## **CUDELL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN SUMMARY**

**Description.** Cudell is named after noted architect Frank E. Cudell, a German immigrant who had inherited a large estate from his father-in-law. Cudell bequeathed the estate to the City in 1916 and the tower which stands on the property today, just east of the Cudell Recreation Center, is a memorial to him from his wife, Emma. The neighborhood became a part of the City through annexations in 1894 and 1904. It developed as a working class community during the first two decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with residents employed at the many industries around the rail lines that crisscrossed the neighborhood. Construction of interstate 90 in the 1960s isolated the Lorain Avenue area from the bulk of the neighborhood. Most of the housing is one-and two-family except for a concentration of apartments near the rapid transit line near Detroit and West Boulevard.



**Assets.** Among the neighborhood's most significant assets are:

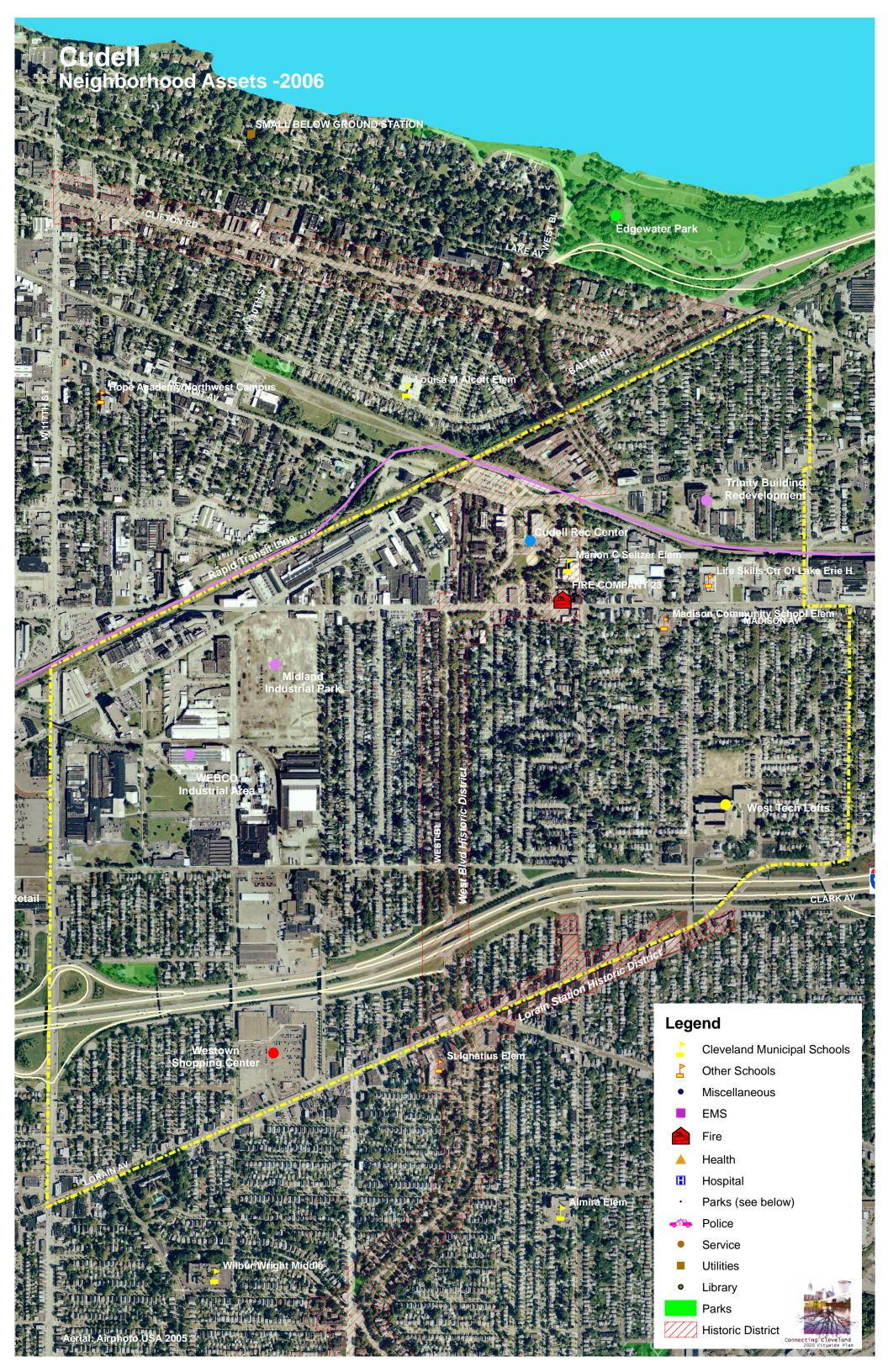
- the Cudell Recreation Center and associated Cudell Fine Arts Center
- the West Boulevard Historic District
- the WEBCO industrial area which still is home to many industrial companies
- good access to interstate 90
- the Westown Shopping Center, built in the 1980s on the site of a former Sears store

