design team obtained, reviewed, and analyzed recent digital aerial photos, as well as infrastructure maps, land use, and planning maps.
2. On-site reconnaissance was conducted by team members who walked and drove as much of the area as practical, however the site's terrain limited the reconnaissance. Vision 2015 obtained permission to access key properties in the corridor from property owners.
3. Stakeholder interviews - the team interviewed key stakeholders, identified by the Steering Committee.

#### Steering Committee Meeting 1

The design team met with the Steering Committee to review findings in site inventory and analysis.

## Phase II – Detailed Assessment

The team mapped study area limits and preliminary Greenway boundaries based on physiography, natural resources, and land use. The team considered the influences of the river, the connections, access to the river and neighborhoods, overall connectivity to the open space, and transportation systems. The team then developed two potential trail alternatives.

#### Steering Committee Meeting 2

The Steering Committee reviewed the preliminary alignments prior to the civic engagement process. The design team made revisions as agreed upon and the presentation materials were provided to the civic engagement team.

## Phase III – Master Planning

### Preliminary Master Plan & Opinion of Probable Costs

The Preliminary Master Plan and estimates of the probable construction cost were developed based on the preferred alignments and priority alignment segments.

## Civic Engagement Process

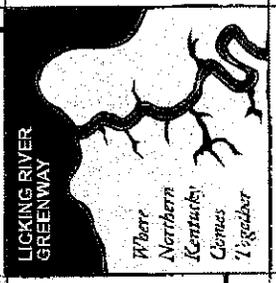
The Civic Engagement process, described in greater detail on the following page, was conducted by a team of volunteers led by Patricia Timm. This team met with numerous civic groups to gain valuable public input.

### Community Presentation/Working Meeting

The civic engagement and design team presented the Preliminary Master Plan and Cost Estimate at a public meeting organized and conducted by the Steering Committee and attended by more than 100 people.

### Final Master Plan Report & Estimate of Probable Costs

The Final Plan Phasing Concept and Cost Estimate were developed based on Steering Committee review and public comments.



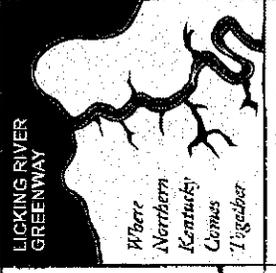
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## Civic Engagement

During the spring and summer of 2008, the Civic Engagement Team met with numerous representatives from the public and private sector, and engaged citizens who exhibited interest and support. The efforts of this team helped shape the plan and highlighted the importance of representing the diverse interests of the community. Most importantly, the team developed vast community support for the project. Following is a list of groups that participated in the civic engagement process:

### Community and Stakeholder Groups

- Covington Rivers and Greenspace Team
  - Historic Licking Riverside Group
- Kenton County Conservation District
- East Row Historic District in Newport
- Lewisburg Neighborhood Association
- Mutter Gottes Neighborhood Association
  - The Residents of Mainstrasse
  - Westside Action Coalition
- Wallace Woods Neighborhood Association
- Lavasser Park Neighborhood Association
- Austinburg Neighborhood Association
- South Covington Neighborhood Association
  - Kenton Conservancy
  - Campbell Conservancy
- Northern Kentucky Port Authority
  - Kentucky Division of Water
- Northern Kentucky Sanitation District #1
  - Cincinnati Rowing Club
  - Vivian Llambi & Associates
- Northern Kentucky Water District
- Northern Kentucky Area and Planning Commission



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## Civic Engagement

### Community and Stakeholder Groups (continued)

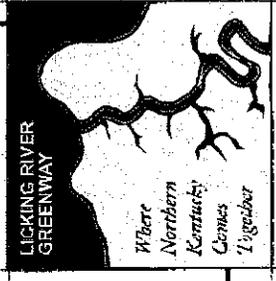
Newport's Westside Citizens Coalition  
East and West Latonia Neighborhood Associations  
Kentucky Bike Commission  
SouthBank Partners  
OKI Regional Conservation Council  
Friends of the CVG Trail  
Covington Business Council  
Latonia Business Association  
Friends of Covington  
Mainstrasse Village Association

### Property Owners

Marathon Oil  
Rizzo Brothers Painting  
River City Metals / David J. Joseph Company  
Corporex  
IPSCO Tubular (formerly Newport Steel)  
Twin Oaks Golf Course  
The Northern Kentucky Port Authority

### Local Governments

City of Covington  
City of Newport  
City of Wilder  
City of Taylor Mill  
Kenton County Fiscal Court  
Campbell County Fiscal Court



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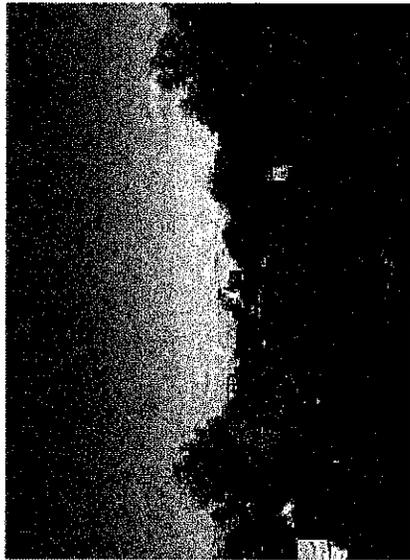
## Goals

The Licking River Greenway will link Northern Kentucky communities to the Ohio River through a continuous riparian habitat, which must be protected for future generations.

The Licking River Greenway Master Plan envisions a greenway corridor that will:

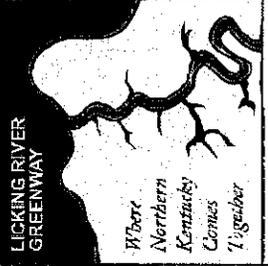


Current pedestrian path in Covington



Top of levee in Covington looking toward downtown

- Knit surrounding communities, regional open space systems, neighborhood parks and other community assets together via trails along the Licking River.
- Provide opportunities for recreation, fitness and alternative transportation trails that connect with existing or planned trail systems.
- Maximize the scenic quality and recreational value of the river valley with new facilities and enhancements.
- Protect water quality by preserving riparian forests that provide wildlife habitat and help manage storm water.
- Identify and integrate planning and development initiatives that will serve as templates for future land use near the Licking River, particularly along the Campbell County side.
- Become an economic asset to Northern Kentucky by promoting development and redevelopment opportunities that will attract new businesses and create new jobs.
- Improve the ecological health of the Licking River, its tributaries and riparian habitats.
- Build upon the assets and infrastructure that currently exist or are already planned.
- Celebrate and preserve the unique cultural and natural assets of the river corridor and adjacent communities.

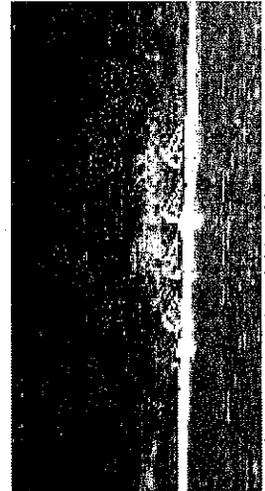


# Existing Conditions, Opportunities and Constraints

## Opportunities

Opportunities identified include:

- Creating trails and riparian greenways that connect Northern Kentucky communities not only with one another, but also with regional open space systems
- Stimulating and guiding redevelopment in the Licking River valley, particularly within Campbell County
- Maximizing the scenic quality and recreational value of the Licking River valley with new facilities and enhancements
- Building upon the assets and infrastructure that currently exist.
- Integrating environmental and social objectives and creating a truly sustainable asset for future generations
- Integrating greenways and trails with the planned Ovation development in Newport
- Celebrating the unique cultural assets of the river corridor and adjacent communities



Rowing Team on the Licking River

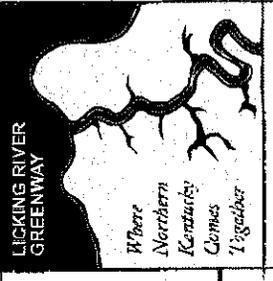
- Emphasizing the myriad points of interest that attract visitors to Northern Kentucky
- Rediscovering the former Wiggins Battery site as a potential historic attraction for a new park
- Improving the ecological health of the Licking River, its tributaries and riparian habitats by reducing combined sewer overflows (CSOs), improving the quality of stormwater runoff, and reducing erosion through bank stabilization
- Working in conjunction with Northern Kentucky Sanitation District #1's long-term efforts for reducing and removing combined sewer overflows
- Promoting forest preservation and tree restoration throughout the Licking River corridor
- Taking advantage of high-permeability areas (e.g., areas adjacent to historic streams and the Licking River) for implementing green infrastructure such as bio-infiltration basins.
- Enhancing open spaces within the floodplain to improve flood protection and provide additional recreational amenities



I-275 Overpass on the Licking River through Wilder



IPSCO - Formerly Newport Steel Site



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan

## Constraints

### Constraints identified include:

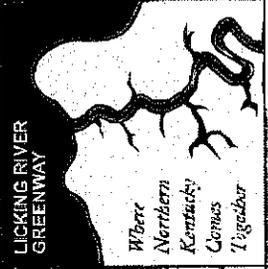
- Physical obstacles and existing industrial properties, utility infrastructure and general riverbank/floodplain conditions may restrict access to and along portions of the river.
- The future land use of major industrial properties, specifically the former Newport Steel properties, is uncertain.
- The current location of River City Recycling could present a road block for full integration of a trail and greenway.
- The Maxim property – between the AA Highway and the Licking River – needs barge access; therefore, the trail near this property may require detailed design work.
- There is often a lack of cohesive regional cooperation, among both private and public entities.
- There is a lack of comprehensive and sustainable funding from local, state and federal sources.
- Flood barriers hinder connections between the riverfront and adjacent neighborhoods and communities.
- Historical streams have been modified over time with pipes and floodwalls that accompany development; this alters the natural infiltration of water into the soil.



Flood levee opening in Covington



View of Licking River from Covington's Bank





# Greenway & Trail Development Plan

## Development of a Long-Range Plan

Based on the Opportunities and Constraints of the potential greenway corridor, the design team, under the guidance of the Steering Committee, developed alternative alignments for the trail & greenway network. Through some sections of the corridor, there are several alternatives for trail alignments. However, some of the more difficult sections to traverse offer only one option.

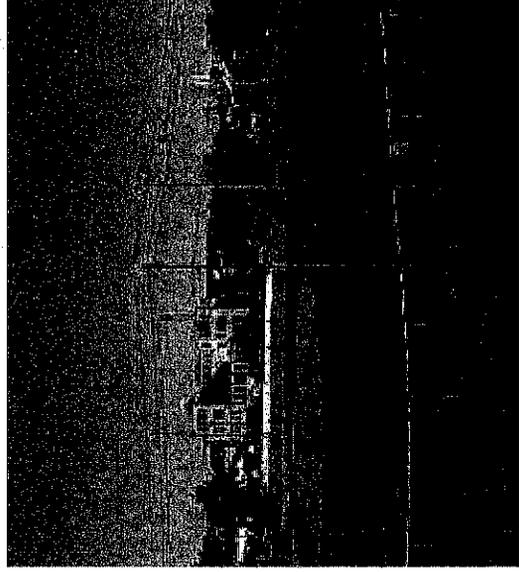
A team of volunteers was formed to engage the community to gain input on the various trail alignments and support for the project. The civic engagement team presented the trail & greenway alternatives and solicited input from approximately 50 civic groups, land owners and government entities. The efforts of this group shaped the plan and led to refinement of the alternatives into a Long Range Trail & Greenway Master Plan.

The Long Range Trail & Greenway Master Plan represents the long-term vision for a braided trail network and riverfront greenway system along both the Kenton and Campbell county sides of the Licking River. Some sections of this system are not easily accomplished, given current land use along the river and other existing constraints. These sections of the trail are shown by a yellow or red dashed line on the Long-Range plans. However, other sections of the plan are more easily accomplished. These sections have been labeled the "Initial Route" and are shown in solid red on the Long-Range plan. In addition, these sections comprise the Initial Implementation Plan.

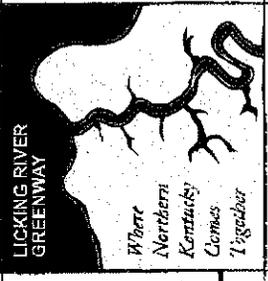
The study area has been illustrated in four segments to allow a detailed look at the greenway. Each section and potential trail alternative is described in this chapter, and shown on the four maps labeled Area 1 through Area 4.



Garrard St. in Covington



Randolph Park



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan

## Interpretive Stops

### Cultural/Historical Interpretive Stops

As described in Chapter 2, many points of interest occur along the greenway that reflect the historic, cultural and natural heritage of Northern Kentucky and the Licking River valley. These elements will be indicated through a series of Interpretive Stops, featuring special signage to tell the story of the importance of each element along the trail. Each interpretive stop, marked and numbered on the trail maps, is described in the following text.

#### 1. Covington Public Landing

An historic feature of the Covington Riverfront, that served as a stopping point for riverboat traffic, the Covington Public Landing offers residents and visitors access to the Ohio River and amenities in Cincinnati.

#### 2. The Point / Licking Riverside

The Point at the confluence of the Licking River with the Ohio offers unmatched views of downtown Cincinnati and showcases the lifeblood of the entire region's two rivers. The surrounding area, the Riverside Drive Historic District, contains an impressive collection of early-nineteenth century homes and is part of the National Register of Historic Places.

#### 3. 4th Street Bridge

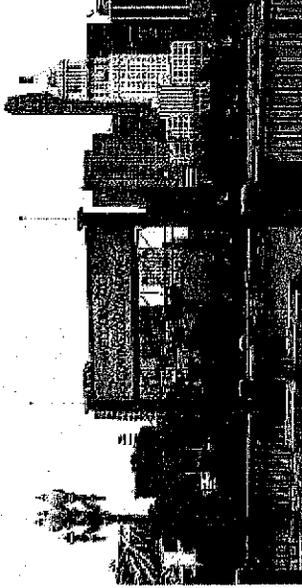
The 4th Street Bridge is not only a vital connection between cultural hot-spots in Covington and Newport, but also an important trail link between both shores of the Licking River. The bridge is in the planning stages of being rebuilt. It will be important that the redesigned bridge accommodate walkers and cyclists.

#### 4. Lincoln Grant Building

Formally known as the Lincoln Grant School, this building was constructed in 1931 and provided public education for African-American students in Northern Kentucky. More recently, it served as a community center.

#### 5. Newport Steel – Headquarter

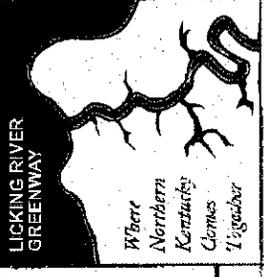
This site was the headquarters of Newport Steel, one of the largest steel and iron manufacturing centers south of the Ohio River. The company dates back to the mid-1800s, when it was known as the Swift Iron & Steel Company. Although most of the manufacturing plant is located south on the Licking River in the City of Wilder, the Newport site house the corporate office for the local IPSCO. The former Newport manufacturing plant at this site is no longer in use and may be available for future redevelopment.



Covington Landing



4th Street Bridge



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan

## Interpretive Stops (continued)

### 6. Old Covington - Industrial

Historic industries along the Licking River Corridor included: Licking Iron Works, the J. Droegge & Co. Iron Foundry and the Covington Gas Light Company. There also were a number of distilleries including Dorsel & Wolfmaney Distillery.

### 7. 6th District School/ St. Elizabeth Hospital

The Sixth District School has been a cornerstone of the community and remains a center of pride and community participation. St. Elizabeth Hospital was the first hospital in Northern Kentucky, established in Covington in 1861 and has been located at its current site since 1911. St Elizabeth pioneered many innovative early efforts including, laboratories, autopsies and x ray equipment.

### 8. Newport Steel - Operation

With centralized sheet mills and blast furnaces, the Operations Center of the Newport Steel Company once employed thousands of workers. At its peak, Newport Steel was a major employment center for the region. The 200-acre site has been a major transportation hub for the industry where raw materials and finished products are shipped freely by barge and rail.

While steel is no longer manufactured on site, there continues to be an active tubular steel welding and fabrication operation.

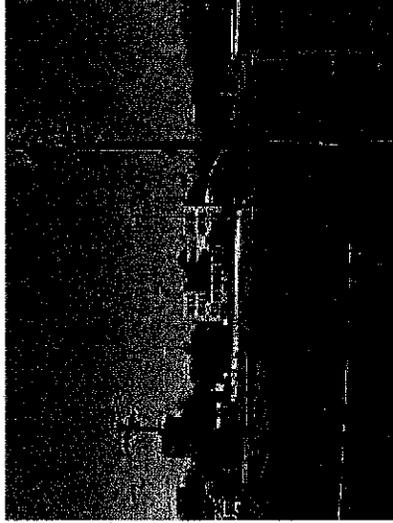
The company also uses the site for storage and redistribution of tubular steel to customers with river and rail access.

