Cities need data concerning vacant properties and building conditions to make informed community development decisions. By preparing and conducting property inventories, Western Reserve Land Conservancy’s Thriving Communities program provides municipalities with information to most effectively target their limited resources for rehabilitation and demolition, especially in the wake of the foreclosure crisis.

In 2015, the Land Conservancy surveyed all 158,854 parcels within the City of Cleveland. This data provided a portrait of the city at a discrete moment in time. In order to truly maximize the power of the 2015 inventory, the conditions of these structures and vacant lots should be reassessed and evaluated.

A complete resurvey of the City of Cleveland in 2018 was not possible, but the Land Conservancy team was able to update the data in 13 at-risk neighborhoods on Cleveland’s east side, including Collinwood-Nottingham. The indicators used in determining at-risk neighborhoods included the percentage of vacant structures, the percentage of structures receiving a grade of D or F in 2015, median housing sales price between 2005-2018, and the percentage of parcels that were vacant lots in 2015.

# NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOT

Below we’ve provided a neighborhood snapshot with data collected in our 2015 and 2018 Cleveland Property Inventories.

During the survey process, information about each parcel—including its vacancy status, the condition of any structures on it, and a photograph—was recorded on a tablet computer. If team members were approached by local residents and neighbors, they recorded any comments provided, along with the data about each property. This detailed information can be found on the Land Conservancy’s website.

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<th>Metric Description</th>
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<th>2018</th>
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<td>% Occupied Structure (percentage of all structures)</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<td>% Vacant Structure (percentage of all structures)</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>% of Structures ranked as A or B (noted to be in excellent or good condition)</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>26%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>4%</td>
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<td>8%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Median Home Sale Price (2015 data reflects values on 12/31/14 and 2018 data reflects values on 12/31/2018)</td>
<td>$17,500</td>
<td>$28,300</td>
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<td>% Vacant Land (percentage of all parcels designated as vacant lot, parking lot, or park)</td>
<td>22%</td>
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