

NORTH COLLINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN SUMMARY

Description. North Collinwood sits on the shores of Lake Erie and became a part of the City of Cleveland when the villages of Collinwood and Nottingham were annexed in 1910 and 1913 respectively. Early in its history it was a large vineyard area whose grapes were shipped via the rail yard to markets outside the region. Today most of the neighborhood north of I-90 is residential with housing dating from a throughout the 20th century. Apartment buildings are generally concentrated along Lakeshore Boulevard. Industrial uses are concentrated in a narrow band between I-90 and the rail lines.



Assets. There are still many strong areas of residential in the neighborhood, especially in the vicinity of Lake Erie. Other neighborhood assets include:

- *Lake Erie* and the approximately three miles of shoreline in North Collinwood
- *Euclid Creek* which flows through the neighborhood and meets the lake at Wildwood State Park
- *Euclid Beach and Wildwood State Parks* which include the historic gateway arch of former Euclid Beach Amusement Park
- *Humphrey Park*, proposed location of a new city recreation center
- the *East 185th Street retail district* which is one of the strongest in the city
- *Lakeshore Boulevard*, which is the route of the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway and the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Scenic Byway
- *Villa Angela/St. Joseph High School* which provides college preparatory education to over 500 students

Challenges. Among the challenges faced in the North Collinwood neighborhood are:

- deteriorating housing conditions west of East 152nd Street
- underutilized housing above storefronts in retail districts
- erosion problems for lakefront property owners
- loss of grocery store and tiring appearance of storefronts and streetscape on East 185th Street
- vacant stores in the Lakeshore retail district
- capitalizing better on proximity to Lake Erie and Euclid Creek

Vision. Creating a stronger orientation to Lake Erie is a major strategy for solidifying the neighborhood and attracting new investment. Among the development opportunities and initiatives proposed are the following:

- develop better connections to Lake Erie taking full advantage of Collinwood's proximity to the lake via Euclid Beach and Wildwood Park
- utilize North Collinwood's natural amenities to connect to surrounding communities and enhance neighborhood quality of life through the development of the Euclid Creek watershed connector trail and Lakeshore scenic byway
- regenerate Collinwood's retail districts through strategic investment and streetscape to create unique yet convenient destinations for residents in Cleveland and Euclid
- create an entertainment district in North Collinwood by investment in the Waterloo District
- utilize the neighborhoods history and heritage to develop arts and cultural events and images where appropriate
- take full advantage of concentrations of old multifamily structures to develop housing opportunities at a variety of price points
- target housing programs on streets west of East 152nd and south of Lakeshore Blvd.
- make North Collinwood a safe neighborhood for residents and businesses