### 9. Holmes High School

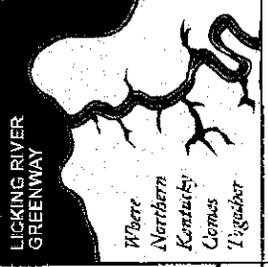
Holmes is one of Kentucky's earliest tax-supported, coeducational, public high schools. Founded as Covington High School in 1853, at Scott and 11th Sts., its present name was adopted when the school moved to the current site. The campus is the former estate of New Orleans merchant, Daniel Henry Holmes, and was also the site of Union Army activity during the Civil War. Today the Holmes High School campus is an icon in the community and provides open space to the neighborhood. Because its student population draws from the surrounding neighborhoods, a bikeway connection to campus could promote riding to school and alleviate early morning traffic congestion.



Latonia Railroad Depot



Holmes High School



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan

## Interpretive Stops (continued)

### 11. Larz Anderson Civil War Battery

The Larz Anderson Civil War Battery was built in the summer of 1862, following the Confederate invasion of Kentucky. Overlooking the bend of Independence Pike and the Licking River Pontoon Bridge, this Battery was named after a prominent Cincinnati businessman. It was one of many batteries that formed a ring in Northern Kentucky to defend Cincinnati.

### 12. Latonia Railroad Depot

The Latonia Railroad Depot provided an important southern passenger and freight link for Cincinnati's larger Union Terminal. Several major rail lines connected Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky with Louisville, Lexington and Nashville.

The "wye" as it is known, crossed the Licking River into Wilder and connected to Newport.

### 13. Frederick's Landing - Wilder

Located along the Licking River in Campbell County, Wilder was once known as Leitch's Station, named after David Leitch from Scotland. Leitch, who owned 35,000 acres of land, started selling the land in 100-acre tracts around 1789 to anyone who wanted to move near his settlement along the Licking River. The name Wilder dates back to a railroad station built in the mid-1800's for the Louisville, Cincinnati, and Lexington railway named Wilder station.

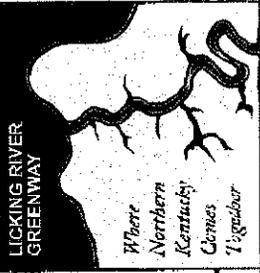
"Wilder Station" is now located on property owned by Newport Steel. In 1967 a public boat ramp was also built in Wilder by the Army Corps of Engineers, but the county operated marina was closed in 1981. The city reopened it as "Frederick's Landing" in 1984 and operates it as a city park. This stop offers both passive and active recreational opportunities, including a playground, picnic areas, and a bird trail. The site is also the only public boat launch on this section of the Licking River.

### 14. Wiggins Civil War Battery

This Civil War site was named after Samuel Wiggins, a financier who built Cincinnati's Wiggins Block on Fountain Square. Similar to the Larz Anderson Battery, Wiggins Battery was built to protect Cincinnati from an impending Confederate invasion. This very prominent site on top of St John Hill, provided a commanding view of the Licking River Valley. This remaining 30 acre site could be developed into an interpretive site to provide the perspective of the civil war era.



Frederick's Landing



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan

## Interpretive Stops (continued)

### Natural/Ecological Interpretive Stops

#### 1. Confluence of Two Rivers

This site, where the Ohio and Licking Rivers meet, is the point at which a significant portion of Kentucky's watersheds join the Ohio River Basin. The Licking River is navigable by barge traffic and barges are often seen making the turn into the Licking from the point.

#### 2. Floodwall Levee

Earthen levees along the western shores of the Licking River provide downtown Covington and the surrounding neighborhoods with valuable flood protection. The Riverside District along the Licking River chose to forego levee protection. The earthen flood protection levees start at 8th Street and extend south to Holmes High School where the natural grade rises above the flood elevation.

#### 3. Green Infrastructure

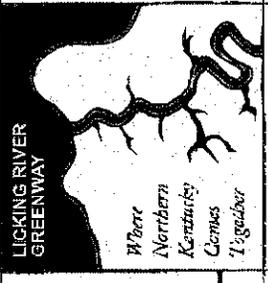
Before these neighborhoods were developed, many natural streams and creeks flowed directly into the Licking River. As Covington grew, natural drainage areas were filled and piped, and impervious pavement was expanded. Storm water no longer percolated into the ground but ran off to the sewer system which quickly exceeded capacity. With Green Infrastructure, some natural system functions can be restored and areas created that can alleviate pressure on the sewer system by infiltrating storm water through the soil. These areas can be incorporated as part of the Licking River Greenway to serve as open spaces for the neighborhood.

#### 4. Habitat Restoration at River Bottom / New Park

Significant areas along the Licking River that recurrently in public ownership represent opportunities for new park and open space. In Covington approximately 35 acres exist between the river bank and the earthen levee. This floodplain with native vegetation is currently in city ownership and presents an opportunity to preserve the floodplain and vegetation and also open the area to more public access and use. Limited vehicular access could be provided which will also encourage day use and further increase the activity and sense of security.



Confluence of the Ohio River and the Licking River



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan

## Interpretive Stops (continued)

### 5. Riparian Edge Preserve

Beginning at Frederick's Landing in Wilder, south between Route 9 and the Licking River approximately 43 acres exist in state highway right-of-way. The property was acquired to assure the stabilization of Route 9. Approximately one third of the property is in riparian vegetation. This area offers an opportunity to manage the riparian forest and expand and enhance native vegetation while providing pedestrian access along this stretch with hiking loops through the forest.

### 6. Banklick Creek Oxbow

This stretch of Banklick Creek reveals the stream's previous meanders. When such a loop meander is cut off or shortened by the action of water, the resulting isolated floodplain and "bow" type water course is called an oxbow. A large, former oxbow of the Banklick Creek is now the site of the Cappel Sports Complex.

### 7. Banklick Creek Confluence

Banklick Creek meets the Licking River at this point. Because the Licking River level was raised by the construction of the dams on the Ohio River, the Licking River backs up into this section of the Banklick Creek for some distance before the elevation of the creek is high enough to "flow" downstream to the Licking River. It is at this confluence point that the water trail can be accessed and paddlers can proceed up Banklick Creek in this back water condition.

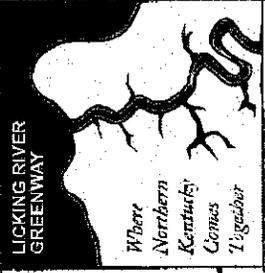
### 8. Natural Systems / Green Infrastructure

Remnants of natural drainage ways and floodplain occur in the area adjacent to the I-275 interchange. Preserving this as a natural system and open space could continue the benefits of natural storm water and flood water storage and cleansing before it reaches the Licking River.

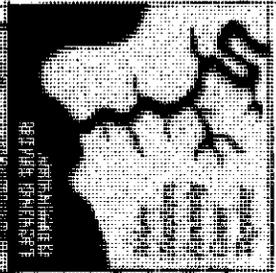
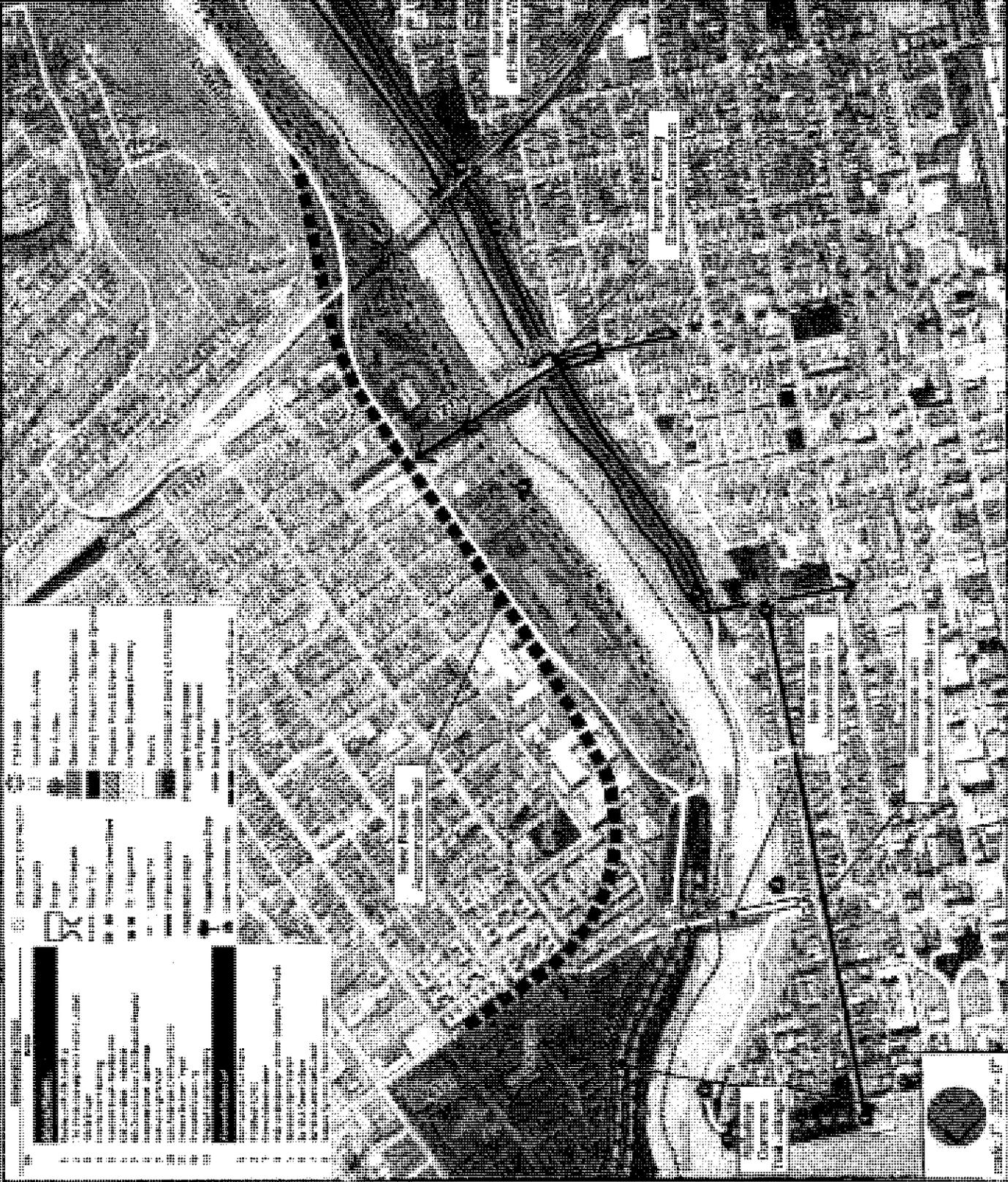
While pressure to fill in these areas should be resisted, if development occurs adjacent to these areas, Best Management Practices (BMP's) should be incorporated to decrease the adverse impacts to these natural systems.



Confluence of the Banklick Creek and the Licking River



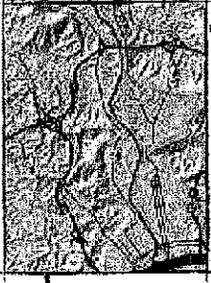
# Area 1: Long-Range Greenway & Trail Master Plan



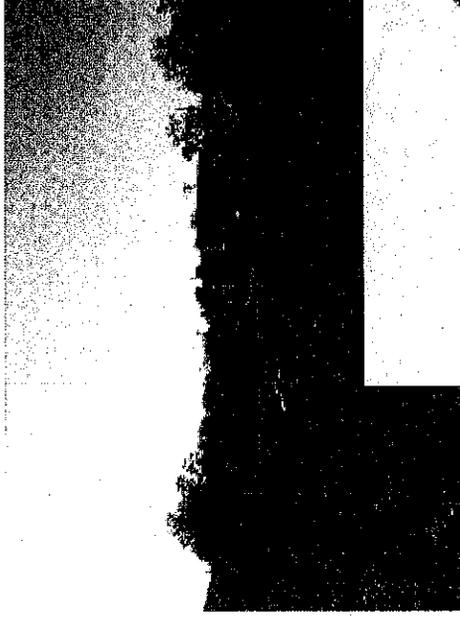
# Greenway & Trail Development Plan - Long Range Plan

## Area 1 Features - Kenton County - Covington

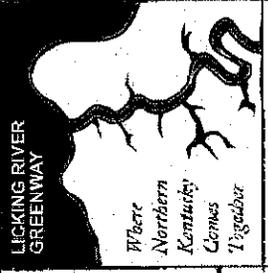
- Connect Licking River Greenway to Riverfront Commons in Newport and Covington along the Licking River south of the 4th Street Bridge.
- Under the Fourth Street Bridge there is a natural bench that could be used to traverse south under the bridge.
- Steep slopes make a riverfront route on the west (Covington) side difficult from approximately 5th Street to Randolph Park. This is a long-term route challenge.
- An initial route through this area would be to slightly modify Garrard St. with a widened pedestrian path.
- Randolph Park, a City of Covington park, located at the eastern end of 18th Street, is a wonderful community open space, and could serve as a potential trailhead.
- Randolph Park marks the beginning of the flood levee system in Covington. The levee provides an opportunity for a trail along the top of the levee that offers commanding views of the Covington and Cincinnati skylines as well as views back into Covington neighborhoods.
- Along the river bank, a floodplain bench presents a second trail route. Currently this bench is heavily vegetated, offering a different perspective for the greenway user and also habitat for wildlife.
- A break in the levee at 12th Street presents challenges for the proposed top-of-levee trail. This trail would need to return to the bench below the bridge on the east side of the levee or go around the bridge on the west side of the levee and cross 12th Street.
- The 12th Street bridge is fairly new and offers a pedestrian and bicycle connection across the Licking River between Newport and Covington.



Looking into Covington at Jacob Price Homes from the levee



Ball Field at E. 15th St.



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan - Long Range Plan

## Area 1 Features - Kenton County - Covington (continued)

- This levee opening at 12th Street also offers a point of connection from the Greenway back into the adjacent neighborhood.
- A railroad bridge crosses just over the levy near 15th Street. Here again, the top-of-levee trail would descend to the bench and then return up the levy to connect south while the lower trail would remain below the bridge.
- The rail corridor right-of-way that runs through Covington, offers an opportunity for open triangular parcels to be knitted together to make a connection from neighborhoods into the Greenway and river trail.
- The open space, Austinberg Neighborhood Park will be connected to the Greenway and offers another trailhead opportunity in Covington.
- Continuing along the river side of the levee, an existing bench creates a nice space for a trail. This would be at a high flood frequency, which might not hurt the trail structurally but it would mean additional maintenance for this trail location.
- At East 16th Street in Covington, buildings or industries occupy land on the river side of the levy. At this location, a gate through the earthen levy provides an opportunity to gain pedestrian and vehicular access to the riverfront. Rizzo Brothers Paint, an abandoned pallet company, and a Sanitation District pump station are located on the inside of the levee.
- The building site inside the levee connects to a large wooded area that presents a great new riverfront park opportunity for the Austinburg and Wallace Woods Neighborhoods with potential for vehicular access, parking or trail staging areas.



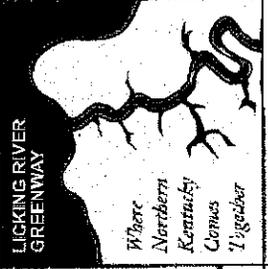
Top of levee: Existing conditions near Randolph Park



Rendering: Proposed top-of-levee trail



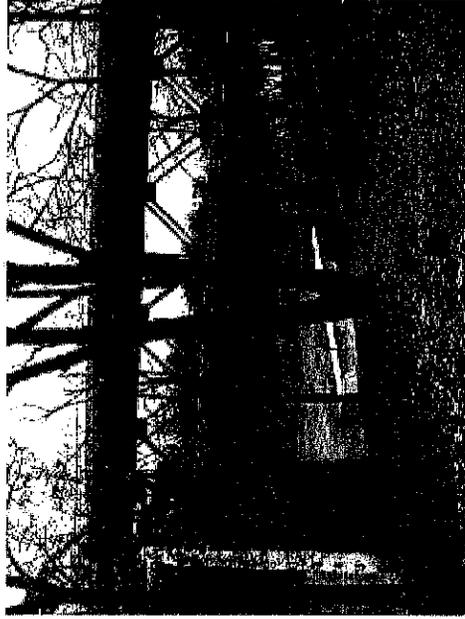
Top of levee near 12th St.



