

## **Sharing Common Goals**

### **UNIVERSITY ROUNDTABLE**



# Introduction College Town Physical Development Economic Development Neighborhood Stability Sustainability Conclusion

### EPA and HR&A held discussions with a range of stakeholders.

- 8 major higher education institutions
- 6 City officials
- 7 community organizations
- 2 housing developers
- Assorted neighborhood groups

### Stakeholders identified 5 common objectives.

- Re-envisioning Greensboro as a "college town"
- Collaborations on physical development
- Improved economic competiveness
- Neighborhood stability
- Sustainability/ responding to climate change

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## Re-envision Greensboro as a "college town"

- greater interconnection
- recognize synergies
- support for college/university & community goals

## **UNC-Chapel Hill** Downtown Partnership



organization - promotion - design - economic restructuring

## **UNC-Chapel Hill** Campus Master Plan



arts commons

environmental strategies

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### Challenge Space needs

- need for campus expansion
- need for new state-of-the-art facilities
- constrained resources

### Approach Forge partnerships in physical development

- City/university development partnerships
- public/private development partnerships
- co-located facilities
- connecting higher-ed and public spheres

### Benefit

maximize **value** of investment recognize inter-institutional **synergies** advance **economic development** promote **smart growth** 

Physical Development

### Ohio State Campus Partners for Community Urban Redev.

- special improvement district
- parking authority
- development & design guidelines
- facade & building improvement incentives
- public realm investments



## Ohio State South Campus Gateway



### Ohio State Broad St. Portfolio Revitalization Initiative



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### Challenge Advancing research mission

- pressures to lead the research field
- attracting & retaining intellectual capital
- ability to translate research into development

### Approach Collaborate on economic development

- development of competitive industry clusters
- workforce preparedness & continuing education
- research collaboration
- business incubation & attraction efforts

### Benefit

attract businesses

retain graduates

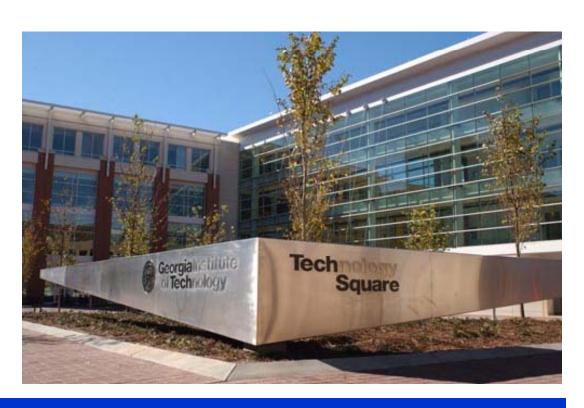
improve the **business** environment

increase research funding

**Economic Development** 

### Georgia Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute

- industry services
- commercialization services
- community policy & research services
- entrepreneur services



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### **Challenge** Ensuring quality of life in & around campus

- need to ensure safety
- accommodating student housing needs
- considering neighbors' well-being
- maximizing opportunities for live/work/play around campus

### **Approach** Play a role in promoting neighborhood stability

- collaborations with local community organizations
- promoting off-campus commercial activity
- measures to promote safety
- safeguarding off-campus housing development

increase safety
improve amenities
generate revenue
build community support

Neighborhood Stability

### Clark University University Park Partnership

- housing & physical rehab
- local education initiatives
- economic development
- youth programming
- community engagement & volunteering



## Clark University Gardner-Kilby-Hammond Revitalization



Neighborhood Stability

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### **Challenge** Responding to climate change

- global warming
- increasing energy costs
- university role as steward
- calls to action (i.e. UNC Tomorrow)

### **Approach** Address sustainability collaboratively

- commitments to greenhouse gas emissions reductions
- adoption of smart growth policies
- vehicle usage reduction
- waste management & recycling
- integration of education components

### Benefit

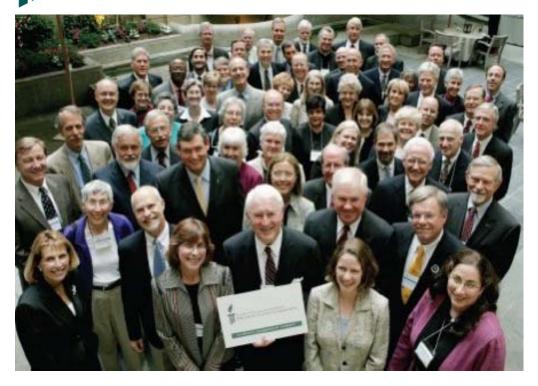
improve environmental quality
reduce operating expenses
market the institution
promote healthy student behaviors
create educational opportunity

