

## **Frank Ford, Neighborhood Progress, Inc.**

Frank Ford is Senior Vice President For Research & Development at Neighborhood Progress, Inc. (NPI) where he directs NPI's Land Assembly, Vacant Property Reform and Neighborhood Stabilization Initiatives. He is a licensed attorney who has been working in the field of community development for 36 years. Mr. Ford was admitted to the practice of law in Ohio in 1981 and in the State of Colorado in 1994. His work with communities has included housing development, commercial retail development, organizational development, human capital development and applied research. From 1991 through 1998 Mr. Ford was Associate Director For Urban Programs at the Colorado Center For Community Development at the University of Colorado at Denver where he taught community development and conducted applied research. From 1986 through 1990 Mr. Ford served as Executive Director of the Union-Miles Development Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio. A mortgage lending research study he conducted was the subject of a news story aired by Tom Brokaw, NBC Nightly News on April 4, 1993. In addition, he published one of the first studies in the U.S. to document racial disparities in lending to small businesses – this study was cited by Attorney General Janet Reno in her Martin Luther King Day speech in Birmingham, Alabama in 1997. In 1986 he litigated the first case under Ohio's newly enacted Nuisance Abatement Property Receivership Law. Mr. Ford graduated from Kenyon College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, and received his Juris Doctor Degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

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