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan - Long Range Plan

## Area 1 - Campbell County - Newport/Wilder

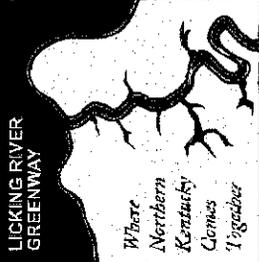
- Taylor Park, at the confluence of the Licking River and the Ohio River in Newport is a great asset that will tie into the proposed Greenway.
- The Fourth Street bridge should be rebuilt to accommodate a pedestrian trail across the Licking River.
- Currently, there is access to the river for paddle boats underneath the 4th Street Bridge that the rowing center currently uses.
- South of the 4th Street Bridge, there are some gray zones, or under utilized industrial properties that could be ripe for redevelopment.
- A levy along the river is lined by sheet pile on both the riverside and the property side. It is a barrier between any potential trail and the River. Should this levee be rebuilt with a new development, it should be built to accommodate a trail.
- A parallel route through this industrial area is an alignment along Route 9. Route 9 is slated to be rebuilt with the extension of the AA Highway into Newport. A multi-purpose trail should be developed alongside the new highway through the Licking River valley.
- Any trail alignment through this area should provide a connection to the 12th Street Bridge, connecting across the Licking River to Kenton County. It is likely the new AA highway extension will provide an interchange at the 12th Street Bridge.
- In addition, an active rail line parallels the river through this area; it should be avoided as much as possible. Crossing of the rail line with the trail should be limited and well designed. Ideally, the trail should cross over or under the rail line, via a grade separated crossing.
- Currently, an active barge docking facility on the Newport Steel site is an impediment to a riverfront alignment through that site. Should that site be redeveloped for another use, a riverfront alignment should be considered as a part of that redevelopment.



Water access point under 4th St. Bridge in Newport



Abandoned industrial property south of 4th St. Bridge



# Area 2: Long-Range Greenway & Trail Master Plan

**Legend**

**Greenway/Trail**

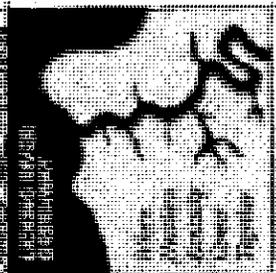
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**Other Features**

- 1. Waterway
- 2. Road
- 3. Boundary
- 4. Property Line
- 5. Easement
- 6. Right-of-Way
- 7. Utility
- 8. Structure
- 9. Landmark
- 10. Obstacle
- 11. Barrier
- 12. Hazard
- 13. Risk
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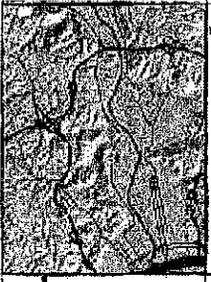
Figure 2012 - Proposed Area 2 Greenway



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan - Long Range Plan

## Area 2 Features - Kenton County - Covington

- At Holmes High School, another great open space fronts the river just opposite the school. This space, affectionately called the "bowl", is where the earthen levee forms an outdoor amphitheater used for certain outdoor community functions. This area is another potential park space that could be linked into the trail.
- The levee walls end at Oakland Avenue north of Holmes High School.
- Significant erosion is occurring along the river at Meinken Field, a public ball field south of Holmes High School. This area has steep and highly unstable banks, making a riverfront trail difficult. However, bank stabilization measures could be designed to support a trail. From this point and south of Marathon, an on-street alternative should be explored.
- The Marathon site has an active barge terminal and a large amount of truck traffic. In addition, security issues restrict a trail alignment through this property. Some additional right-of-way along the street and sidewalk around the property could accommodate a trail.
- A trail alignment along the river can be accommodated south of Marathon along existing green space.



Existing riverfront path near Holmes High School



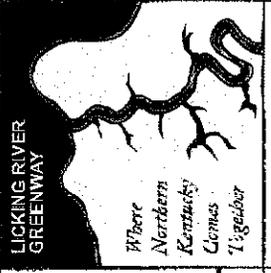
Rendering: Proposed trail



Existing right-of-way near Marathon/Ashland



Rendering: Proposed path near Marathon/Ashland



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan - Long Range Plan

## Area 2 Features- Campbell County - Newport/Wilder

• The IPSCO (formerly Newport Steel) Site covers the majority of Wilder riverfront property through this portion of the study area. Due to its industrial nature and active barge facilities, a riverfront trail alignment through this property is not likely. However, if this property is eventually redeveloped; a riverfront trail could be incorporated in the plans.

• The best route through this area is an alignment along Route 9, slated to be rebuilt with the extension of the AA Highway into Newport. A multi-purpose trail should be developed to parallel the new highway through the Licking River valley.

• The first opportunity south of the IPSCO site for the Route 9 trail to descend back to the river is at the Wilder City Building. The City has built a new park behind its building and owns right-of-way that can accommodate a path to the river just north of Three Mile Creek.

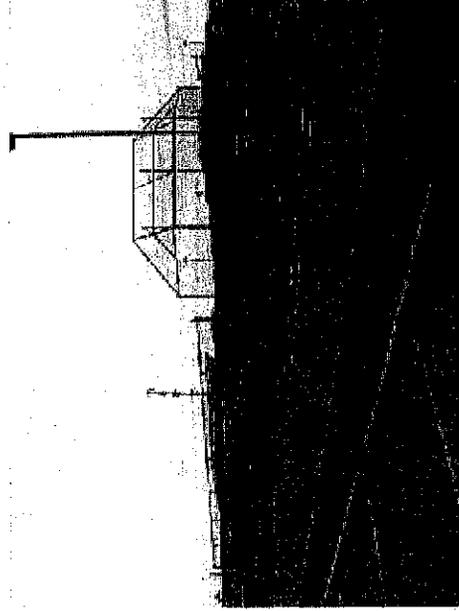
• Three Mile Creek offers an opportunity to potentially connect a trail all the way to Northern Kentucky University along the corridor that leads up to Highland Heights.

• Frederick's Landing, just south of Three Mile Creek, is a City of Wilder park with access to the river. However, because this park is not connected to the property north of Three Mile Creek, a pedestrian bridge could be constructed to cross the creek and expand the park.

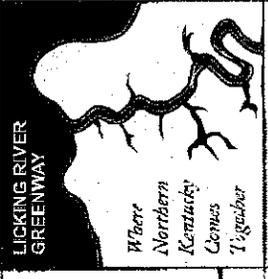
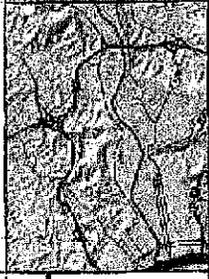
• Frederick's Landing has the only boat launching ramp along the Licking River between I-275 and the Ohio River. This ramp is heavily used in the summertime, and will become an important facility for the entire corridor.



IPSCO (formerly Newport Steel) site on Licking River in Wilder



Community park behind Wilder City Building



# Area 3: Long-Range Greenway & Trail Master Plan

**Map Legend**

- Greenway/Trail Corridor
- Greenway/Trail Corridor with 10' Buffer
- Greenway/Trail Corridor with 20' Buffer
- Greenway/Trail Corridor with 30' Buffer
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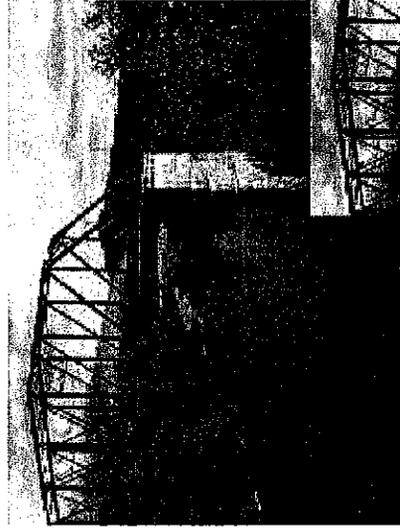
Greenway/Trail Corridor with 10' Buffer



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan - Long Range Plan

## Area 3 Features - Kenton County - Covington

- The old Latonia Depot is a green space just across the river from Frederick's Landing. This space still has an active rail line and rail bridge crossing the River. Because much of the old depot land is unused, it presents an opportunity for a new riverfront park in Latonia.
- Just south of the old depot property, private lots on top of the hill extend all the way to the riverbank, impeding a potential riverfront trail alignment through this area. In addition, slopes are very steep near the river.
- An abandoned water main bridge can provide a large part of the structure necessary to support a multi-purpose trail across the river connecting the Latonia Depot site with Frederick's Landing.
- Twin Oaks Golf Course and the Holy Cross Sports Complex present additional difficult trail alignment sections, due to limited land between the river and the developed facilities, as well as to steep topography. A riverfront trail through these properties may become possible with a change in use.
- The initial trail alignment through Latonia is through the neighborhood along the railroad corridor and existing streets. Connections will link the Chappel Sports Complex and Covington Field, and green space along Banklick Creek.
- The VFW property presents a potential river access point near the confluence of the Banklick Creek and the Licking River.



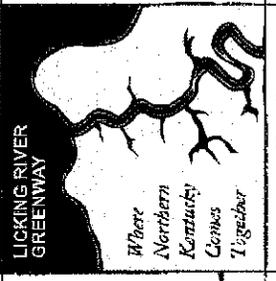
Existing Water District bridge piers



Rendering: Proposed pedestrian bridge using existing piers



Railroad bridge underpass accessing VFW property



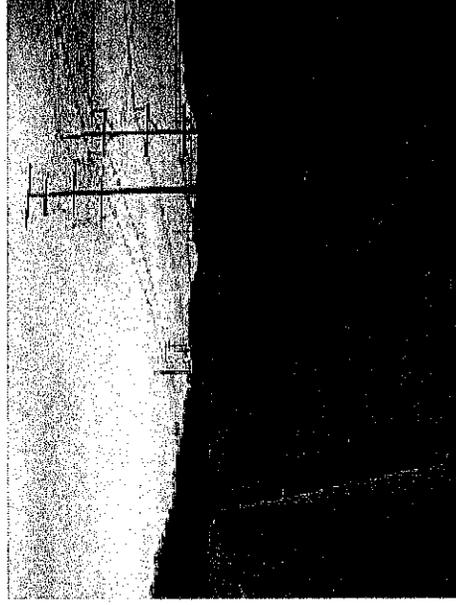
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## Area 3 Features- Campbell County - Newport/Wilder

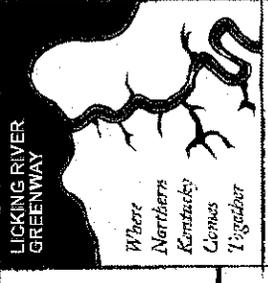
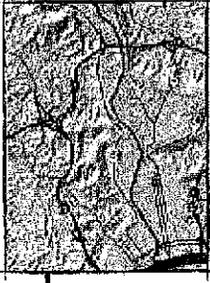
- Most of the unused green space south of Frederick's Landing is Kentucky Transportation Cabinet property. However, there is a sliver of land between Frederick's Landing and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet land which crosses Route 9 and extends to the top of John's Hill that is Newport Steel property and the site of the Civil War era Wiggins Battery. The City of Wilder would like to acquire this land for a trail connection from Frederick's Landing to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet property. Thus connecting Frederick's Landing to Route 9.
- The Licking River Parkway (Route 9) provides great views of the river and the region. A route along this road is the likely initial route, given the industrial uses along the river.
- The Maxim Crane site is a huge parcel for equipment storage with a barge facility. A trail along the river through this property should be considered if this area redevelops. However, AA Highway is the likely initial route because of the existing right-of-way.



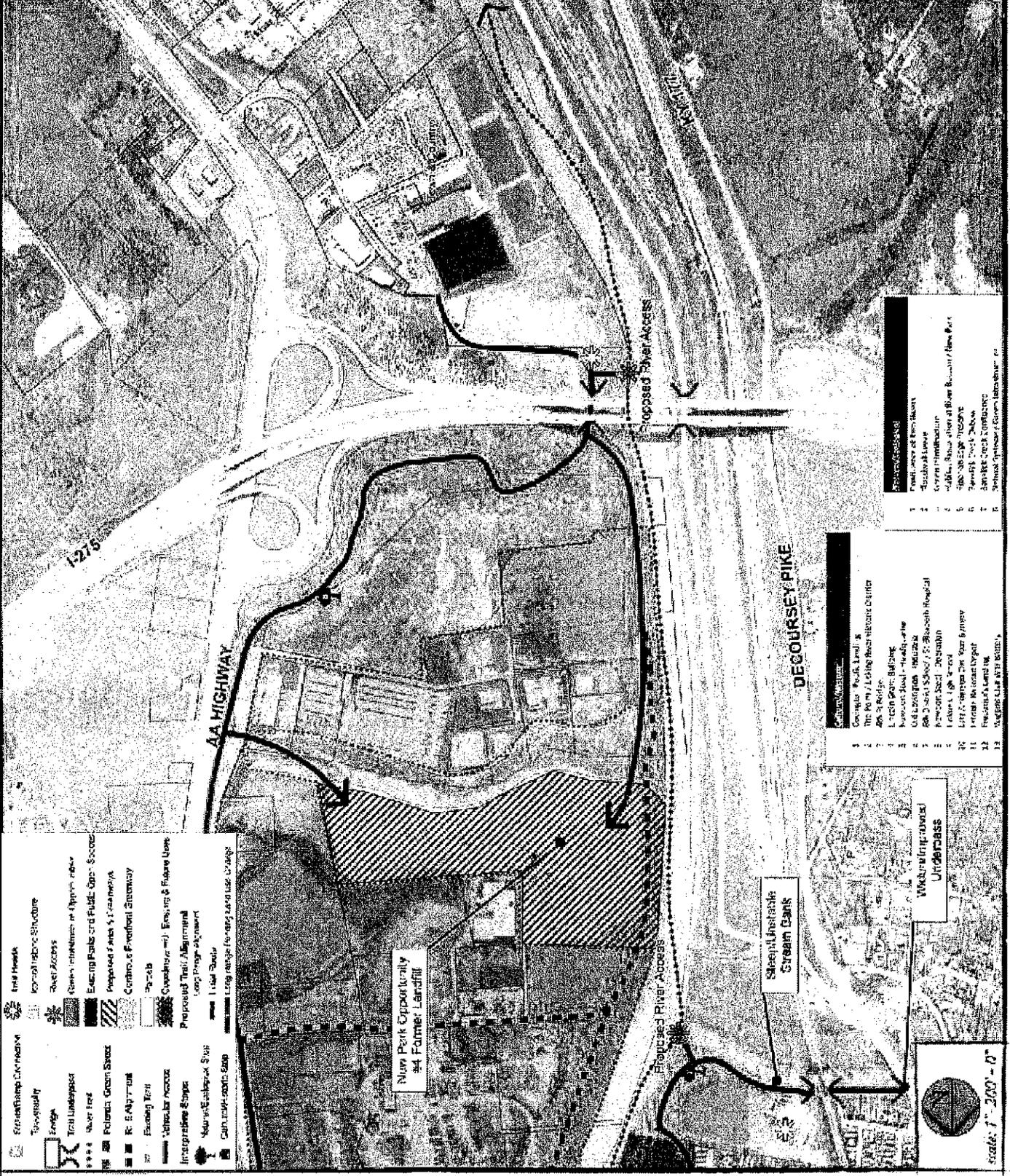
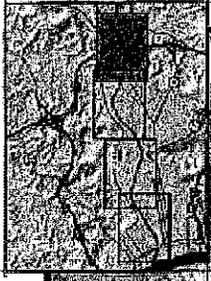
Existing access point at Frederick's Landing



View south on Route 9 near Maxim



# Area 4: Long-Range Greenway & Trail Master Plan



Trail Network	
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	Street Access
	Access to Existing or Proposed Parks
	Existing Paths and Public Open Spaces
	Proposed Area & Greenways
	Control or Prohibited Greenway
	Greenway (with) Existing & Future Uses
	Proposed Trail Alignment Long Term Alignment
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	New Park Opportunity #4
	Canal

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|          | 12. Greenway                                    |

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# Greenway & Trail Development Plan - Long Range Plan

## Area 4 Features - Kenton County - Covington/Taylor Mill

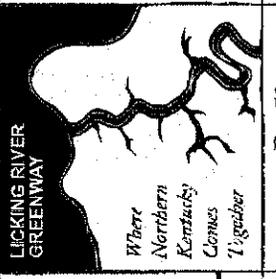
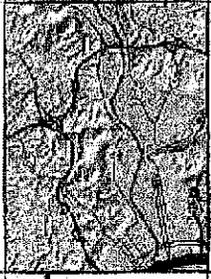
- Just south of the Banklick Creek confluence is the Decoursey Pike corridor, a long stretch of difficult terrain with limited right-of-way. A trail long this road corridor would be cost prohibitive at this time.
- \* The land east of Decoursey Pike is owned by CSX Railroad and is an active rail yard.
- \* The Water District has an intake and some facilities near Banklick Creek, with access through the rail yard and across the tracks. It may be possible to negotiate a trail alignment across the railroad at that point, allowing access to the riverside. A riverside trail south of the Banklick Creek is the most likely option.