Sustainability

### Presidents Climate Commitment

- 1. emissions inventory
- targets for carbon neutrality
- integrate sustainability into curriculum
- 4. public commitment & planning





### **Presidents Climate Commitment**

### 539 signatories

- Guilford
- Duke
- Davidson
- NC State
- UNC Chapel Hill
- Warren Wilson College





## Tufts University Leading the way

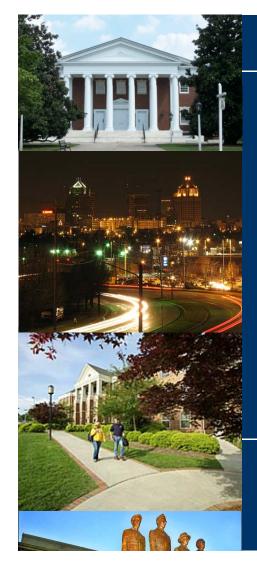
- energy efficiency improvements
- sustainability planning & policy
- clean energy
- transportation
- personal action initiatives



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### Steps toward collaboration.

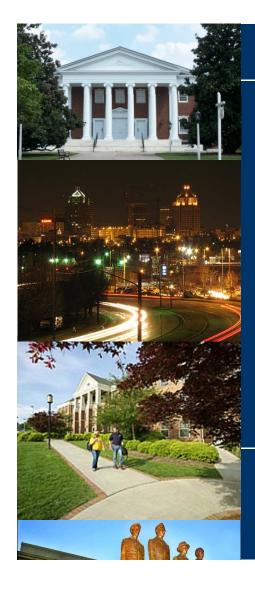
- 1. Define common goals.
- 2. Understand institutional synergies.
- 3. Consider a collaborative project.
- 4. Make a commitment.
- 5. Keep the lines of communication open.



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## Inter-Institutional Collaboration

### **UNIVERSITY ROUNDTABLE**



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Hartford Learning Corridor

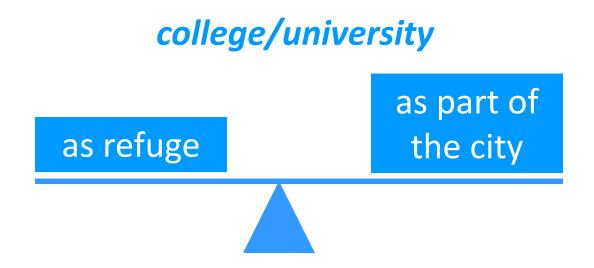
Cincinnati Uptown Consortium

Conclusion

### The boundaries of the campus of the future.

### Pressures:

- campus expansion
- expectation of on & off-campus quality of life
- role of research, entrepreneurship & job creation



# Conversely, life in Greensboro is shaped by its colleges & universities.

- nearly 1 in 8 residents is a student
- education & health services: 3<sup>rd</sup> largest employer (2014)

27% population growth by 2020



#### Why collaborate?

- tackle large, complex undertakings
- combine efforts beyond campus boundaries
- capture economies of scale
- share assets & expertise
- increase offerings
- address expansion needs

#### What is collaboration?

col·lab·o·rate: to work jointly with others or together especially in an intellectual endeavor

partnership

effort & resources

complexity & challenge

#### Collaborative efforts are already in place & being explored.

- HEAT bus system
- Gateway University Research Park
- economic development discussions
- Greater Greensboro Consortium
- University-City campus expansion discussions
- Collegiate Council
- educational & internship opportunities





