Creative Redevelopment

Historic Preservation in Columbus

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Preservation Milestones

□ 1963 - German Village is designated as historic district with design review













1966 - National Historic Preservation Act

- Established National Register of Historic Places
 - 142 individual properties and historic districts in Columbus
 - 314 listings in Franklin County
 - 3 National Historic Landmarks
- □ Partnership between National Park Service and Ohio Historic Preservation Office

1969 - CAPA Formed

■ Saved Ohio Theatre from Demolition









1974 – Demolition of Franklin County Courthouse

Major public building demolished without public involvement



1976 - Demolition of Union Station

- Arch saved by Citizens for the Union Station Arch
- Led to formation of Columbus Landmarks Foundation next year







1978 - Cultural Arts Center

- Adaptive Use
- □ Recreation & Parks







1978 - First Tax Incentive For Preservation

Wyandotte Building saved





1978 - North Market Historic District

Preservation of the city's last Public Market





1981 – Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Major new incentive to encourage rehabilitation of designated historic incomeproducing properties















1983 – Neighborhood Design Center

- Partnership City of Columbus and OSU School of Architecture
- Short North Revitalization began







1996 – Restoration of Ohio Statehouse

□ National Historic Landmark





2002 - Columbus City Schools

- CLF produced study of how to preserve historic school buildings
- CCS changed plan to preserve rather than demolish historic school buildings









2006 – Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit

- 25% Credit can be combined with 20% Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit
- Developers, investors, architects, attorneys, accountants, individuals involved
- Major catalyst for rehabilitation of iconic Columbus buildings

Combined Federal and State Credits













East Town Street Historic District







Lazarus House – 380 East Town Street

- □ Small-scale project
- Vacant building











Lazarus House – 380 East Town Street

□ Three new apartments



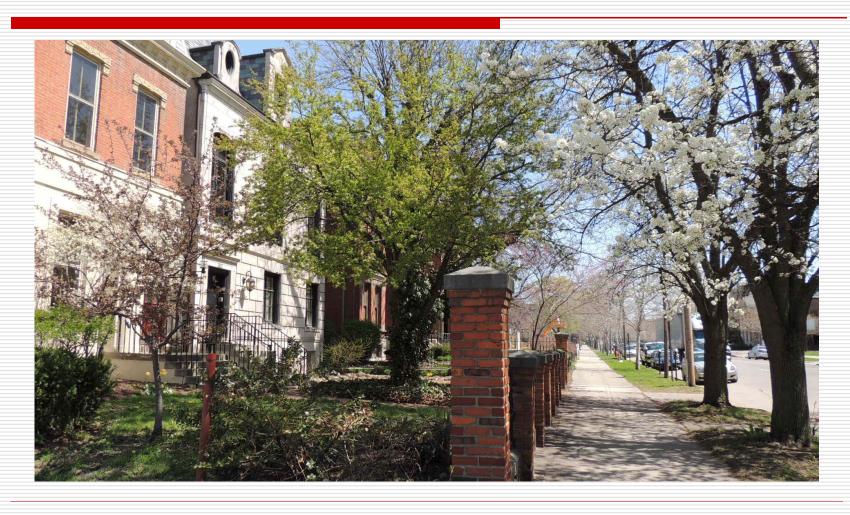








East Town Street Historic District



Affordable Housing

□ Federal credit combined with 10% low-income credit













Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

- □ 1978-2012
- □ \$106 billion in investment
- □ 2.35 million jobs
- \$245 billion cumulative impact on U.S. economy

Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

- Housing units created
- 238,258 rehabilitated
- □ 221,132 new
- 124,000 low-moderate income units (25% of total)

Federal Historic Rehabilitation Credit in Ohio

- □ 1,581 Rehabilitation projects
- \$2.4 billion in investment (not adjusted for inflation)
- Ohio ranks 5th nationally in both number of completed projects and total expenses

Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit

- Statewide Economic Impact Study
- □ For every \$1 of OHPTC program investment, 111 redevelopment projects will generate \$40.58 in total construction and operating impact to the Ohio economy
- 82% of buildings vacant prior to reinvestment

Columbus Historic Properties

- Account for 2% of land area and 7% of land value according to Columbus Historic Preservation Office
- Columbus Register of Historic
 Properties has 18 historic districts
 and 59 individual properties

Present and Future Opportunities

Neighborhoods

















Residential Conversion of Historic Office/Industrial Buildings













Commercial Buildings & Districts

☐ Homegrown Businesses













Sustainability

□ Lazarus Building – Gold LEED



Sustainability - Preservation

- Utilizes existing resources
- Utilizes existing infrastructure
- Density
- Walkability and other transportation options





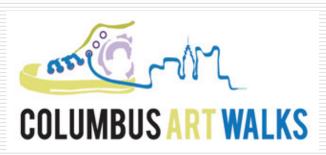




Arts and Cultural Life of City

- Theaters and Arts
- ☐ Art Walks
- Artists studios and galleries
- Creative businesses











Heritage Tourism

- Museums, ArtsVenues, Theaters
- Neighborhoods
- ☐ Hotels and B&Bs
- □ Parks
- □ Local Foods/Spirits

















Historic Preservation is Progress

- Quality of Life
- Contributes to Tax Base and Economic Health and Vitality
- □ Jobs
- Character and Identity of Community

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