Decoursey Pike bridge over Banklick Creek



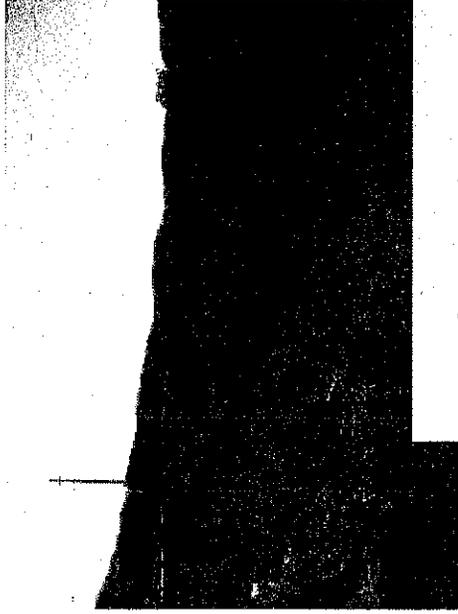
Confluence of Banklick Creek and Licking River



# Greenway & Trail Development Plan - Long Range Plan

## Area 4 Features- Campbell County - Mason/Wilder

- The old capped Newport landfill site, is an open space resource that could be used as a passive park. A connection to this potential park can be made from the trail.
- As in area 3, a riverside trail may be possible through this area if land uses change, however an alignment along Route 9 is the likely initial route.
- South of the landfill site, most of the proposed corridor consists of I-275 right-of-way. At this point, the trail will follow the toe of the slope and continue under the I-275 Bridge to connect to Town and Country Sports Complex. Town & Country consequently, will serve as the southernmost trailhead for the current phase of the Licking River Greenway & Trail.



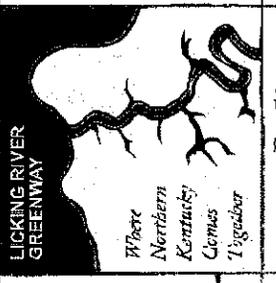
Existing Kentucky Transportation Cabinet right-of-way along Route 9



Rendering: Proposed path through Route 9 right-of-way



View underneath I-275 bridge in Wilder



# Greenway & Trail Development

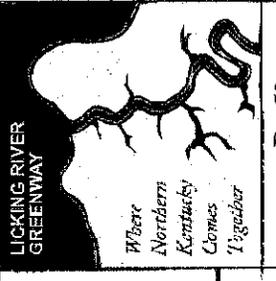
## Initial Implementation Plan

The initial implementation plan describes a single line trail route that can most easily or readily be accomplished. This route was shown by a solid red line on the Long-Range Plan and also is depicted in the Initial Implementation Plan. This route will be the first phase of the system and will be used to seek immediate funding. In the Initial Implementation Plan maps (following pages), yellow represents an on-street path, pink a gravel hiking path and red an off-street paved multi-purpose path. The trail sections selected for the Initial Implementation phase include:

- Garrard Street from the Ohio River to Randolph Park
- Riverside and/or Top-of-levee from Randolph Park to Holmes High School
- On-street along Eastern Ave., James Ave. and Winchester Street to the old Latonia Depot new park site
- Across the Licking River on the refurbished Water District bridge to the expanded Frederick's Landing
- South through Latonia from the old Latonia Depot along the rail corridor and city streets to the VFV, Chappel Sports Complex and Covington Field
- South in Campbell County through Frederick's Landing, the Newport Steel parcel and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet right-of-way along Route 9.
- South in Campbell County along Route 9 to the I-275 bridge right-of-way, following the slope down the interchange right-of-way under the bridge to a new trailhead site at Town and Country Sports Center.

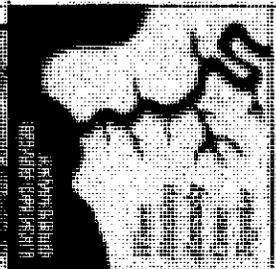


Holmes High School



# Area 1: Initial Implementation Plan

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# Licking River Greenway – A look at 2012!



## LRG Master Plan

- 5 miles multi-purpose trails – nature trails, paved trails and water trails
- Link four cities – Covington, Taylor Mill, Newport and Wilder
- Habitat Restoration, Riverbank Stabilization, Connections
- The following you tube link provides a great overview of the project - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWMvXLI18R0&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWMvXLI18R0&feature=player_embedded)



## Nature Trails

- Nearly 2 miles of nature trail currently open made possible from a \$100,000 Humana Grant received in November 2011 and the wonderful support from Kenton County Public Works who performed the construction.
- Trail runs from Holmes HS (Levassor Avenue) to Randolph Park (E 9<sup>th</sup> Street) and is made of dense-grade aggregate

## Paved Trails

- Phase 1 Constructed (Levassor – Clayton-Meyer Playground on Thomas Street)
- Awarded Recreational Trails Grant for \$80,000, Personal donation from Jerry Stricker for \$20,000, and Durr Foundation for \$30,000 to make construction possible



## Water Trails (LRG Blueway)

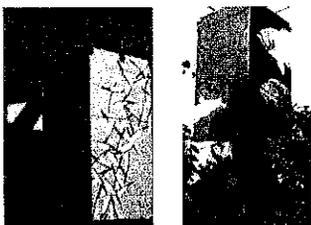
- Created a Blueway Plan to establish access locations for paddlers of both kayaks and canoes
- Moving forward with opening 3 locations: Mike Fink located at confluence of Ohio and Licking Rivers; Frederick's Landing located along Route 9 in Wilder; and VFW Post 6095 located on E 47<sup>th</sup> Street

## Habitat Restoration

- Overall Progress since September 2010
  - Hosted 21 Trail Work Days
  - Over 2250 Volunteer Hours Donated
  - Over 40 Acres Impacted!!!
- Financial Support - Greater Cincinnati Foundation Grant – \$20,000, Kenton Conservancy - \$10,000, Levi Strauss – \$1,000
- Volunteers: Many dedicated Residents, along with: YouthBuild, Fidelity, Thomas More College, Holmes HS, Holmes MS, Covington Latin, Covington DPI, Kenton County PW, U-Give, Levi Strauss, KET, P&G, NKU Student Leadership, Chase Law School, Xavier University, NKY AIA, St Henry, BIOTA, Toyota, Humana, UC Medical Students



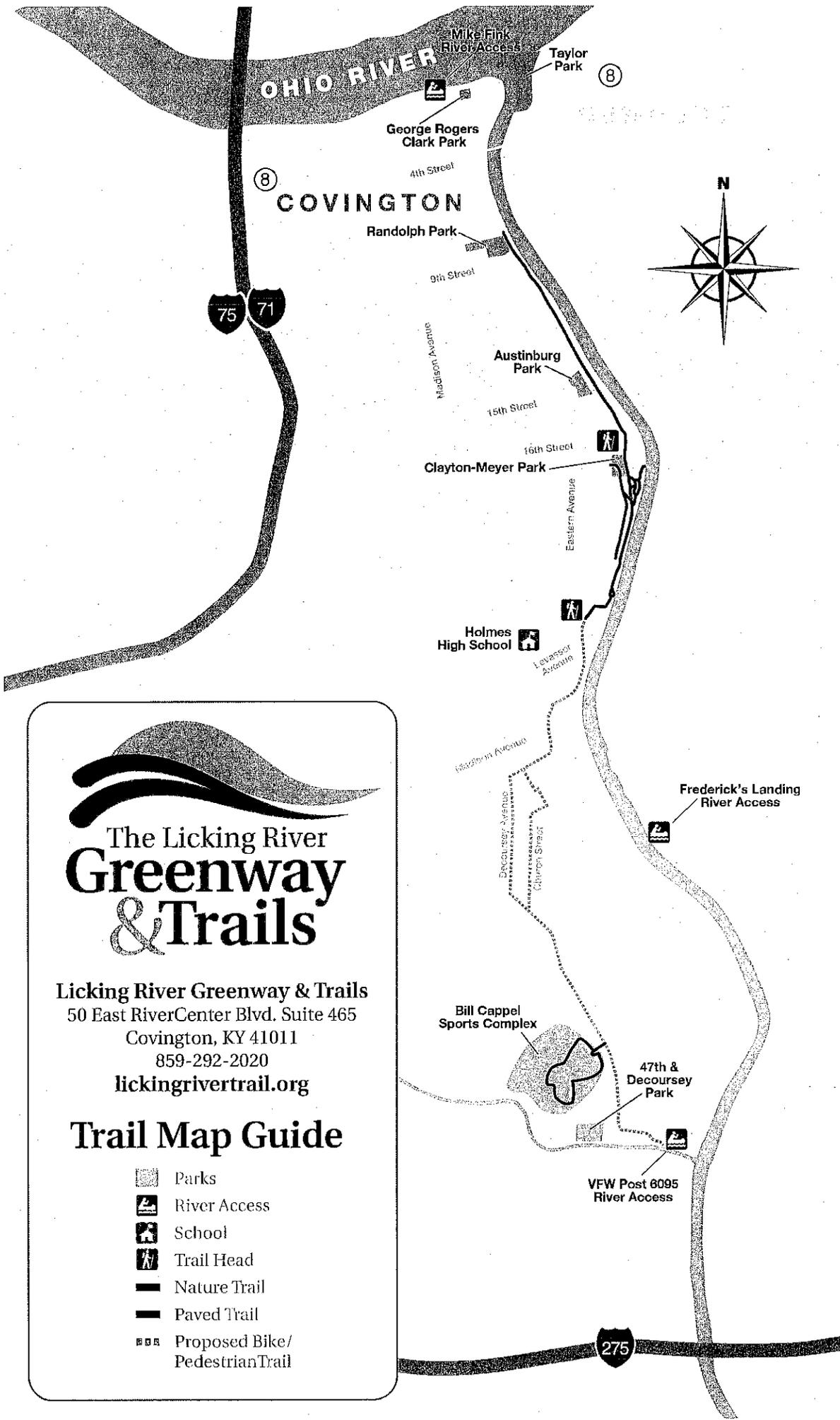
Before After



## Murals

- ArtWorks painted 8 gatewell structures with input from the community and help from student artists
- Murals can be seen along Phase 1 of the trails between Holmes HS and E 16<sup>th</sup> Street

For more information on the Licking River Greenway, please visit [www.lickingrivertrail.org](http://www.lickingrivertrail.org) or call 859-292-2151



# The Licking River Greenway & Trails

Licking River Greenway & Trails  
 50 East RiverCenter Blvd. Suite 465  
 Covington, KY 41011  
 859-292-2020  
[lickingrivertrail.org](http://lickingrivertrail.org)

## Trail Map Guide

-  Parks
-  River Access
-  School
-  Trail Head
-  Nature Trail
-  Paved Trail
-  Proposed Bike/  
Pedestrian Trail

# **Draft Consolidated Plan Presentation**

**City of Covington, KY Consortium**

Consolidated Plan 2013-2018

Supplemental Information

# City of Covington



## CDBG Program and HOME Program 5-Year Consolidated Plan 2013-2018

### Public Hearing Draft PY2013 Action Plan

April 9, 2013  
Commission Chambers

# Covington as Entitlement City



- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- Required to develop effective, place-based market-driven strategic plans to meet community needs
- 5-Year Consolidated Plan for 2013-2018
  - Community needs assessment and market analysis develops into a strategic plan
  - Working with various stakeholder groups to gather input
- Annual Action Plans
  - One year snapshot of Con Plan

## Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

- Annual grants on formula basis - decreased over the years
- Wide range of eligible activities but must meet National Objective:
  - Benefitting Low/Mod-Income Persons (80% AMI)
    - Covington LMI 80% for 4 person household - \$57,050
    - LMI benefit, LMI Area benefit, Job Creation/Retention,
  - Addressing Slum/Blight
  - Urgent Community Development Need
- City develops programs and projects around these objectives

## HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

- Annual allocation on a formula basis – decreased significantly over the years
- To expand supply of decent, affordable housing for low- and very low-income families
- Fund housing programs that meet local needs and priorities
- Eligible Activities:
  - Homeowner Rehab
  - Homebuyer Assistance
  - Rental Development
  - Rental Subsidy

## Covington's HOME Program

### Two Programs

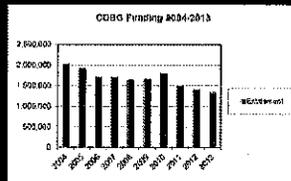
- Covington
- Consortium  
Ludlow, Newport, Bellevue and Dayton

## 2013 Allocations

- 5% cut across both program - \$91,000 loss

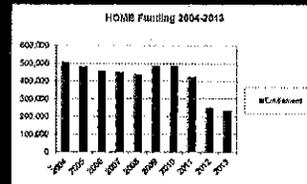
- CDBG Entitlement

- 2012 - \$1,406,381
- 2013 - \$1,336,061



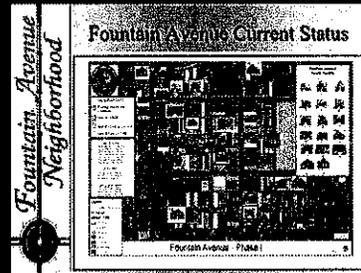
- HOME Participating Jurisdiction

- 2012 Covington - \$244,458
- 2013 Covington - \$232,235
- 2012 Consortium - \$183,517
- 2013 Consortium - \$174,341



## Best Practices

- Build on Momentum
- Focus Area Approach
  - Paducah, KY
- Streamline Processes – HUD recommendation
  - Save staff time and reporting
  - Decrease restrictions
  - Leverage other funding
- Qualified Developers



## Public Needs Hearing

- 23 in attendance, 11 spoke
- Increase Greenspace & Recreation Opportunities
  - For adults, kids, seniors
  - Indoor Rec Facility
  - Bike lanes, Licking River Greenway
- Crime Prevention
- Residential Rehab for seniors
- Arts Involvement
- Riverfront Development

## Focus Group

- **Members of Focus Group**
  - CGN, NKADD, CAC, Catalytic Development Fund, Welcome House, Human Rights Commission, HONK, HAC, Covington Independent Schools, members of the CNC and more.
- **Are we successful?**
  - Multitude of programs
    - Nearly 6 different Economic Development programs
  - Scattered pattern of impact getting more focus
    1. Are we funding the right programs/ projects?
    2. Is the targeted approach effective? More / Less? Where?
    3. Are we strategic about our implementation?

## Focus Group Feedback #1

- **Make the city more user friendly and visually appealing**
  - focus on clean, safe, sound infrastructure and green
  - This is a benefit for all - residents, businesses, prospects
  - Create those 3<sup>rd</sup> places
- **Be strategic – select high-impact projects with momentum**
  - Downtown, Eastside, Jackson Square
  - Examine our successful areas , how we have leveraged partners and fill the gaps
- **Housing**
  - Lacking affordable quality rental – we have an increasing rental market
  - Homeowner Assistance – education, foreclosure assistance, rehab assistance and develop quality contractors

## Focus Group Survey Results

- Areas to spend program funds
  - CDBG – majority agreed to focus on Challenge Grant Area 1<sup>st</sup>, then Neighborhoods, then entire city
  - HOME – majority agreed Challenge Grant Area 1<sup>st</sup>, then Neighborhoods, then entire city
- How to spend your \$100
  - CDBG
    - Public Facilities & Small Business Programs – 14% each
    - LMI Single-Fam Housing Dev, Streets & Emergency Asst – 10% each
    - Recreation Programs – 9%
  - HOME
    - Homebuyer Assistance – 31%
    - Rehab – 28%
    - LMI Single-Family Housing Dev – 17%

## Focus Group Feedback #2

- Would you change your focus area for programming?
- How would you spend your \$100 now?
- Are we being strategic?
  