# University of Pennsylvania Hartford Learning Corridor Cincinnati Uptown Consortium

Conclusion

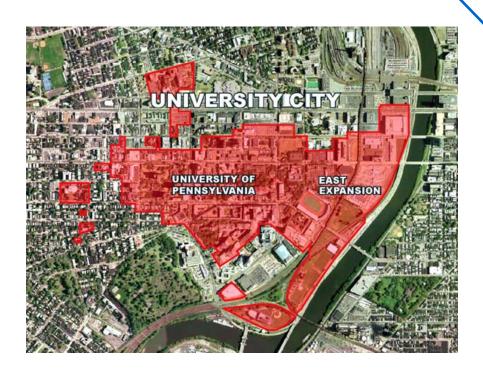
#### Challenge

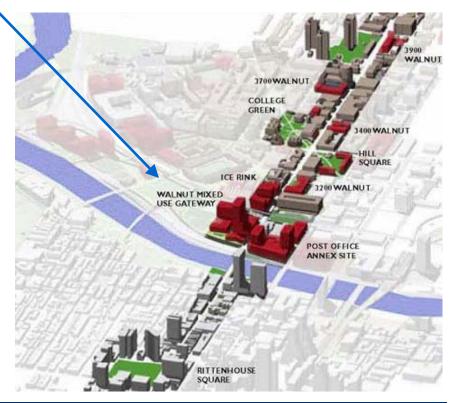
- Need for expansion
- A campus disconnected from the city
- Crime and safety concerns
- Underutilized adjacent waterfront



#### **Solution** Partnering to turn challenge into competitive advantage

WEST 30-year, \$6B UPenn multi-use campus expansion



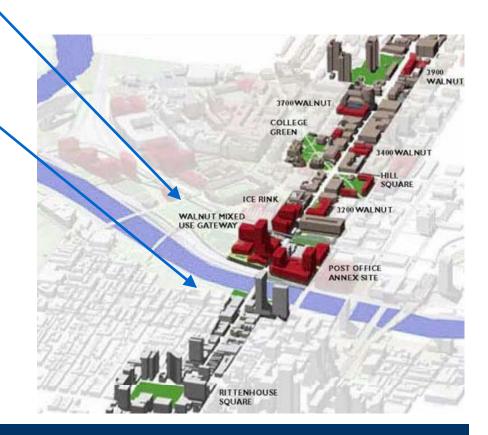


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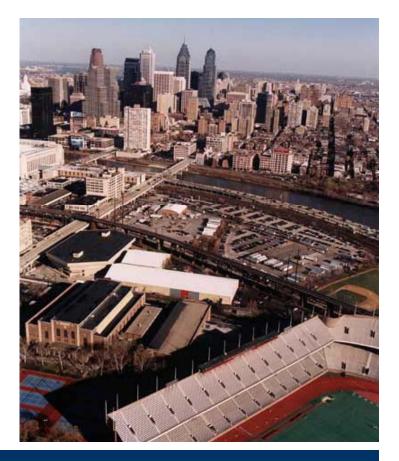
EAST 38-mile Riverfront Development Strategy





#### Result Transformation of underutilized land into asset for all

- 4,000+ jobs projected
- City investment in the public realm
- City-sponsored tax incentive zones



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#### Challenge

The "most destitute 17 square miles in the nation's wealthiest state."

**New York Times** 

crime

failing economy

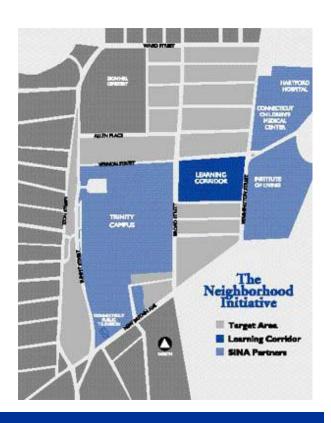
poverty



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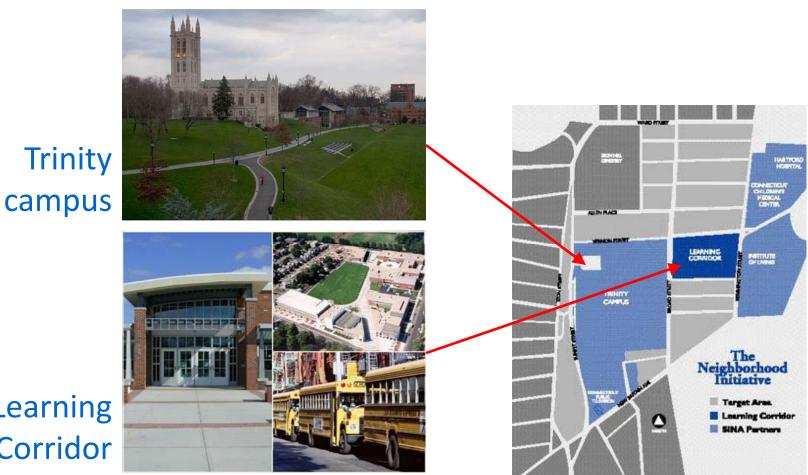
#### **Solution** A world-class corridor for learning

