

Profiles of Cleveland's Neighborhood Tours

1 University Circle: Anchor Institutions and Economic Opportunity

In 2005, the Cleveland Foundation established the Greater University Circle (GUC) initiative, seeking to address the challenges of some of Cleveland's most disinvested neighborhoods surrounding some of Cleveland's largest institutions; the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and Case Western Reserve University. The GUC initiative has four strategies: building institutional partnerships, physical development, economic inclusion, and community engagement. This tour will explore how this collaboration is working to build wealth and spur development and growth in neighborhoods adjacent to the Greater University Circle area, strategies used to engage with existing residents of the neighborhoods to ensure equitable development, and how relationships are built between neighbors and institutions. Tour participants will travel along the health corridor to University Circle and then visit neighborhoods north of the Circle.

2 Detroit Shoreway/Gordon Square: Neighborhood Stabilization

The Detroit Shoreway neighborhood has seen much development and revitalization over the past decade from investments into its streetscape, to a new tiny house project, to increased connectivity to the lakefront following the Shoreway redesign. This neighborhood has made great strides in stabilizing its housing, creating new affordable housing opportunities for residents, creating environmentally-friendly and climate resilient housing options, and bringing in businesses into its Gordon Square district. Participants will learn about the Detroit Shoreway's neighborhood stabilization efforts and the role NEO CANDO data has played in revitalization on this tour of the neighborhood and Gordon Square arts district.

3 St. Clair Superior: Arts, Culture, and Neighborhood Needs

The St. Clair Superior neighborhood is positioned between downtown and University Circle. It is one of Cleveland's most diverse neighborhoods, home to Asiatown as well as a large portion of Cleveland's Slovenian population. The neighborhood's share of large warehouses and industrial properties further add to its truly unique character. In recent years, the St. Clair Superior Development Corporation, led by director Michael Fleming, has adopted upcycling, the art of taking something old and unused and giving it a second life even brighter than its first, as both a neighborhood industry and philosophy. This philosophy can be seen in all of the CDC's activities: from reviving the Slovenian winter festival, Kurentovanje; to being home to the Upcycle Parts Shop, the Cleveland Flea, and Rustbelt Reclamation; to the reuse of urban space for agriculture culminating in the Hub 55. These neighborhood revitalization efforts have a distinctly human factor, celebrating the diversity and character of the neighborhood, as well as working in partnership to provide residents with greater economic opportunity.