PROGRAMES, TOOLS, AND IMPACT:

EVANSTON & WALNUT HILLS

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Vision 2022

The Port serves our community by cultivating partnerships that unlock the hidden value of real estate and realize the long-term prosperity for everyone in Hamilton County.
Neighborhood Revitalization

2012 - 2017

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FOCUS NEIGHBORHOOD: 

Evanston

The Port started working in Evanston in 2012 with a targeted investment strategy to repurpose neighborhood real estate and return property to productive use. Working with community partners, principally the stalwart Evanston Community Council, The Port has rehabbed/built and sold 27 formerly vacant market-rate homes through Rehab Across Cincinnati and Hamilton County (REACH) with more under way. In 2018, The Port will begin work on affordable housing through its management of the Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC).
Evanston

THE PORT

FOCUS NEIGHBORHOOD

$10.7MM
TOTAL INVESTMENT

9,158
POPULATION

$93K
IN STABILIZATION FUNDS
ON 1 PROPERTY

$1.47MM
IN DEMOLITION GRANT FUNDS
EXPENDED ON 24 PROPERTIES
Our Impact

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE | ADVOCACY: Hard-hit by the foreclosure crisis, Evanston is The Port’s first neighborhood of focus and the first neighborhood we began acquiring vacant, blighted single-family homes and rehabbing and selling them in a program named “REACH Evanston.” Since REACH began in 2013, other homes on the streets with REACH homes have on average sold for a price that is 36.5% higher than their 2008 value.

154 PROPERTIES ACQUIRED
63 PROPERTIES SOLD OR DONATED
5 PROPERTIES HELD FOR THE COMMUNITY
FOCUS NEIGHBORHOOD:

Evanston

KING RECORDS
- BREWSTER
- XAVIER UNIV.

DANA + MONTGOMERY

COMMERCIAL FOCUS AREA
- MONTGOMERY
- WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
- BLAIR

FIVE POINTS
- WOODBURN + GILBERT + MONTGOMERY + HEWITT

RESIDENTIAL FOCUS AREA
- WOODBURN + BLAIR + RUTH + ST. LÉGER
In Evanston, the Landbank managed the July 2013 demolition of the three-story St. Leger apartment building at Gilbert Avenue and Montgomery Road – a long-time hub of crime. Cincinnati-based developer, Model Group, built the St. Ambrose, a residential housing development, in its place.

$537K
MOVING OHIO FORWARD FUNDING
To date:
- Six new homes built, and 21 homes renovated
- One home currently being renovated

$6.6MM TOTAL INVESTMENT

$1.2MM LANDBANK SUBSIDY
1541 Merrimac was completed in 2002. Six homes are undergoing rehab in 2018:

- 3212 and 3221 Wold;
- 1640, 1650 and 1654 Jonathan;
- 3476 Woodburn
Property Highlights

- 3604 Montgomery - Commercial
- HURC Home Rehabs - Residential
- 3341 Montgomery Stabilization - Commercial
- REACH Evanston - Residential
- St. Ambrose Apartments - Residential
- 1614 Hewitt | Findlay Farm Stand - Commercial
- 3248 Gilbert Ave. - Commercial
Through an agency agreement with the City of Cincinnati, The Port performed stabilization work on this property. This 6,000 SF commercial structure is now available for lease.

$93,880

LANDBANK FUNDING
In a 2005 neighborhood report, this carryout / drive-thru was called out for high levels of criminal activity. In 2014, The Port and the City of Cincinnati teamed up to acquire, remediate, remove an underground tank, and demolish the structure. This resulted in a clean, development-ready site in the heart of Evanston’s Five Points.

Findlay Farm Stand now brings fresh food to the site in Summer months.
Through an agency agreement with the City of Cincinnati, The Port performed work on this property.

This site sits pad-ready for new development.

$850K

FUNDING SPENT TO DATE
DREAM was born out of a partnership with The Kresge Foundation.

Minimizing barriers for neighborhood microenterprise and entrepreneurs.

The fund targets neighborhood business districts as part of our Vision 2022 which aims to comprehensively revitalize disinvested target neighborhoods.

Stabilizing neighborhoods through the support of entrepreneurship.

Restoring vibrant retail and commerce with a focus on inclusivity and engagement of neighborhood-based enterprise.
Telling the Story of the Neighborhood

THE PORT

WALNUT HILLS
Our Goal:

to be inclusive of race, income, and age in neighborhood housing and business development.
FOUR AVAILABLE SPACES
NEW FACADES AND WHITEBOXED INTERIORS
THANK YOU

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