- inter-institutional partnership spurred \$175M in investment
  - Trinity College
  - SINA
  - City of Hartford
  - State of CT
  - Hartford Hospital
  - Institute of Living
  - CT Children's Medical Center
  - CT Public Television & Radio



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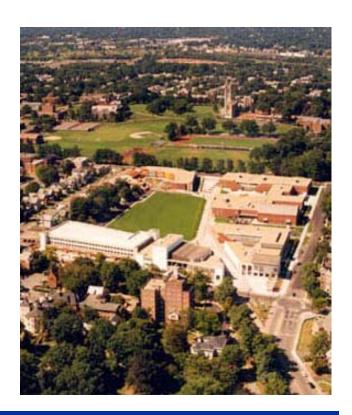


Learning Corridor

Hartford Learning Corridor

#### Result Off-campus investment brought positive impacts to all

- increase in economic activity surrounding Trinity campus
- safer conditions
- a unique public campus
  - 4 magnet schools
  - youth support programs
  - 1,100+ students



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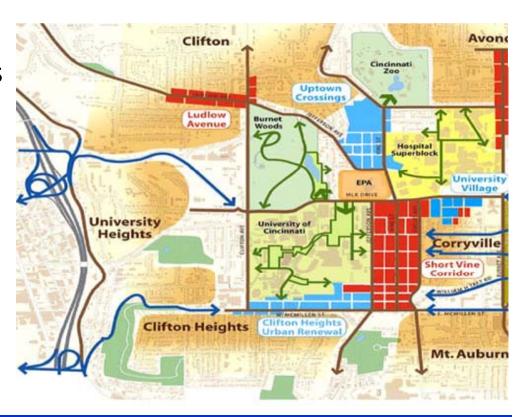
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#### Challenge

- fragmented neighborhoods
- lack of identity
- safety concerns
- poor transportation access
- lack of housing & amenities



#### **Solution** Partner to unify Uptown's diverse neighborhoods

- University of Cincinnati
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
- The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati
- TriHealth, Inc.



Cincinnati Uptown Consortium

#### **Solution** Partner to unify Uptown's diverse neighborhoods

- public safety resources
- housing & neighborhood improvement
- transportation access
- marketing & branding
- economic empowerment





## **Result** A cohesive whole creates value among its parts

- Uptown identity
- \$3.5 billion of development underway
- 1,000 new housing units
- New Market Tax Credit investment of \$15M leveraged \$100M



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#### What do these cases teach us about collaboration?



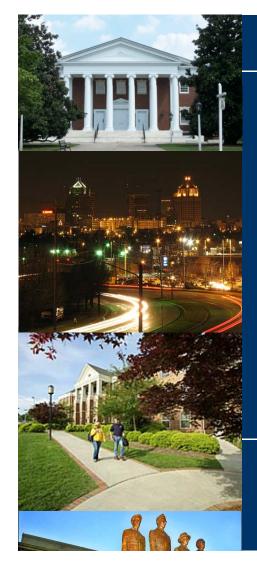
*UPenn* Public/private efforts can transform challenge into competitive advantage.

Hartford Off-campus investment can bring positive impacts to all involved.

*Uptown Cincinatti* A cohesive whole creates value among its parts.

#### True collaboration requires commitment.

- sustained effort over time
- organizational change
- financial resources
- dedicated professional staff
- a mechanism for governance