- Making use of empty lots
  - Balance Housing Strategy, Park Master Plan & Neighborhood Input
  - Showcase the options
- Consistency and Flexibility
  - Our programs needs to have consistency
  - Small Business Programs need to offer flexibility to fit the different needs
- Focus on downtown and opportunities for connectivity
  - A good downtown is a benefit to all
- What are the City's goals?
  - Should have some economic development tie

# City Staff Feedback

- General fund should be used for annual needs, while CDBG used for above and beyond
- Focus on the needs of the businesses – parking, housing, safety, etc
- Downtown as the focus
  - Start with a few blocks on Madison, then move to next couple of blocks
  - Jackson Square
  - Roebling Point

## Budget FY 2013-2014

Budget FY 2013-2014 DRAFT 04/08/13												
EXPENSES (USES OF FUNDS)	Focus Area Location	TOTAL AMOUNT	CDBG ACTIVITIES	HOME ACTIVITIES			HOME MATCH		ED Funds	Other Funds	TIF	Other
				Development	Conserv.	Conserv.	Conserv.	Conserv.				
<b>INCOME (SOURCES OF FUNDS)</b>												
Anticipated Encumbrance		1,742,637	1,324,001	232,235	174,341							
Program Income		335,000	200,000	15,000	20,000							
Carry Over Encumbrance		23,600	0									
100 Repayment		23,600	25,000									
Required Non-Cash Match (see note, other page)		50,822					20,000	21,703				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,053,459</b>	<b>1,549,001</b>	<b>247,235</b>	<b>194,341</b>		<b>20,000</b>	<b>21,703</b>				
<b>EXPENSES (USES OF FUNDS)</b>												
100 LOANS												
Section 100 Loan FD Payment	Eligible areas	23,600	23,600									
Section 100 Loan VI		45,800	40,000									
<b>PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS</b>		<b>206,000</b>	<b>206,000</b>	<b>23.1%</b>								
Streets, Sidewalks		0	0									
Sidewalks		0	0									
Plumbing and Architecture/Engineering	Core Area City	0	0									
Utility/Signal/Leads Infrastructure *		0	0									
Public Art		75,000	75,000									
Public Facilities Senior Services		0	0									
<b>RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS</b>				<b>5.0%</b>	<b>78.7%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>						
Code Enforcement Inspections/Permits/Retest	Full City	29,800	0									
Inspection/Architecture Purchase Program	Full City	272,800	0		150,000	122,000						
CHDO Development Projects *		54,238	0		37,000	29,163						
CHDO - Match Funds		54,822	0		0	0	29,000	21,700				
Upper Floor Residential Rent Rebate Program	Core Area City	60,000	0		0	0						
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>				<b>7.9%</b>								
Business 1st Program - Small Business	Core Area City	50,000	50,000									
Loans	Full City	0	0									
Small City	Core Area City	0	0									
Business Facade	Core Area City	0	0									
Trains - Assessment & Alignment	Full City	0	0									
Wellness		3,300	0									
ATC		64,000	0									
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>				<b>5.6%</b>								
Police - Anti Crime Program City Heights		60,000	0									
Crime Prevention - Campaigns, Cr. Street Officers	Core Area City	59,000	0									
Recognition - Programs	Full City	60,000	0									
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>				<b>28.0%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>						
Acquisition		0	0									
Demolition		0	0									
Code Enforcement Staff	Eligible Areas	128,750	0									
Code Matters		35,000	0									
Program Staff		200,000	0		30,000	23,000						
Business Development Staff		38,950	0		0	0						
<b>PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION</b>				<b>15.3%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>						
Administration *		345,870	1,260,712		2,21,772	1,93,834						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,053,459</b>	<b>1,549,001</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>247,235</b>	<b>194,341</b>		<b>20,000</b>	<b>21,703</b>			

## CDBG Program Draft Budget

- **\$1,336,061 in Entitlement; \$200,000 in program income = \$1,561,061**
- **Section 108 Repayment – 4.2%**
  - Section 108 Hope VI Repayment - \$40,000; ED Loan \$25,000
- **Public Improvements - 23.1%**
  - Streets, Playgrounds, Greenspace - \$286,000
  - Public Facilities Senior Center - \$75,000
- **Residential Programs – 9.6%**
  - Code Enforcement Hardship Rehab/Repair - \$90,000
  - Upper Floor Residential Rent Rehab Program - \$60,000

## CDBG Program Draft Budget cont.

- **Economic Development – 7.3%**
  - Business 1<sup>st</sup> Grant Program - \$50,000
  - Economic Development Technical Assistance (Xceligent & NDC) - \$63,300
- **Public Services – 9.6%**
  - Crime Prevention (City Heights & Downtown) - \$100,000
  - Recreation Programs - \$50,000
- **Other Activities – 26.8%**
  - Code Enforcement Program Staff - \$126,750
  - Place Matters - \$35,000
  - Program Staff - \$161,653
  - Business Development Staff - \$96,646
  - Administration - \$301,712

## HOME Program Covington Draft Budget

- \$232,235 in Entitlement; \$15,000 in program income = **\$247,235**
- Homebuyer Assistance Program - \$150,000
- CHDO Development Projects - \$37,085
- Program Staff - \$35,427
- Administration - \$24,724

## HOME Program Consortium Draft Budget

- \$174,341 in Entitlement; \$20,000 in program income = **\$194,341**
- Residential Programs – 77.8%
  - Homebuyer Assistance Program - \$122,000
  - CHDO Development Projects - \$29,151
- Program Staff - \$23,755 (12.2%)
- Administration - \$19,434 (10%)

## Planning Calendar

- March 18<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> Draft Annual Action Plan/Public Comment Period
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Present Draft to Commission  
2nd Public Hearing at Commission Meeting
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting – Adopt Plan
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Plan and first year Annual Action Plan due to HUD
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Start of Program Year 2013

Schedule is subject to change based on need

## Input and Comments

- We will now accept any input or comments
- Understand that we will record your input and it will be addressed/incorporated within the plan
- Please provide your name and address
- If you represent an organization, please state that as well
- If you would like to provide feedback, but do not want to do so publically, there are sheets at the back of the room
- Input can also be sent to:  
Natalie Gardner, Programs and Strategic Projects Manager  
859-292-2313

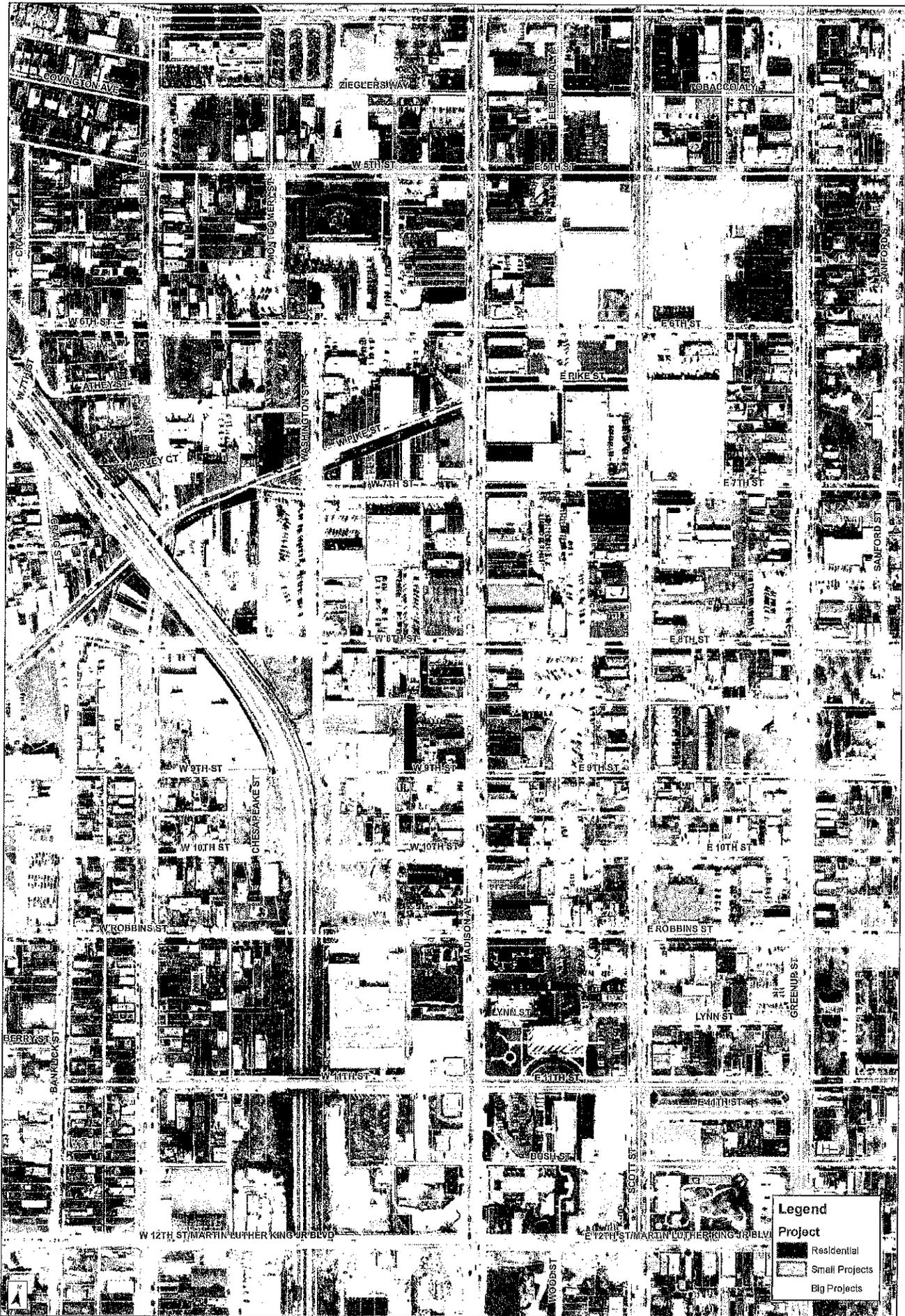
# **Downtown Projects Map**

**City of Covington, KY Consortium**

Consolidated Plan 2013-2018

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# Downtown Projects

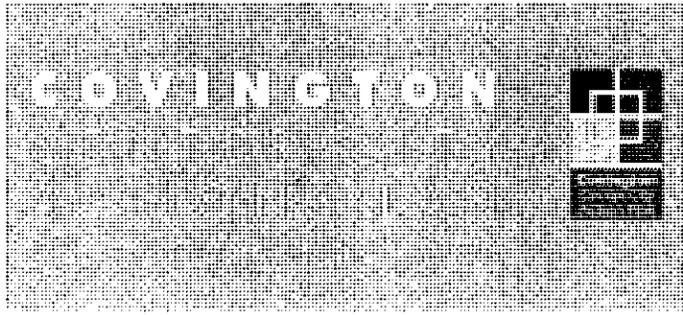


# **Center City Action Plan**

**City of Covington, KY Consortium**

Consolidated Plan 2013-2018

Supplemental Information



May 2012 | Covington, Kentucky

**In 2011, the City of Covington was awarded a Community Challenge Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). That grant funded the following Center City Action Plan effort.**



## **O**bjectives

The **Covington Center City Action Plan** is designed to provide a compelling vision that integrates recommendations for improving Center City's economy, neighborhoods and public realm, while incorporating the philosophy that addressing all three areas simultaneously will advance the area's sustainable growth, livability and quality of life.

### Primary goals of the Action Plan are to:

- + Build upon and incorporate past planning efforts.
- + Create a plan that is market-driven and actionable.
- + Engage a variety of center city stakeholders in a participatory process to create the plan.
- + Create organization and financing strategies that unify center city interests and leverage resources.
- + Develop recommendations that are realistic and can be implemented.
- + Establish priorities to ensure that new investments are strategic.

The **Center City Plan** presents an updated market-based vision for Center City, and, perhaps more importantly, provides a new construct for guiding investments, decision-making and organizational structure to move plan recommendations forward.

### Key elements of the plan and the process to create it include:

- + More than 1,000 Center City stakeholders participated in the Action Plan development process through interviews, small group meetings, open houses and an online survey.
- + The Action Plan is designed to balance the aspirations of the community with economic realities, resulting in proposed initiatives that prepare Center City for the next investment cycle.
- + Short-term investment priorities are recommended to support Center City's economic growth and create an environment that fosters creative and innovative small business ventures.
- + Public realm improvements emphasize improvements

to open space, river access, and strategies for better physical connections throughout Center City.

- + Recommendations for neighborhoods are focused on improved infrastructure, safety and diverse housing options.
- + A new organizational construct for Center City provides a unified and collaborative approach to new initiatives and investment strategies for Center City.



## **T**he Action Plan Process

Through the latter half of 2011 and into the spring of 2012, more than 1,000 Center City stakeholders participated in the Action Plan planning process.

The outreach process was designed to seek elements of a community-based vision for Center City and establish priorities for improvements and initiatives.

From the community outreach process, consistent themes to improve Center City included the following:

- + **Investment:** Attract jobs and new investment, keep young talent in Covington, improve retail and attract a grocery
- + **Public Realm:** Accommodate pedestrians and bikes, improve gateways, repair and upgrade infrastructure and improve public safety
- + **Neighborhoods:** Encourage more balanced housing options with a variety of price points, develop more neighborhood amenities, create more green space and promote healthy lifestyles



## Market Indicators

To balance community aspirations revealed by the outreach process, the Action Plan undertook an assessment of existing economic conditions.

### Key market indicators

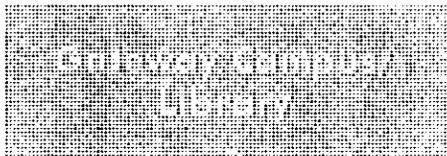
- + Center City provides affordable real estate and affordable rents
- + Median apartment rent is approximately \$480/mo.
- + Commercial rents are typically \$8 to \$12/sq ft
- + Center City provides diverse product types, historic ambiance and scale
- + Center City is home to 8,000 residents, with modest household incomes
- + Visual and physical proximity to Cincinnati is a largely untapped opportunity
- + Major Center City activity destinations include Mainstrasse, Mary Ann Morgan Library & the Northern Kentucky Convention Center
- + The new Gateway Community and Technical College Campus will bring more vitality to Center City and has the opportunity to be an engine for innovation and growth

## Investment Framework for the Center City Action Plan

The Action Plan is rooted in a philosophy that bringing more vitality to Center City should be concentrated on building upon its existing areas of strength, and that energy, vitality and investment will flow into adjacent areas. The Action Plan investment framework addresses three specific areas of focus, which include existing activity generators:

1. **The Employment Core**, anchored by riverfront office towers, hotels and the Northern Kentucky Convention Center that attracts approximately 300,000 annual visits
2. **The Entertainment District**, Mainstrasse that holds events that attract approximately 400,000 annual visits
3. **The Gateway of Innovation**, redevelopment, creation of a center to facilitate innovation, and providing accelerator space to support new businesses anchored by the Mary Ann Morgan Library with 390,000 annual visits to be enhanced by the Gateway Community and Technical College site redevelopment.