**Challenges.** Among the challenges faced by the Cudell neighborhood today are:

- housing stock deterioration, particularly several blocks on either side of West Blvd., between Madison and Lorain.
- need for further commercial reinvestment (including building renovation) throughout the neighborhood
- re-use of industrial sites for job-producing industry sectors, rather than as warehouses/storage facilities

**Vision.** The Cudell neighborhood incorporates an interesting mix of old and new, with all types of land uses represented throughout. This urban character should be enhanced by choosing redevelopment strategies that complement that character, whenever possible. Among the development opportunities and initiatives underway or proposed are the following:

- target housing programs for streets around the West Tech Lofts
- determine appropriate and complimentary land uses south of I-90 near the new Target development
- continue to effectively clean-up and market the former Monarch Aluminum and Midland Steel sites for appropriate industrial end-users (already underway by the City's Dept. of Economic Development)
- redevelop Madison Avenue (maintaining mostly residential feel with some storefront renovation) and Berea Road (building on current industrial mix)
- create a vision for the Lorain Station Historic District that will work to preserve the important mixed-use building stock there, including the installation of a vastly-improved pedestrian bridge near the West Tech lofts
- develop a bike route along West Blvd which connects to Edgewater Park on the north and Brookside Park in the Big Creek Valley to the south
- create a pocket park on currently vacant land at the intersection of West Blvd and Detroit



**Cudell Typology and Housing Projects** Typology Program Mix Senior Initiative Rehab – conv. And widely avail \_arge scale projects -strengthen **Neighborhood Market Typology DETAILED RANGE** OVER 4.71 Wellington Place West Tech Lofts and Homes REGIONAL CHOICE STABLE 3.57 3.43 3.00 2.86 2.71 TRANSITIONAL 2.57 - FRAGILE

**HOUSING PROJECTS** 

Current and Future Projects

Target Neighborhoods

Residential Investments

Market Rate New

Market Rate Rehab

Affordable New

Affordable Rehab

UNDER 1.57 DISTRESSED

NON-RESIDENTIAL

## Cudell Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan - Retail District Strategies LAKEAV CLIFTON RD West 117th Detroit-Shoreway Implement Gordon Square Cultural Arts District Determine redevelopment opportunities on block-by-block basis Expand existing BRD boundaries - TBD Encourage development of arts & entertainment-related retail uses clustered around the Detroit/West 65th intersection. Establish Cleveland Landmarks District on Detroit Avenue, between West 45th and West 85th Sts Install new streetscape improvements on Detroit Ave, between West 58th and West 70th Sts Add neighborhood convenience retail MADISON AV B CLARK AV Lorain/West 98th - Implement streetscape improvements DENISONAV Lorain/Westown Acquire land for parking - Rezone district as appropriate Apply incentives for renovation of mixed-use buildings - Implement streetscape per recommendations in Lorain Avenue Master Plan W 105TH ST W 117TH ST **Puritas-Longmead**

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## Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan - Development Opportunities

- 1.E.4 Former Midland Steel Site light industrial use
- 1.E.5 Berea Road Site light industrial use
- 1.E.7 Former Monarch Aluminum/Trinity Building Site light industrial use
- 1.H.5 Madison Avenue Site infill townhouse development
- 1.P.3 Detroit Avenue Site pocket park on current vacant land near rail tracks
- 1.R.2 West 130th Street Site potential for shopping plaza or large store development