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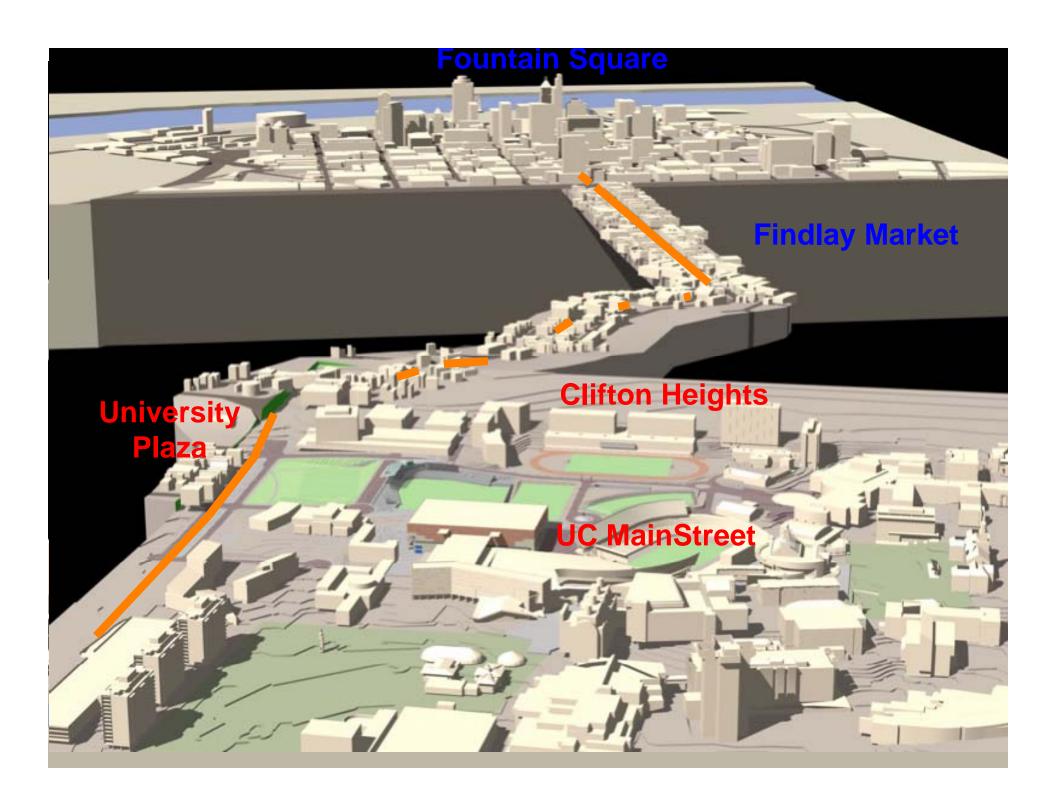
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# University Roundtable Greensboro, NC

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May 1, 2008





#### **About Uptown Consortium**

Home to four of the area's seven largest employers









Home to the area's leading tourist attraction



#### **Uptown is Vibrant**

- An area with over 2,000 businesses and 80,000+ jobs
- Over \$1 billion in construction recently completed or underway
- Diverse and progressive population

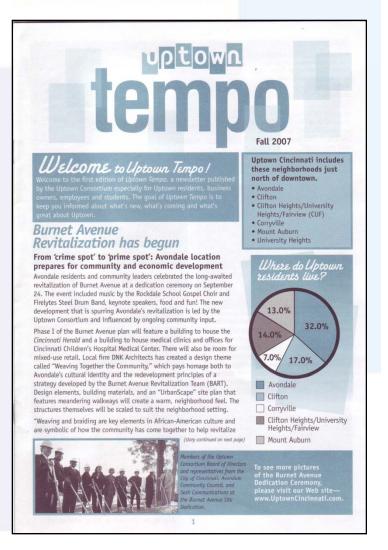
# **About Uptown**

 Focus on Uptown Neighborhoods - Meet Elements of Economic Distress

Uptown Challenges		
Total population	<b>UPTOWN</b> 51,070	<b>CINCINNATI</b> 330,662
Median income	\$22,674	\$29,431
Home ownership	23.5%	39%
Poverty line or less	<b>30</b> %	21%
Unemployment	14.4%	4.6%

- 15% of the City's population live in Uptown
- 4 of the City's 9 Empowerment Zone neighborhoods are in Uptown
- The CEO's vision is to channel investments and spur neighborhoods as "communities of choice."
- Land Use Planning Process Sets Vision and Unites Community toward collaborative efforts

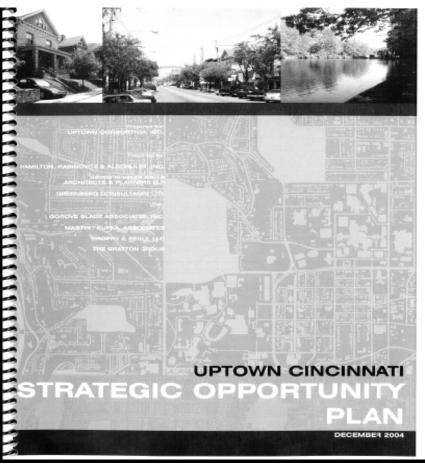




#### **Context**

#### The Uptown Strategic Opportunity Plan Set Seven Targets:







This vision evolved to strategic principles.