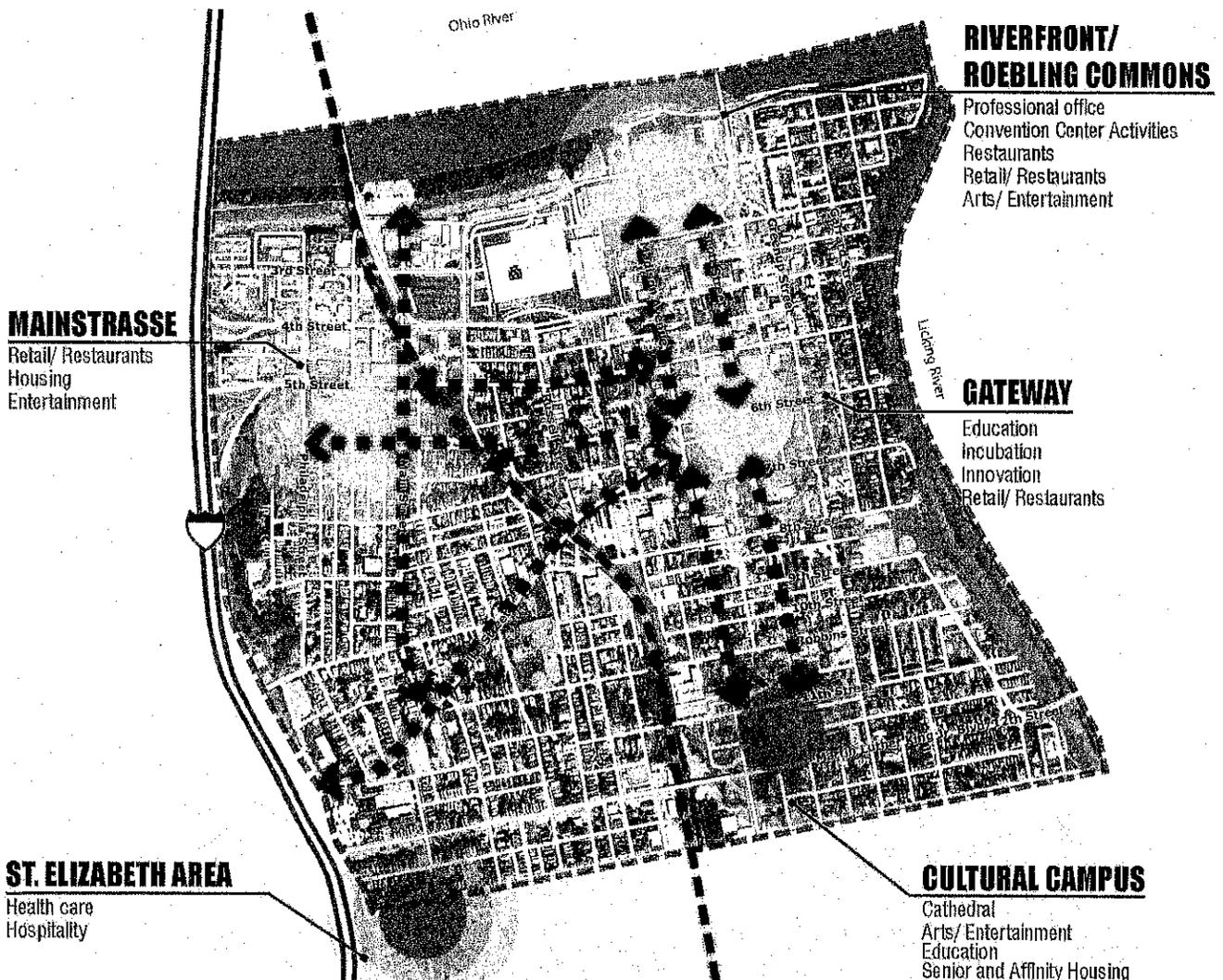
# Foundation for the physical framework



- + Employment center
- + Entertainment amenity & gathering place
- + Opportunity sites
- + BID opportunity

- + Mixed use, entertainment and dining district
- + Attract/strengthen small businesses
- + Create better connections
- + Opportunity Site: "Hamburger Heaven" and BID opportunity

- + Activity generator
- + Innovation zone
- + Business incubator
- + Mixed use development
- + BID opportunity



**MAINSTRASSE**  
Retail/ Restaurants  
Housing  
Entertainment

**RIVERFRONT/  
ROEBLING COMMONS**  
Professional office  
Convention Center Activities  
Restaurants  
Retail/ Restaurants  
Arts/ Entertainment

**GATEWAY**  
Education  
incubation  
Innovation  
Retail/ Restaurants

**ST. ELIZABETH AREA**  
Health care  
Hospitality

**CULTURAL CAMPUS**  
Cathedral  
Arts/ Entertainment  
Education  
Senior and Affinity Housing



# **The Plan Vision: Guiding Principles of a Vital Center City Covington**

*Focused on attracting jobs, investment and economic growth*

*Neighborhoods that are safe, attractive and welcoming*

*Easy and safe for pedestrians and bicycles to navigate*

*Socially and economically inclusive – providing jobs and housing for all*

*Public and private sectors working together to enhance prosperity and livability*

*Embracing entrepreneurs and creative thinkers of all types*

# **Action Plan Construct**

In order to capitalize on the existing activity centers through targeted investment and strategic planning, the Action Plan is based on three distinct yet interrelated action elements that create a strong, cohesive and sustainable Center City. Those elements are:

## **A. STRONG ECONOMY:**

Creating an environment that will attract jobs and investment is the primary goal of this plan. Supporting existing businesses while attracting new ones is critical to the sustained economic growth of Center City Covington.

## **B. INVITING PUBLIC REALM:**

A more cohesive and attractive public realm designed to provide greater access to open space and enhance the pedestrian experience and connectivity of Center City will strengthen neighborhoods and business districts and create more economic opportunity. An appealing public realm is fundamental to attracting more investment, jobs and residents.

## **C. DIVERSE HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL AMENITIES:**

Center City is home to six unique neighborhoods – each with its own character, context, history and sense of place. Creating diverse housing options and residential amenities will attract more residents. Jobs and investment will follow stable and attractive neighborhoods

# Overall Construct of the Center City Action Plan:

## **A** STRONG ECONOMY

- Attract Jobs & Support Existing Businesses
- Cultivate Thriving Retail
- Activate Development Opportunities
- Develop Parking Strategies

## **B** INVITING PUBLIC REALM

- Create stronger connections
- Develop open space & river access
- Celebrate rail lines & bridges
- Encourage historic preservation

## **C** STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS

- Identify Neighborhood quick wins
- Develop housing strategy
- Improve infrastructure and safety

## Implementation Strategy

To implement the recommendations set forth in this Action Plan, a new organizational alignment is recommended. The structure is intended to create a new public/private partnership that will bring together several like-minded groups to promote economic prosperity, innovation, neighborhood improvements and investments in Center City Covington.

The organizational strategy is inspired by best practices in downtown management from across the country and modeled after the combination of successful organizational tools that are currently used in Cincinnati. In Covington, we propose that existing marketing and advocacy organizations, the City, foundations and corporations, and other civic partners such as the Catalytic Development Funding Corporation of Northern Kentucky and the Center for Great Neighborhoods, be connected through a reconstituted Urban Partnership, an existing 501(c)3 non-profit organization. In addition, the new alignment will include funding from two new business improvement districts (BIDs), one focused on the Madison / Riverfront area, the other in Mainstrasse.

### Goals of the new organizational alignment include:

- City and business leaders influence all votes for Center City Covington
- Focus on implementing the recommendations from the Center City Action Plan
- Leverage resources and human energy from a variety of Center City stakeholders and advocates
- Create a sustainable organization that can champion Center City Covington development

# The Organizational Structure

## **A** STRONG ECONOMY

- Attract Jobs & Support Existing Businesses
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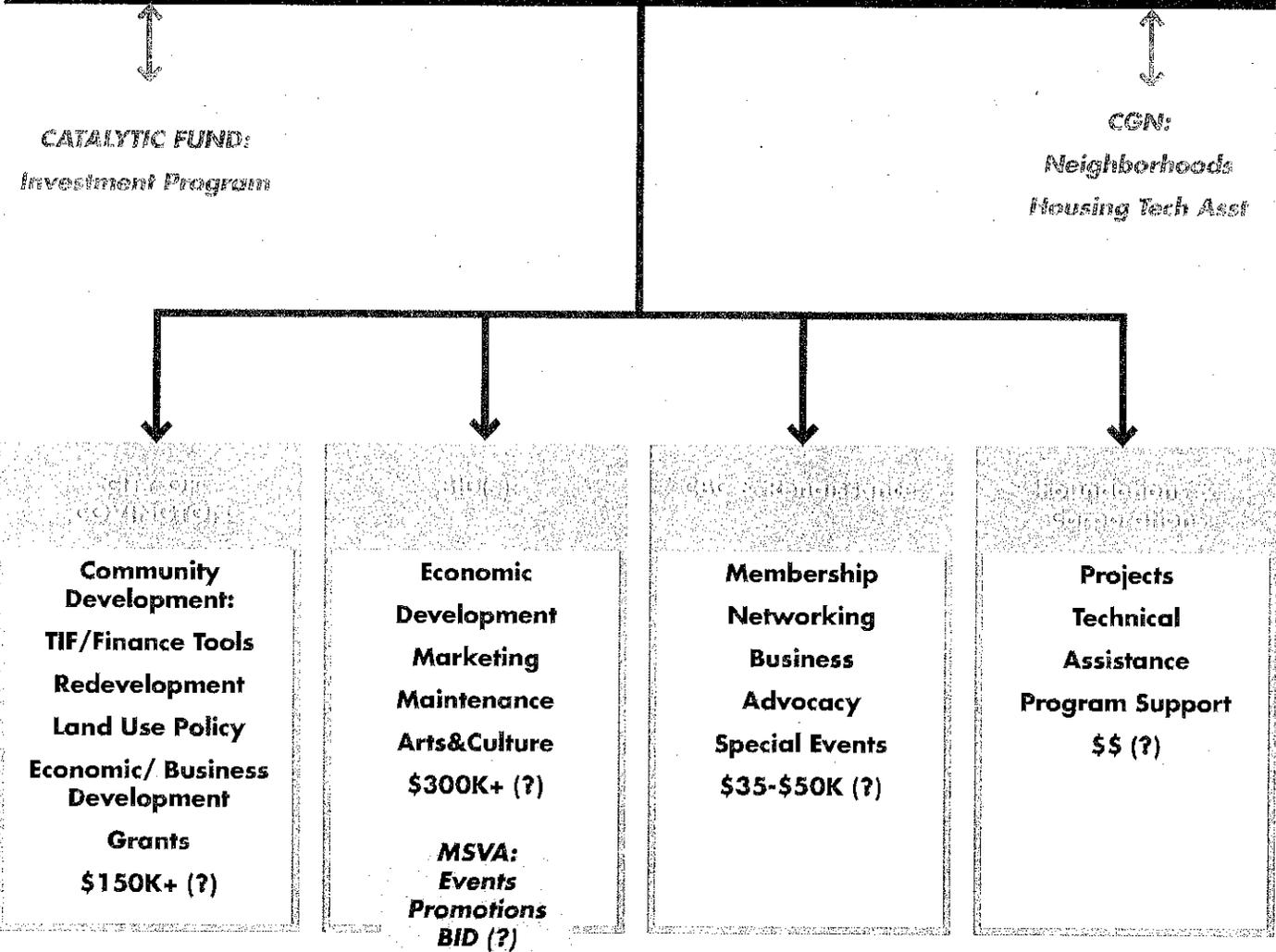
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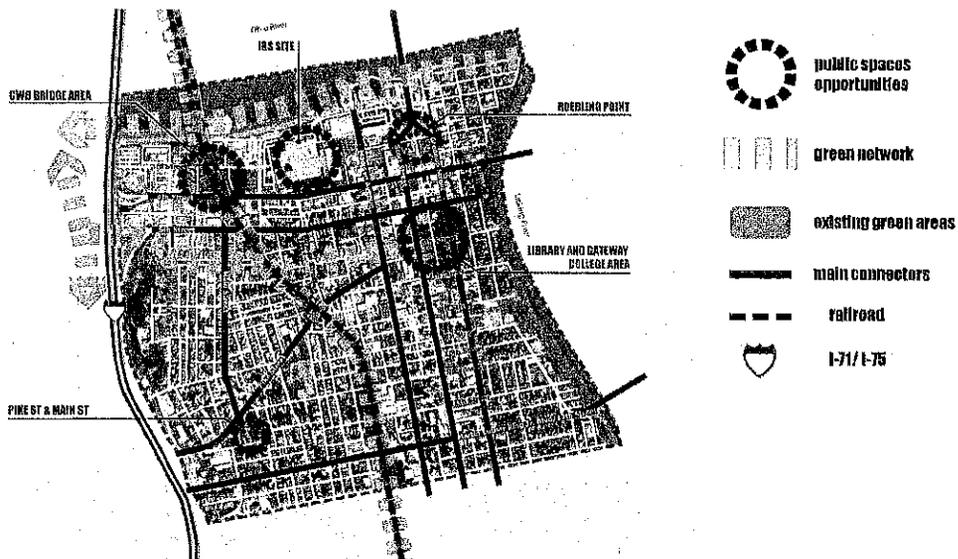
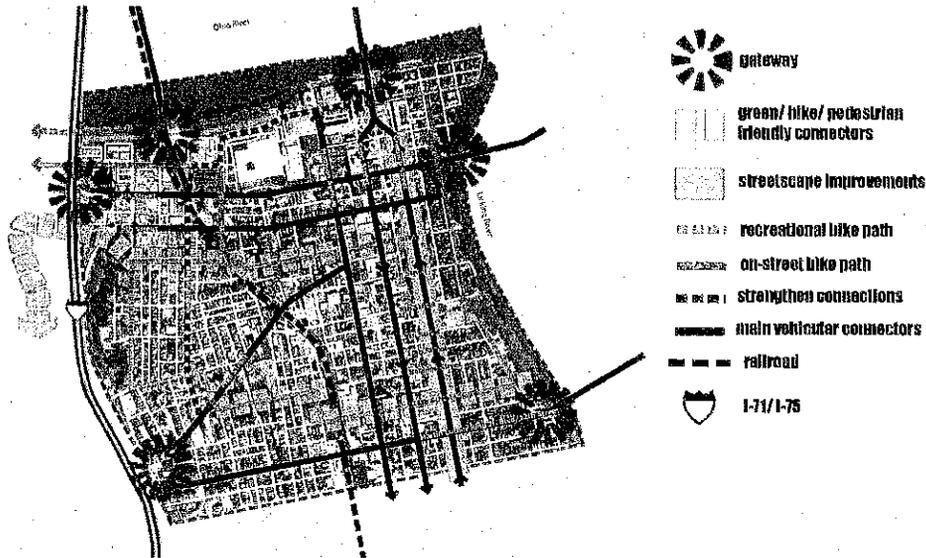
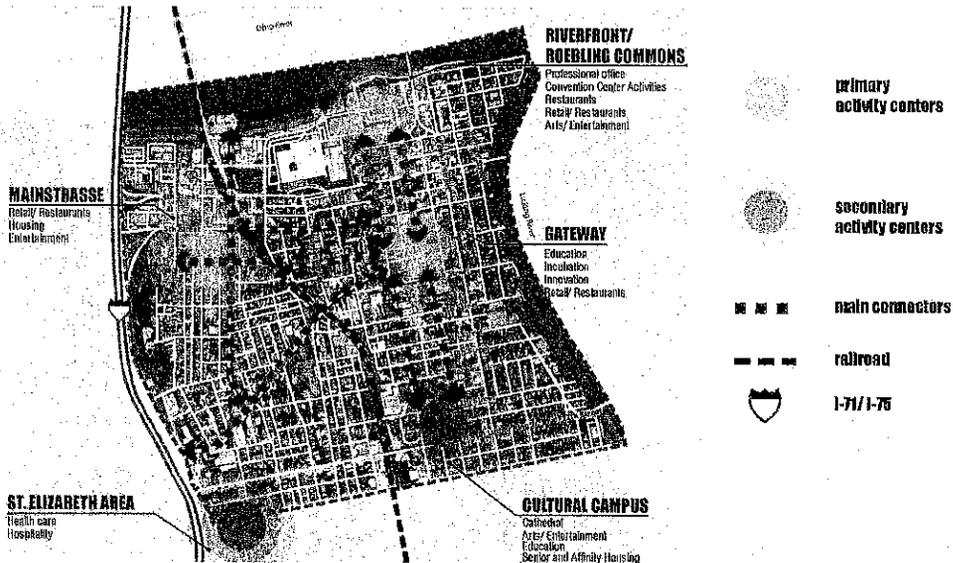
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- Identify Neighborhood quick wins
- Develop housing strategy
- Improve infrastructure and safety

