



## SLAVIC VILLAGE

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[Slavic Village Development](#) (SVD) announces that Christopher Alvarado, the organization's Executive Director, will be departing SVD effective September 30, 2023 in order to serve as Cuyahoga County's Director of Regional Collaboration, pending Cuyahoga County Council confirmation. On October 1, Marilyn Mosinski will serve as Interim Director.

Chris joined SVD in June 2014 as its fourth Executive Director, continuing the exemplary efforts of his predecessor, Marie Kittredge, who notably shepherded the neighborhood through the 2008 foreclosure crisis. Over the past nine years, the SVD team has caused the rehabilitation of over 200 vacant single-family homes and decreased the proportion of vacant homes in the neighborhood by over 300%. This month, Broadway Slavic Village was certified as the ninth (and largest) [EcoDistrict](#) in the world. Business retention and attraction has strengthened, particularly along the Broadway and Fleet Avenue corridors. Additionally, the team piloted programs to keep current residents in their homes through direct grants and assisting residents with applications—a program that has been adopted on a citywide basis as the Healthy Homes Initiative. Slavic Village Development has also established the Community Steward program to build diverse citizen leadership. These last two SVD programs helped hundreds of families stay in their homes throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, preventing another foreclosure crisis.

“I've been proud to serve Slavic Village Development for the past nine years. Our community has a bright future thanks to the ongoing work of our neighbors, businesses, organizations, and other stakeholders in concert with our Staff and Board. I will miss working with our outstanding and caring team more than anyone can ever know. And, I am looking forward to my new role working with communities and neighborhoods across Cuyahoga County, including Broadway Slavic Village. Our organization is in a position of strength, and I am confident that it will continue to be in good hands,” stated Chris.

The Board of Slavic Village Development has begun the search for the organization's next Executive Director to carry on the organization's mission to work with and for Broadway Slavic Village's residents, businesses, and institutions to promote civic engagement, community empowerment, and neighborhood investment.

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