Support centers of institutional excellence

Create a strong central hub

Reinforce the existing neighborhood fabric

Improve safety for the whole community

Build capacity through strategic partnerships



# Strategic Opportunity Plan Update

#### Opportunities Revised as Expectations Remain High

- Organization Structure
- Community Development
- Neighborhood Services
- Transportation
- Public Relations





#### Four key building blocks for CDC success...





Development Strategies

Strategic Partnerships

#### Four key building blocks for CDC success...

#### 1. Align resources to mission:

Budget and staff capacity to deliver...



#### Establish a Sense of Place

\$500 million in community development projects underway













Est. 2004

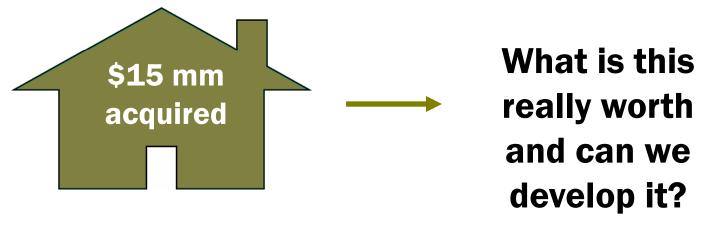
The Uptown Consortium is a nonprofit development company dedicated to building the human, social, economic & physical improvement of Uptown Cincinnati.

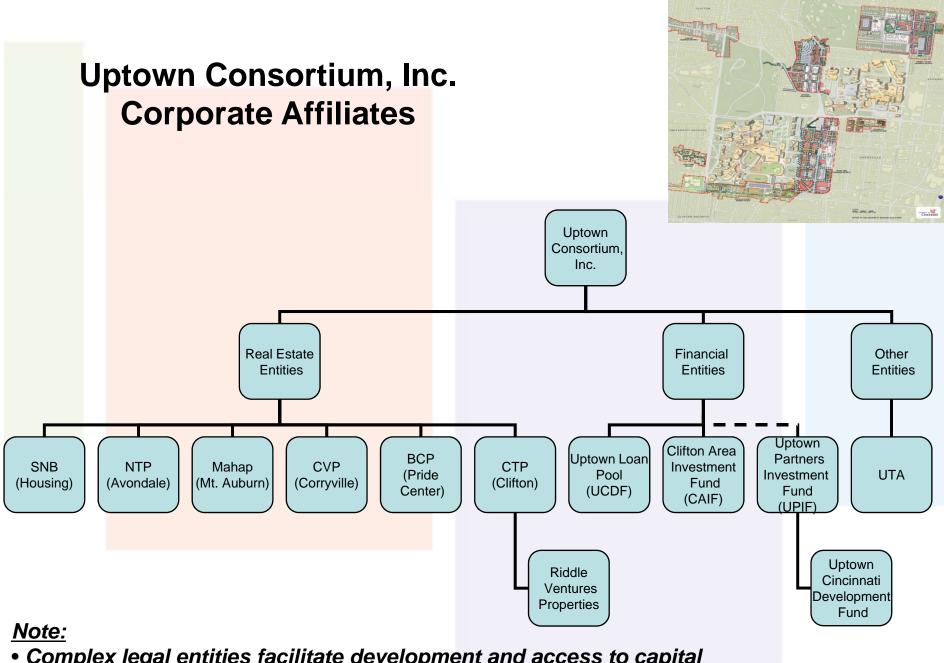
# **Organizational Capacity and Sustainability**

#### **Challenges:**

#### Financial Performance - Uptown Consortium

- Community impact aligned with investor expectations
- Significant operating grants all private (\$1.35 million)
- Over 50 percent of budget from earned income
- 20 percent of budget set aside for loss reserves





• Complex legal entities facilitate development and access to capital

#### Four key building blocks for CDC success...

#### 2. Access to Private Capital:

Need patient sources of funds



# **Access to Private Capital:**

#### Patient Source of Funds

Sources of Funds: Investment Capital		
UC – Endowment	\$100,000,000	
Uptown Partners	\$52,000,000	
Uptown Consortium	\$17,000,000	
Cincinnati Housing Development Fund	\$5,000,000	
Total Available Capital	\$174,000,000	