# The Urban Partnership (Reconstituted): Center City Action Plan Implementation

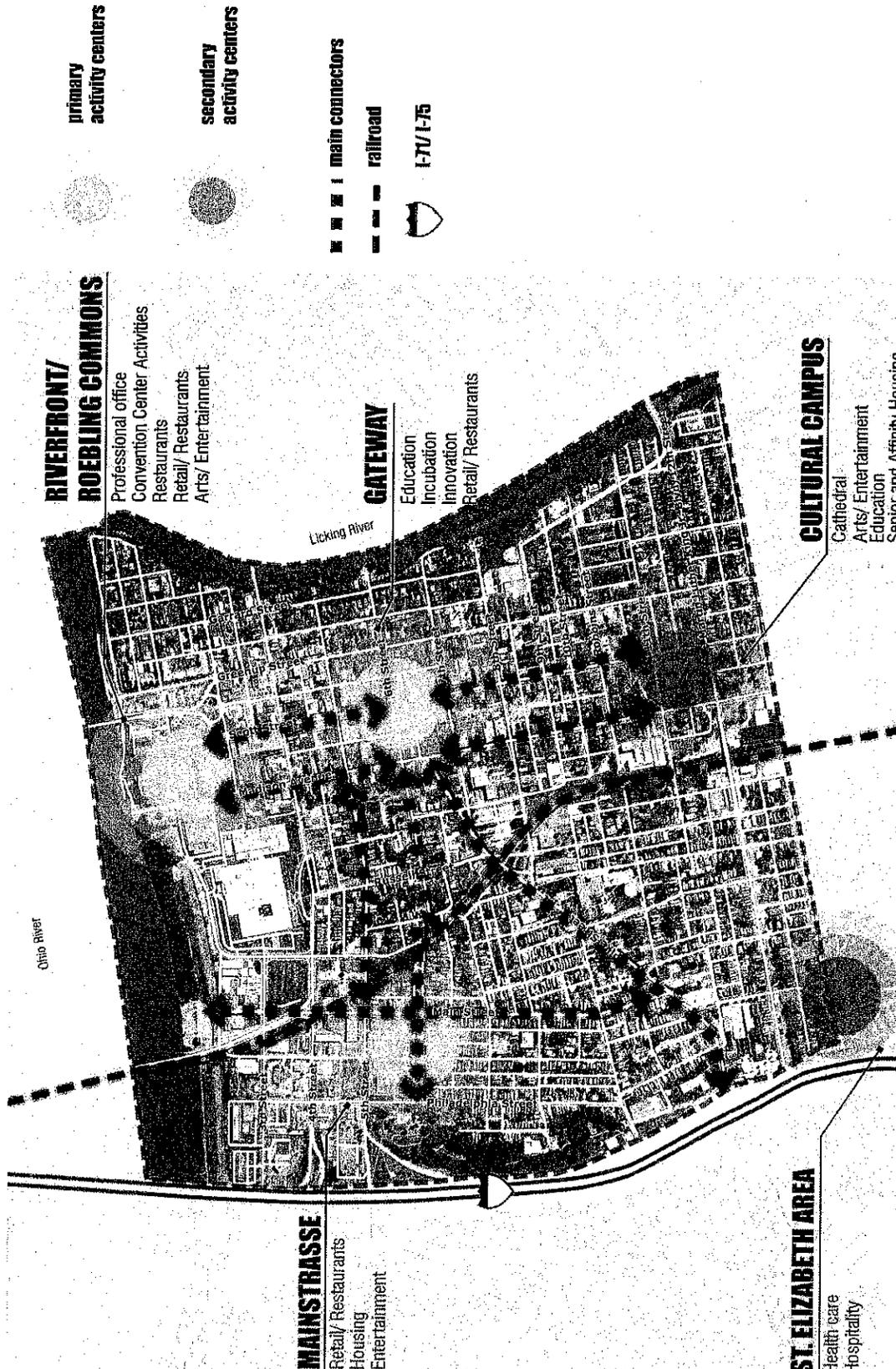


# PHYSICAL FRAMEWORK



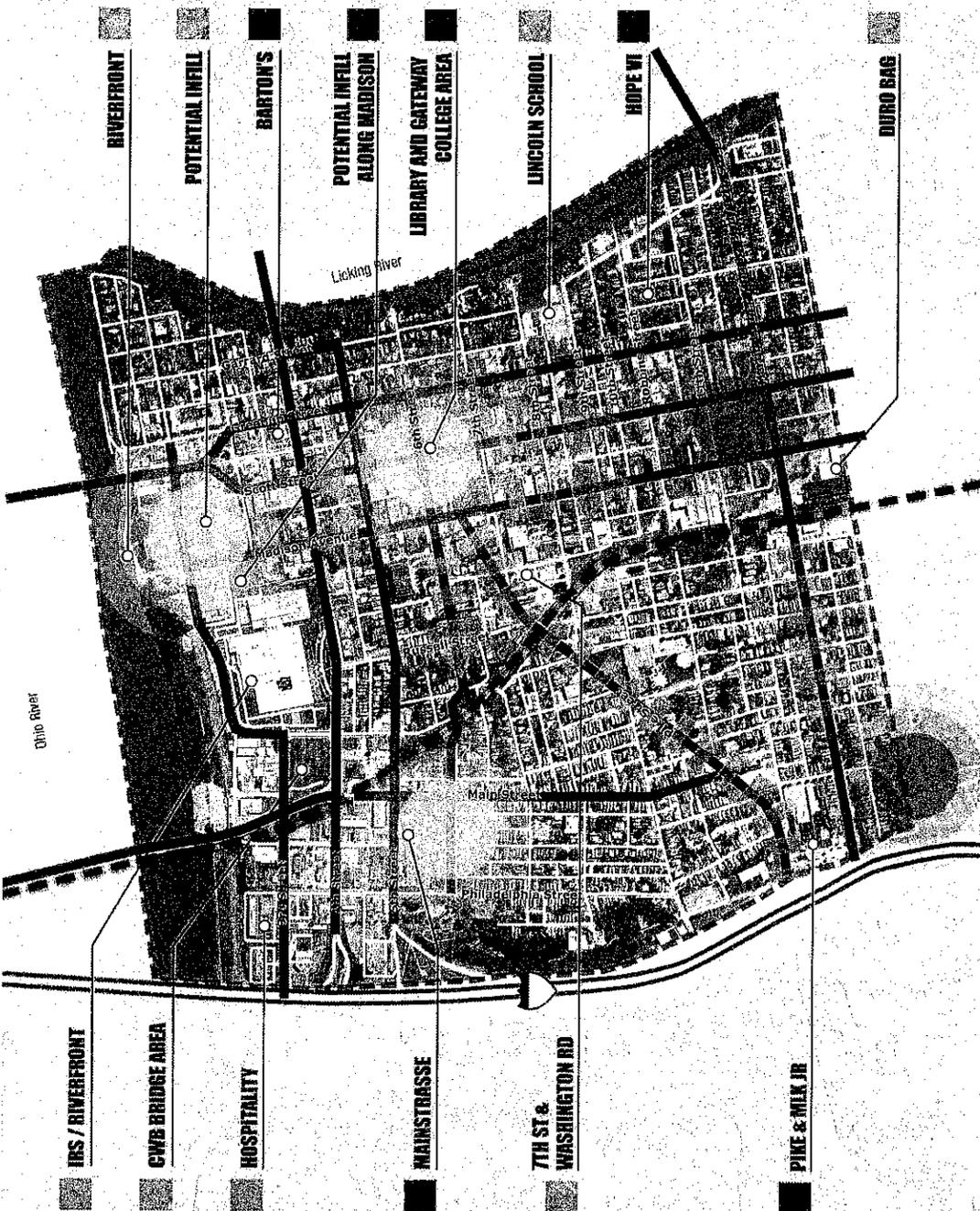
STRONG ECONOMY

QUALITY OF LIFE



**FRAMEWORK PLAN**





primary activity centers

secondary activity centers

main connectors

railroad

I-71/I-75

spur development along corridors

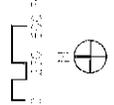
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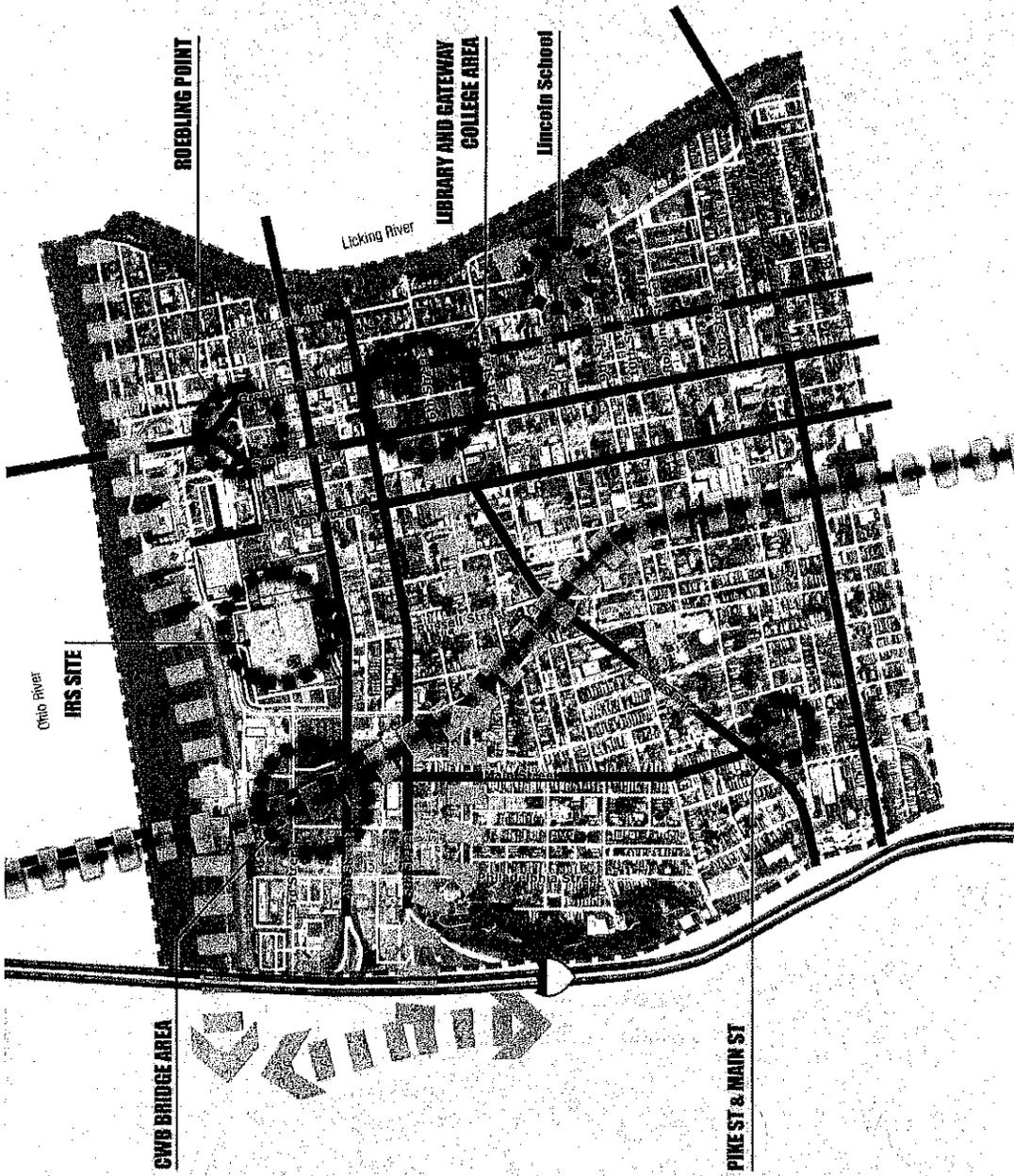
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OPPORTUNITY SITES

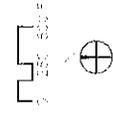




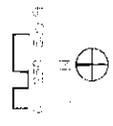
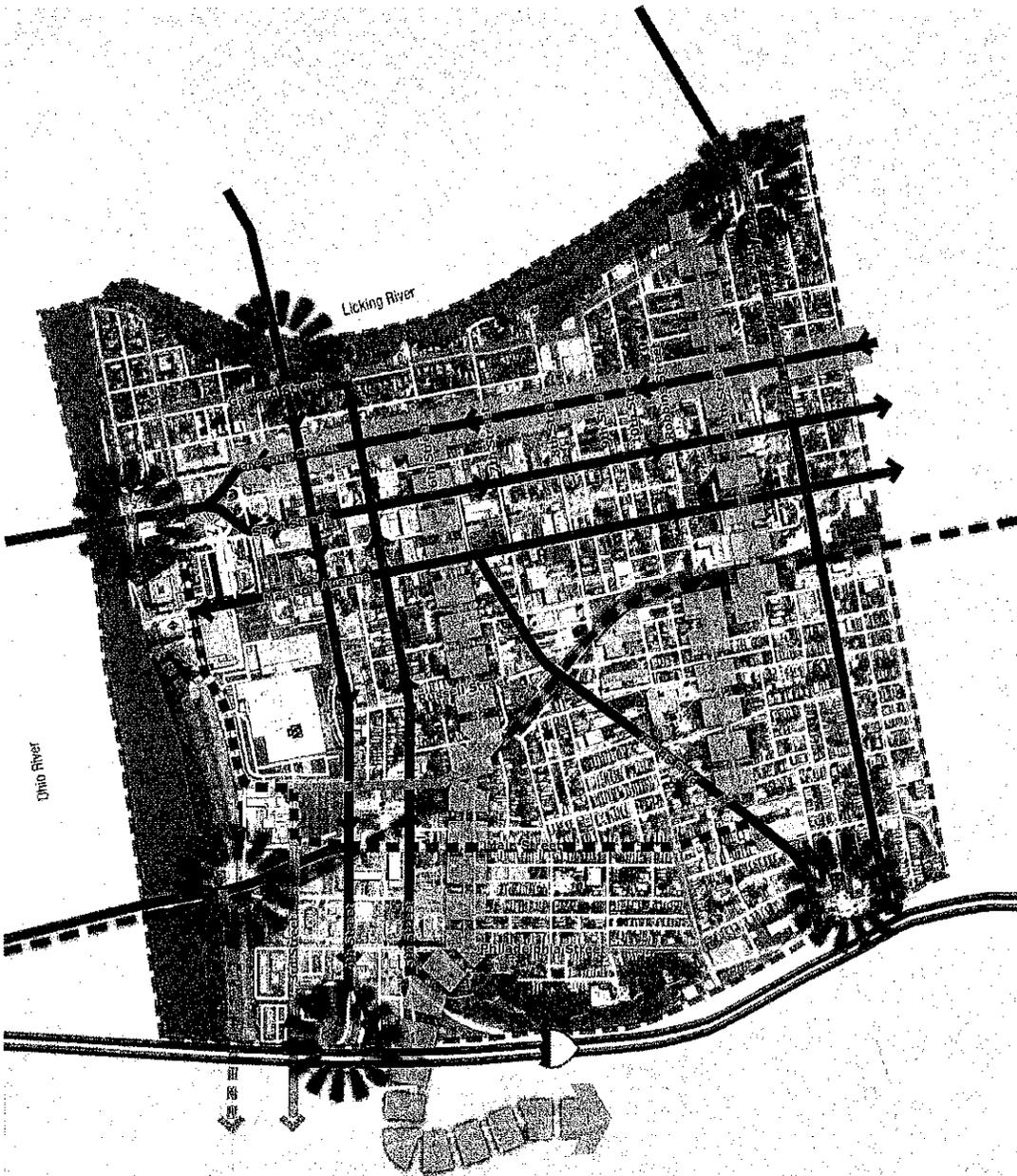
-  public spaces opportunities
-  green network
-  existing green areas
-  main connectors
-  railroad
-  I-77/I-75



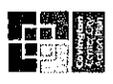
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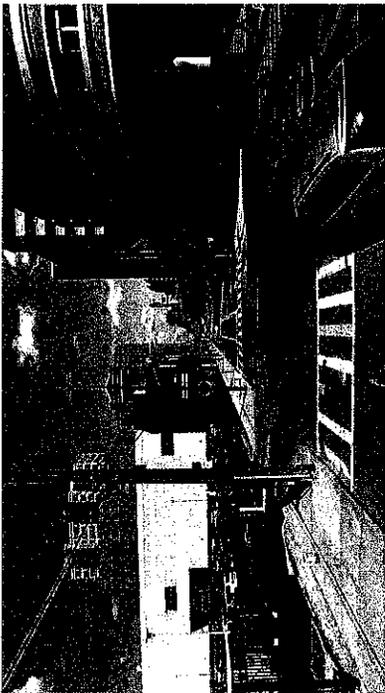


-  gateway
-  green / bike / pedestrian friendly connectors
-  streetscape improvements
-  recreational bike path
-  on-street bike path
-  strengthen connections
-  main vehicular connectors
-  railroad
-  I-71/I-75

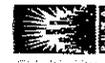
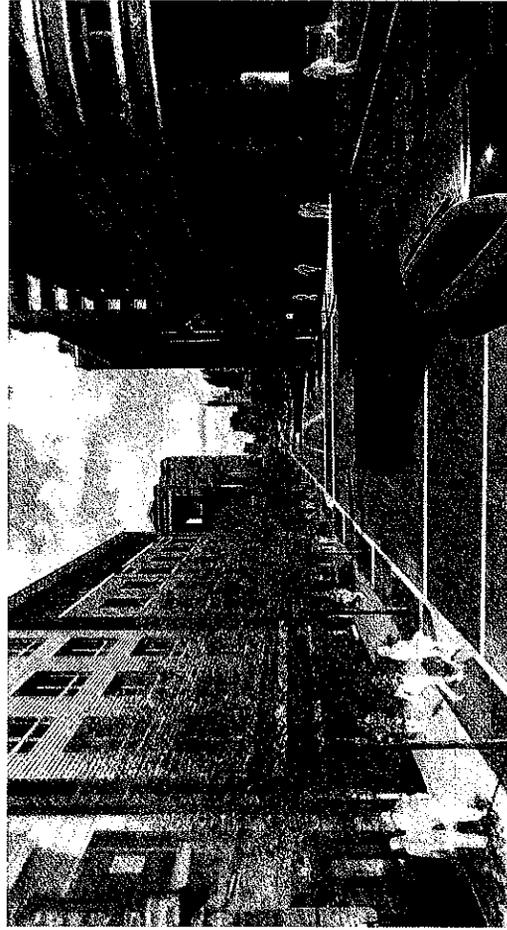


