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Joel Owens is the Director of Community Building Partnership of Stark County, Inc. The mission of Community Building Partnership of Stark County (CBP) is to promote the revitalization of neighborhoods in Stark County. CBP accomplishes this mission by leading and directing partnership-based, neighborhood specific revitalization planning efforts and by developing needed community development policies, programs, and tools that promote resident investment of time, effect, and money in their homes and neighborhoods.

Joel is a national community development practitioner and consultant with nearly three decades of non-profit experience in management, technical assistance, and consulting. Joel has managed three community development corporations (Barberton, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; and Baltimore, MD); worked for several national intermediaries including NeighborWorks America (Baltimore, MD) and LISC (Northeast Ohio); and has been a full-time community development consultant since 1998.

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