**Leverage Capital:** \$696,000,000



#### Burnet Avenue Redevelopment



#### A Collaborative Project of

Avondale Business Association Avondale Community Council Avondale Redevelopment Corporation Burnet Avenue Revitalization Team

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center City of Cincinnati LISC of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Uptown Consortium

Phase 1 Cincinnati Herald Building
Begins Fall 2007 Cincinnati Children's Medical Offices



Project Team - DNK Architects, Inc., Al. Neyer, LLC, DNK Neyer, LLC

Phase 2 Harvey Avenue Housing



**Source for land Acquisition and development:** \$25 million leveraged \$85 million development

#### **Source for venture capital:**

\$1.7 million allowed minority-ownership of \$8 million office building

# UC has invested over \$100 million to build a better Uptown



# The Village at Stetson Square Master Plan



This Plan is for illustration purposes only. Parcel boundaries, lot lines, lot sizes, product type, infrastructure improvements, hiker-biker trails, roadways, and other elements and features are subject to change and are not part of any legal contract. 9/06

## Four key building blocks for CDC success...

3. Uptown Strategic Opportunity Plan: Create master plan and unify stakeholders



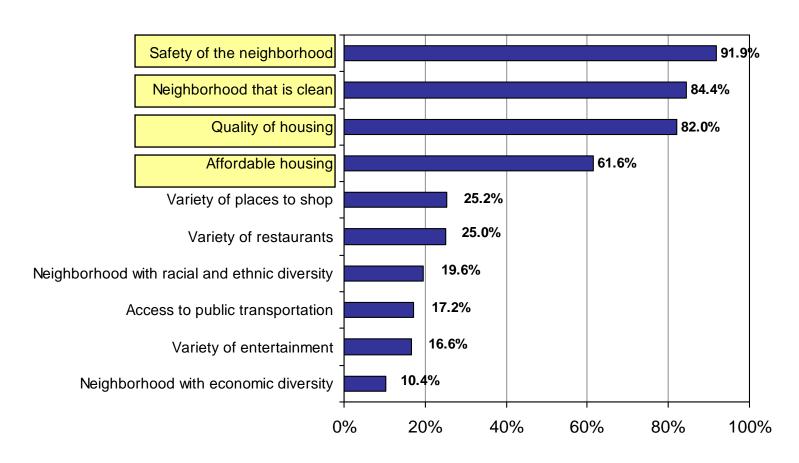
#### **Uptown Strategic Opportunity Plan:**

#### Create master plan and unify stakeholders

- Uptown Summits
- Benchmark studies on attitudes toward Uptown
- Uptown Tempo newsletter to Uptown households
- www.UptownCincin nati.com - website to promote area and businesses



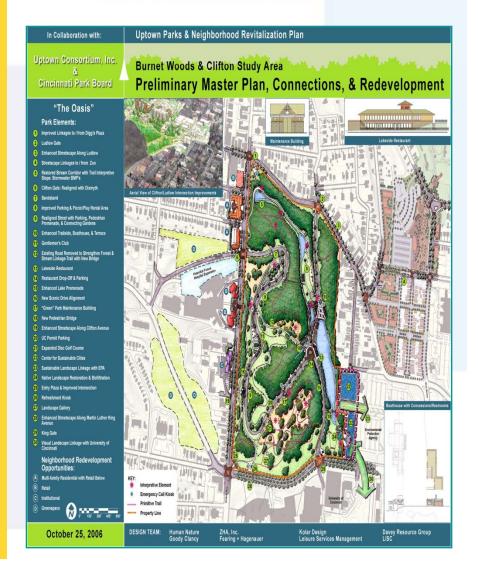
# How important are each of the following when choosing a new place to live? (Respondents planning to move within 50 miles of Uptown only; Percent "Very Important")



Note: Responses to Uptown Employee Survey Conducted in 2006

- Successful planning unites community; sets vision and expectation
- Partnered with Cincinnati Parks Board for park improvements and land use plans around Uptown-area Parks
- \$15mm in real estate acquired
- \$500mm development pipeline





## Four key building blocks...

4. Focus is on Pre-Development:
Coherent plan and financially viable strategies



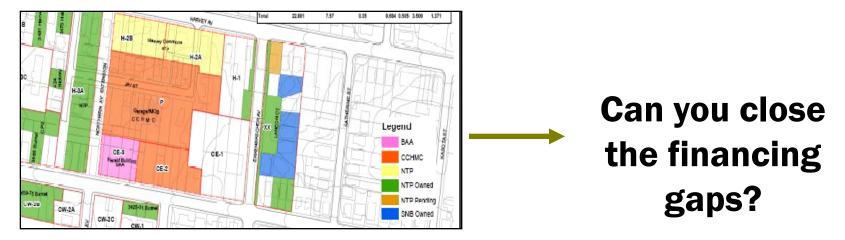
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## **Challenges:**

## **Community Development Finance**

- Complex financial structures
- Eligibility of funding sources
- Pioneering developments critical mass



Once you own it – can you fix it!