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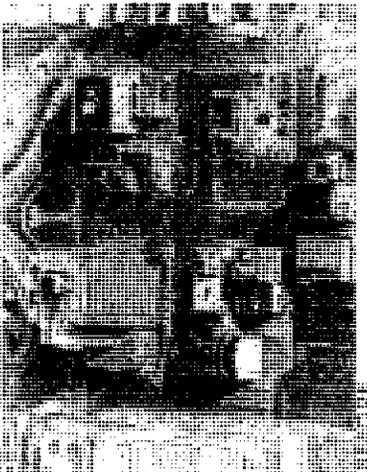
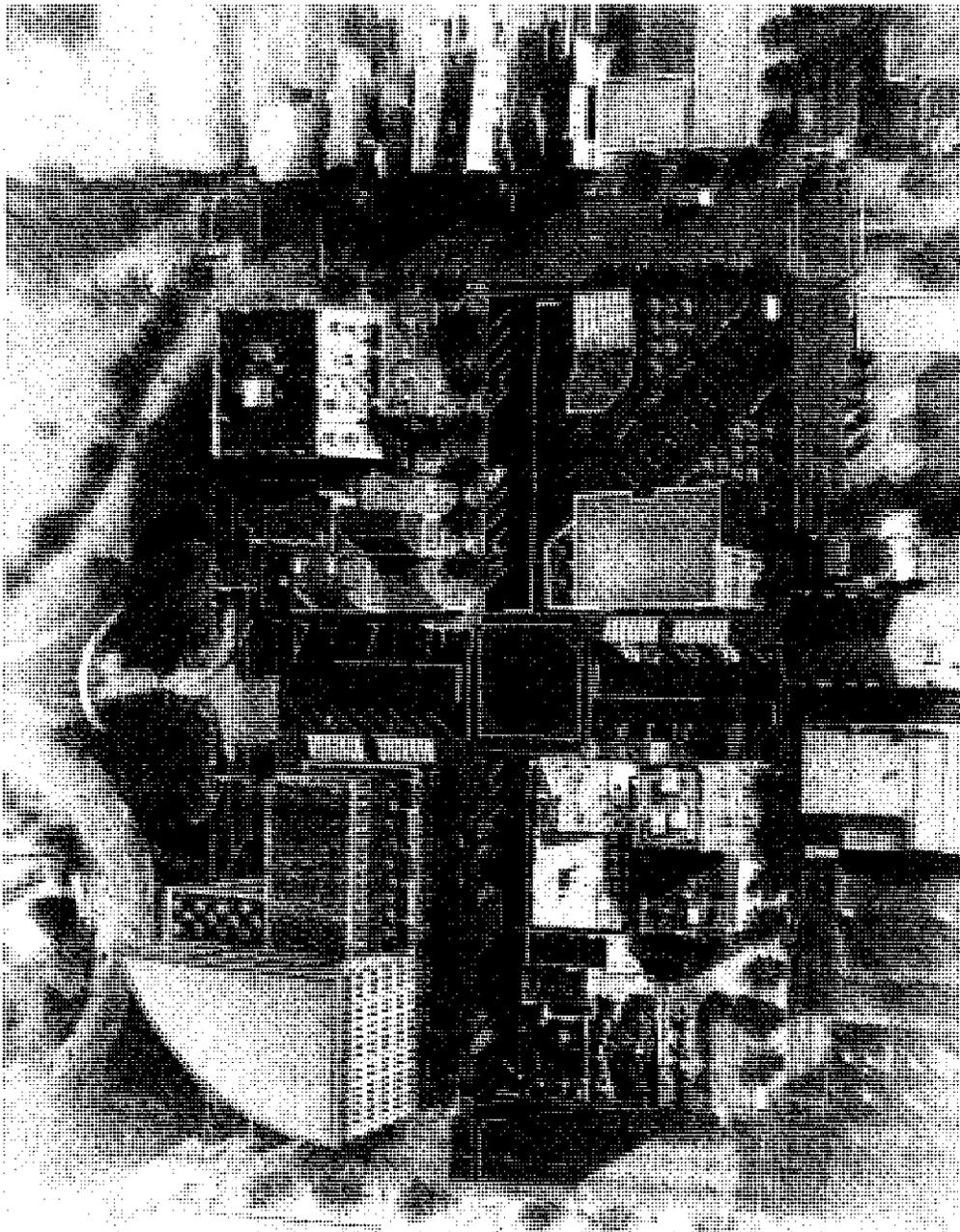




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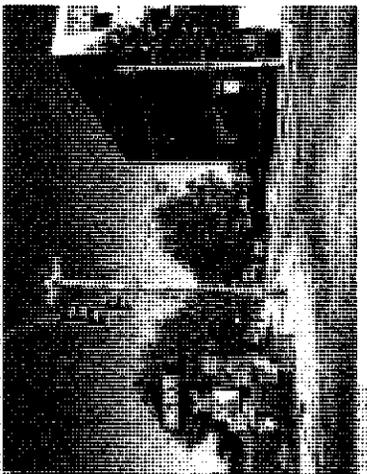
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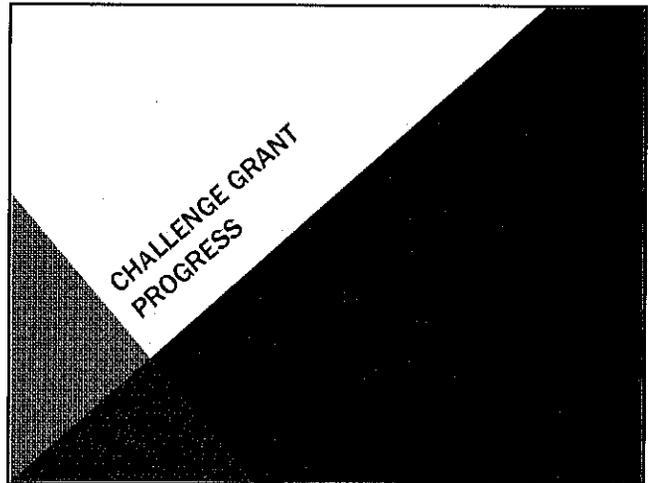
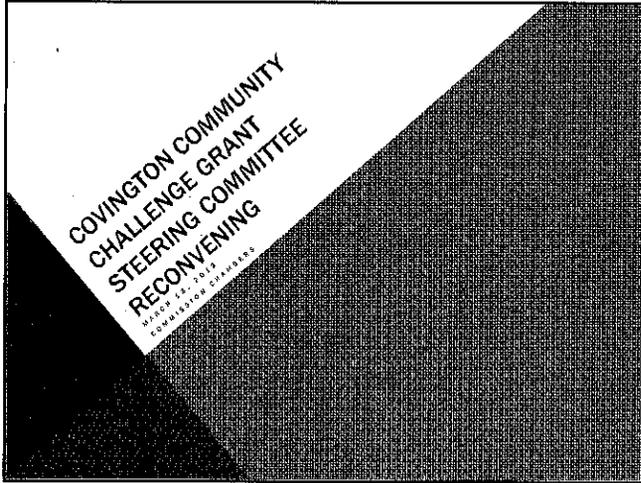


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5TH ST &  
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### CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRESS

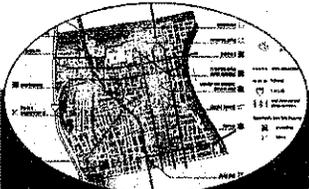
- Final Center City Action Plan
- Final Retail Positioning and Tenant Strategy Report
- Various zoning changes
- Hired a Marketing and Communication Specialist

<p><b>A STRONG ECONOMY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attract Jobs &amp; Support Existing Businesses</li> <li>Cultivate Thriving Retail</li> <li>Activate Development Opportunities</li> <li>Develop Parking Strategies</li> </ul>	<p><b>B INVITING PUBLIC REALM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create stronger connections</li> <li>Develop open space &amp; river access</li> <li>Celebrate rail lines &amp; bridges</li> <li>Encourage historic preservation</li> </ul>	<p><b>C STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Neighborhood quick wins</li> <li>Develop housing strategy</li> <li>Improve infrastructure and safety</li> </ul>
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### Strong Economy

Activities Implemented and In Progress

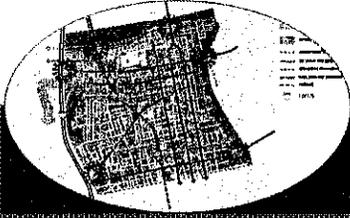
- CDBG Program Activities have success – Commercial Rent Incentive & Upper Floor Residential Rehab
- 2 BIDs – Downtown and Mainstrasse
- Gateway Redevelopment
- Creation of the Covington Economic Development Authority to oversee and administer the TIF
- Economic Development Fund & Tax Incentives



## Inviting Public Realm

### Activities Implemented and In Progress

- UC Niehoff Design Studio - Tactical urbanism art installations downtown
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street Gateway - SNK application
- Phase 3 Streetscape - Madison 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>
- Beginning efforts for 5-Year Consolidated Plan for CDBG Program Activities



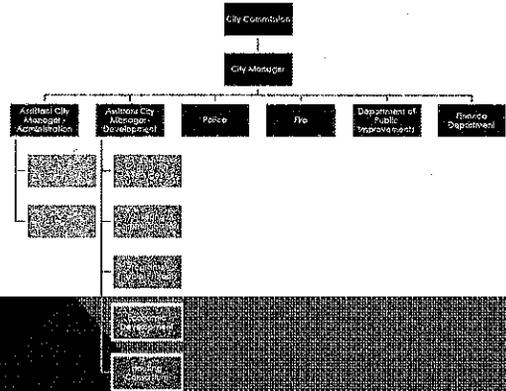
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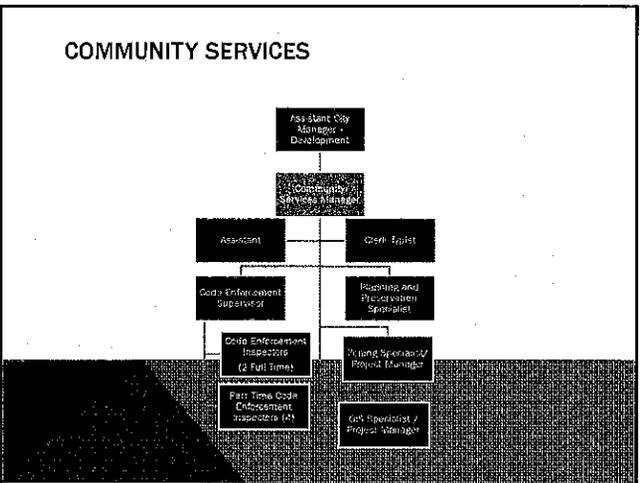
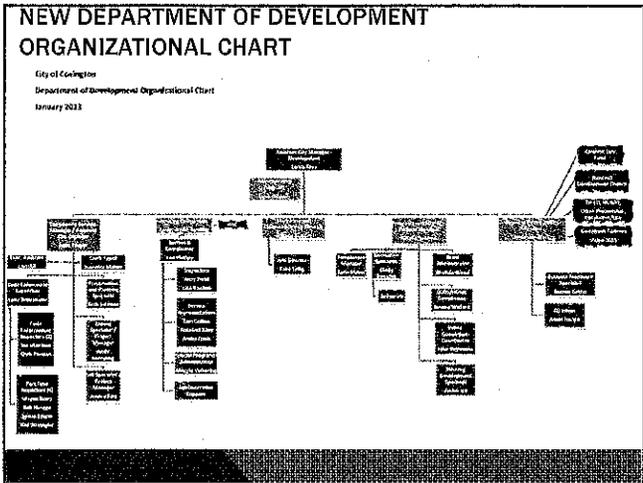
### Activities Implemented and In Progress

- Capacity building activities for our Community Development Housing Organizations
- Housing Strategy continues to be developed
- Demo of 44 blighted structures in the city



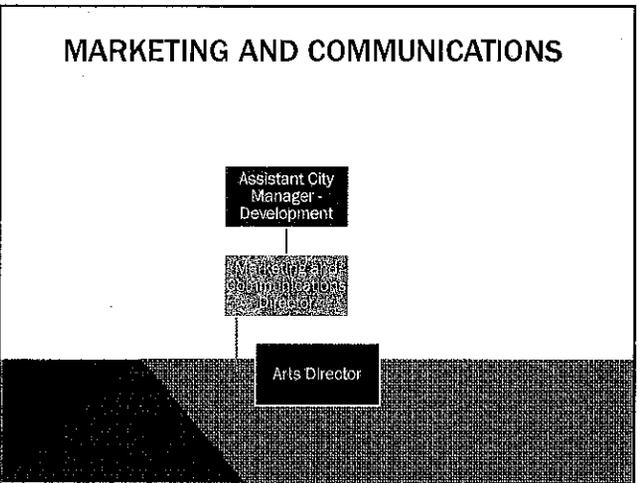
City Hall Reorg and Where Do  
We Go From Here...





### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Improve blighted structures, increase property maintenance to strengthen neighborhoods
- Improve quality of rental property
- Proactive code enforcement
- Reduce Vacancies
- Ensure codes and regulations are streamlined for appropriate development

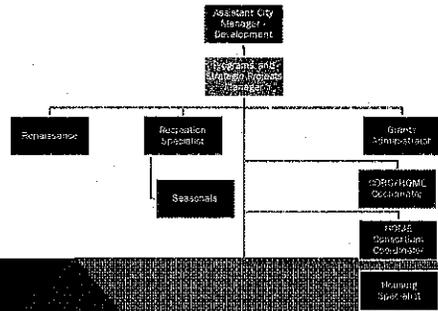


### MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

- Nurture a customer-focused approach in city activities & services
- Create marketing strategy
- Create economic development business materials
- Crisis Management
- Enhance relationships with partners
- Progress the arts Initiative
- Implement re-brand



### PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIC PROJECTS

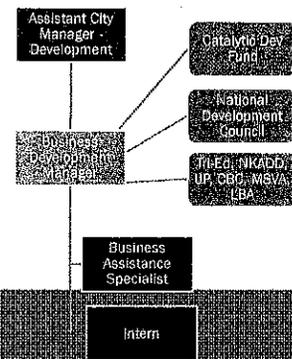


### PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIC PROJECTS

- Streamline Grants Admin Process
- Implement Master Plan
  - Licking River Greenway Master Plan
  - Center City Action Plan
- Strategically Plan/Use Federal Funds
  - Develop 5 Year Consolidated Plan
  - Program Development of Incentives
- Improve the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors
  - Greenspace and Parks
  - Appealing environment



### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



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### Recruit and Retain Businesses

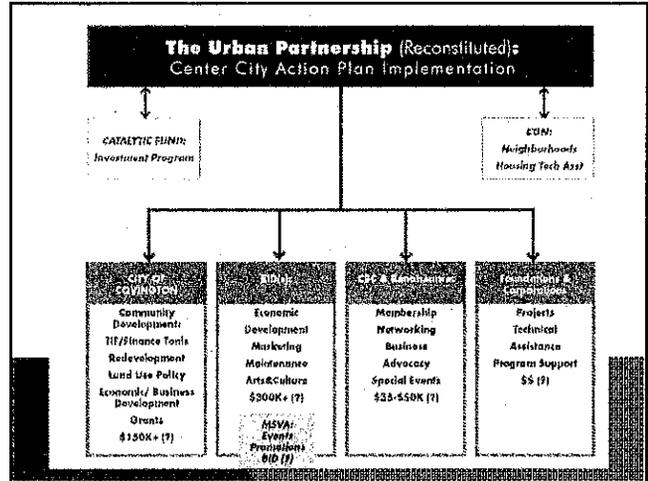
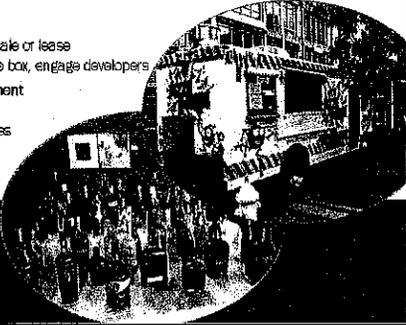
- Establish and implement BRE program
- Develop/promote/implement state, city and federal programs
- Business roundtables
- Engage allies

### Fill vacant buildings and spaces

- Update list of properties for sale or lease
- Basic maintenance and white box, engage developers

### Foster positive business environment

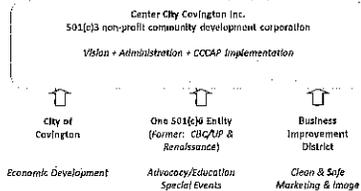
- Networking opportunities
- Business development classes
- Entrepreneur clusters



## CENTER CITY COVINGTON, INC.

An alignment and reorganization of existing Covington agencies and resources intended to:

- Implement the Center City Action Plan
- House all affiliated organizations in one place
- Create efficiencies, foster coordination, set priorities, leverage funding & resources
- Focus on the marketing, economic development, maintenance and management of Center City



## Next Steps

- Grant deliverables:
  - Target Properties for Redevelopment
  - Database for Metric Measurement
  - Marketing Strategy
  - Zoning Update
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Street Design
  - Wayfinding
- How do you see this committee continuing to be involved?