Ohio Land Exchange: Collaborative Site Planning for Vacant and Abandoned Land
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Identify available parcels
Gather relevant information about parcels
Interview main stakeholders
Map interests of stakeholders
Develop cluster map of overlapping interests & parcels
Select appropriate cluster
Identify community leaders within cluster
Invite main stakeholders & community leaders
Organize negotiation simulation workshop for cluster
Implement parcel activation event within cluster
Distribute legal access strategies
Facilitate ongoing negotiations between stakeholders & landowner(s)
Finalize management agreement between land bank & stakeholders
Test alternative land management strategies
Monitor effectiveness of land management strategies
Assess land acquisition and disposal
1. Prepare

- Identify parcels of interest (land bank, tax delinquent, visually vacant, etc.)
- Gather existing information about parcels
- Interview (potential) stakeholders
- Survey parcels to collect additional information
- Map interests of stakeholders
Interviews and Maps
(Sept. 25-Oct. 10, 2017)
(Data gathering and lot survey took place from 2015-2017)

- Activate Allen County
- Allen County Health Department
- Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Kismet Farms
- United Way of Lima
- West Ohio Food Bank
- Legacy Links
This website is provided by the Ohio Land Exchange (OH/LEX) project as a tool to help interested parties obtain data related to parcels in administrative regions participating in the land exchange. Currently, this includes the city of Lima, Ohio.

A typical workflow for the tool involves querying parcels using various criteria, interactively exploring the parcels returned by the query, and curating the data in the form of reports and custom web maps.

The functions of the tool may be accessed using the tabs to the left, which include the following:

- You are currently viewing the "Introduction" tab.
- The "Parcel Query" tab is used to identify parcels that meet simple or complex user-specified criteria.
2. Convene

- Develop cluster map of overlapping interests
- Identify community leaders within clusters
- Develop initial strategy with key stakeholders and community leaders
Monthly Stakeholder Meetings
(October 2017- April 2018)

PROJECT IDEAS:
POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOOD SYSTEM IN LIMA

MODEL URBAN GARDEN

FOOD LITERACY CURRICULUM

MOBILE SERVICES DOCKING STATION

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR FOOD MARKET
Additional Stakeholders
(bold indicates written commitment of support)

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- City of Lima
- Mercy Health - St. Rita's Hospital
- Lima Young Professionals
- Lima Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP)
- Lima Sprouts
- West Ohio Community Action Partnership
• Flexible open-air community space/classroom for +/- 30 people

• Grilling/cooking area, preferably with locked storage

• Staging/packaging area for small-scale food bank distribution

• Visible connection for mobile services (Pharmacy bus, dental care bus, mammography bus, etc.)

• Gardening beds (20-25 of 4x8 ft. each)

• Play/entertainment area for kids
3. Engage

- Organize negotiation simulation for stakeholders
- Facilitate ongoing negotiations between stakeholders
- Implement parcel activation event
Community Meetings and Outreach (May 2018 - November 2018)

- Final site selection
- Site planning and design
- Community outreach events and surveys (elementary school, food bank, farmer’s market)
- Public announcement/kick-off event (scheduled for Nov. 2)
What if the historic gasometer become a series of landforms on site.

-J.B.
FLOOD DISTRICT
LIMA, O. MAR. 25TH. 1913.

Lima News, June 25, 1966
4. Implement

- Finalize management agreement between land bank and stakeholders
- Construct intervention(s)
- Monitor effectiveness of land management strategy over time
- Assess land acquisition and disposition
Tentatively:
Nov. 2018 - Summer 2019

• Commitment of $55,000 from Mercy Health to fund construction

• Land use agreement between stakeholder and land bank

• Permitting and final financing (winter 2018-2019)

• Start of construction (spring 2019?)
Next Steps

- Continuing to develop Prospector mapping tool to make it more useful
- Writing case-study findings for international publication on community-initiated planning
- Discussions with several counties and Extension staff to implement process elsewhere (if interested, please sign up on the sheet for more information)
Questions?

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