## Martin Luther King & Vine Street

Corryville Neighborhood





Before . . .



**Land Acquisition and Development: \$22 million leveraged \$80 million development** 

## Martin Luther King & Vine Street

### Corryville Neighborhood





Before . . .

. . . and after.



**The Village at Stetson Square**2007 Community of the Year Award, Homebuilder's Assn of Greater Cincinnati

## **Burnet & Northern Avenues**

### Avondale Neighborhood





Before . . .



## Principles of Revitalization

- Extend benefits to entire neighborhood
- Introduce housing, office and other uses to support pedestrian-friendly uses
- Create a unique identity that celebrates community and culture





# **Burnet & Northern Avenues**

## Avondale Neighborhood





## "Weaving Together Community"

- Recalls African tradition of textiles and weaving.
- Represents the integration of the institutional area to the south with the residential area to the north, creating a cohesive neighborhood.
- Signifies the mix of people with diverse cultures, backgrounds, and lifestyles that contribute to the area's energy and vitality.
- Symbolizes community unity and strength.

## Burnet Avenue Streetscape



#### THE CINCINNATI HERALD BUILDING - RENDERINGS





BIRDS' EYEVIEW



PHOTO MONTAGE FROM NORTH

#### **Burnet & Northern Avenues**

## Avondale Neighborhood



<u>Cincinnati Herald and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Building</u> Construction began Fall 2007

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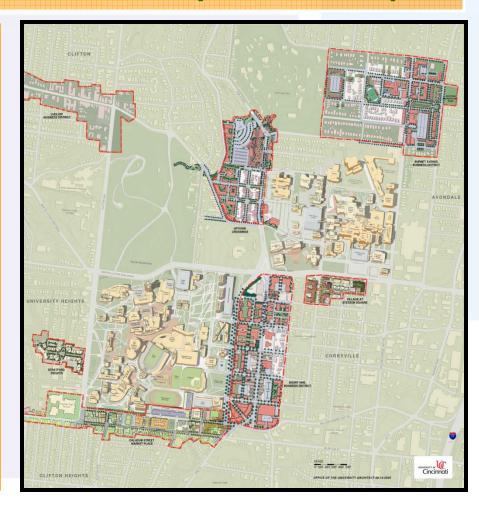
Over retail



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#### **Uptown Consortium's Strategy as Pre-development Developer**

- 1. Focus on concentrated geographic targets
- 2. Outline a development plan for each strategic site; include broad stakeholders
- 3. Strategically acquire sites and define development projects
- 4. Establish collaborative relationship with government
- 5. Partner with private developers to develop what has been planned
- 6. Use multiple sources to close financial gaps project basis



## Four key building blocks for CDC success...



Equity Fund

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### The Uptown Strategic Opportunity Plan Set Seven Targets:

Housing

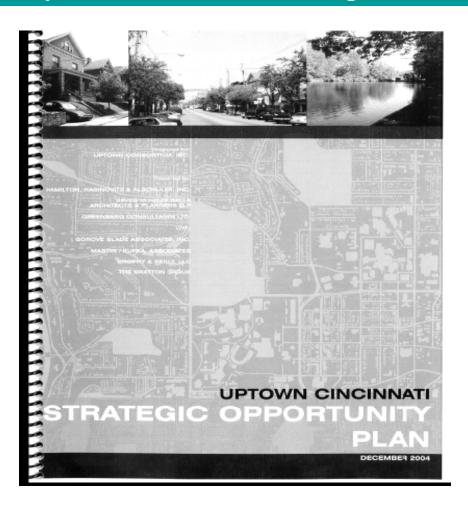
Retail

**Public Safety** 

**Transportation** 

**Technology** 

**Institutional Development** 





Q & A

