Ohio Land Bank Conference
November 27th, 2012
Strategic Code Enforcement
Councilman Tony Brancatelli

• Thriving Communities Institute
• A Program of Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Slavic Village Recovery Pilot
Vacant Property Survey

Total Vacant Structures

- Jan 2006: 670
- Jan 2007: 906
- June 2007: 1153
- Jan 2008: 1261
- July 2008: 1254
- March 2009: 1368
- July 2009: 1297
- Jan 2010: 1205
- July 2010: 1194
- July 2011: 1244
- Feb 2012: 1316
## Parcel Analysis

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Slavic Village Crime Over Last Ten Years

Year 2000 - Year 2010

- Part I Crimes
- Part II Crimes
Operation Prevent

Operation Prevent Implementation Checklist

Using the tools we have..

Positioning Cleveland for Housing Market Recovery
Through Smart Use of Housing Code Enforcement and
Comprehensive Development of Operation Prevent

The following is an outline for retooling the Housing Code Enforcement
Function of the city to effectively combat foreclosure and abandonment
while laying the foundation for housing market recovery.
Code Partnership Agreement

CITY OF CLEVELAND
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND HOUSING/
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
STRATEGIC CODE-ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Slavic Village Development

GOAL

The City of Cleveland Department of Building and Housing and Cleveland’s Community Development Corporations formed this Partnership Program to improve communication between Building and Housing and the individual CDCs. This program will maximize each organization’s resources to improve compliance with City codes, which will lead to properly maintained housing and enhanced quality of life in Cleveland’s neighborhoods.

This Memorandum of Understanding is the agreement between the CDC, Building and Housing, and the Department of Community Development that supports CDC code-enforcement activities through the CDC Competitive Grant Program.
EMERGENCY VACANT PROPERTY INSPECTION INITIATIVE

Department of Building and Housing

STATEMENT of GOAL for the Emergency Vacant Property Inspection Initiative: Recruit a temporary strike force inspection unit deployed over an eight month period with the dedicated purpose of accelerating the inspection of vacant properties, the condemnation of distressed, uninhabitable structures and the completion of the legal process that readies the properties for either demolition or rehabilitation.
Mortgage fraud mastermind Uri Gofman sentenced today

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By Donna J. Miller, Plain Dealer reporter

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Beachwood businessman and mortgage fraud mastermind Uri Gofman was sentenced today in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court to an agreed-upon eight years and three months in prison.

He'll serve that while serving the 8½-year sentence he received last month in U.S. District Court in Cleveland for related conspiracy and wire fraud offenses.

Gofman and Cleveland real estate agent Tony Viola, 46, of Cleveland Heights, are the key players in one of the largest mortgage fraud cases in the U.S.

Viola received a federal sentence last month of 12½ years.

Gofman had family, friends and others invest in his real estate company, Real Asset Fund, then bought more than 450 houses and falsely claimed improvements had been done, or inflated the value of improvements, to refinance and sell the houses to unqualified buyers, prosecutors said.
Victories

- **Fugitive From Justice – Arrested in Florida**
- **Blaine D. Murphy aka Bryce Peters**

**Name:** MURPHY, BLAINE  
**Age at arrest:** 43  
**Gender:** M  
**Race:** W  
**Residence:** NAPLES, FL 34102  
**Birth Date:** 23rd May 1968  
**Booking Date:** 2011-12-23  
**Booking No:** 201100012546  
**Weight:** 178  
**Eye Color:** BLU  
**Height:** 601  
**Hair Color:** GRY  
**Address:** NAPLES, FL 34102  
**Zip:** 34102  
**AKA / Alias:** BLAINE D MURPHY  
**Occupation / Employer:** SALES OCEAN HORIZON MER  
**Arrest Information**  
**Arrest Date:** 2011-12-23  
**Time Booked:**  
**Total Bond:** Not set.  
**Source of Arrest Record:** Collier County, Florida  
**Charges**  
**Charge 1**  
**Statute:** FUG FR JUST/CUYAHOGA CO-OH/MONEY LAUNDERING  
**Type:** Felony  
**Record ID:** 303089
Welcome to Housing Court

The Housing Court has jurisdiction over criminal cases involving violations of the City’s housing, building, fire, zoning, health, waste collection, sidewalk and agricultural and air pollution codes. The court also hears civil cases involving landlord/tenant disputes.
The ReImagining Cleveland initiative is creating opportunities for residents and community groups to use land for productive purposes that enhance neighborhood life and provide ecological services. Round 2 of ReImagining Cleveland projects will utilize land data gained from the ReImagining Cleveland 1.0 and 2.0 Studies, recommendations of the NSP2 Target Area Plans, input from a recently-completed community survey on land reuse and the lessons from Round 1 of the pilot demonstration projects. The multi-neighborhood program will use Cleveland’s NSP2 fund to develop side yard expansions, urban agriculture, storm water management strategies, additional recreational/green space and innovative experimental land reuse projects.
Restore Our Neighborhoods Act of 2012

- Subsidizes $4 billion for states and land banks to issue 30-year demolition bonds
- $2 billion divided equally among states
- $2 billion for hardest hit states, including Ohio
- Reallocation opportunity
Restore Our Neighborhoods Act of 2012

- Future NSP-like Housing Grants:
  - Removing Demolition Limitations
  - Eliminating HUD Waiver Requirements
Ohio’s Mortgage Servicer Abuse Settlement

- Ohio received $93 million
- $75 million set aside for blight demolition
- Local matching grant requirement
- Prioritize County Land Banks
- Demolitions completed by December 31, 2013

Thriving Communities Institute
From Vacancy to Vitality
A Program of Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Slavic Village Recovery Pilot: Foreclosure Activity (south)
Biodetention Facility and Community Park

• Slavic Village Union Avenue Concept: Stormwater biodetention facility and community park.
• Rendering provided by Human Nature, Inc., 2012.