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Slavic Village Development Receives \$75,000 Cleveland Foundation Grant to Advance Neighborhood Master Plan, SVD Strategic Plan & Community Engagement Program

Slavic Village Development (SVD) is thrilled to announce the award of a \$75,000 grant from The Cleveland Foundation to further our Neighborhood Master Plan, Strategic Plan, and Community Engagement Program. These funds enable us to create an inclusive plan that expands on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's (GCRTA) Broadway TOD Plan, extending essential revitalization efforts across the Broadway-Slavic Village area to reach previously unaddressed neighborhoods.

While the GCRTA's study will focus on transportation-oriented development (TOD) along the Broadway Avenue Corridor to enhance bus rapid transit (BRT), this grant empowers SVD to engage all 21,000 residents within our 5-square-mile service area and extend the study to E. 55th, E. 71st, Fleet Avenue, and Harvard Avenue for a more comprehensive plan. The Broadway-Slavic Village Master Plan will identify key development sites and opportunities for land assembly and real estate development in the North and South Broadway neighborhoods. Land use recommendations, zoning code, and a capital schedule will be part of the scope of work. The Broadway-Slavic Village Neighborhood Master Plan will serve as a catalyst for housing, commercial, and industrial development while advancing climate action and protection of our open space, parks, and historic, storied culture.

The \$75,000 investment will also support SVD's community engagement program throughout the creation of the master plan and SVD's strategic plan, empowering residents to connect neighbors to the planning process through focus groups and engagement sessions and facilitating conversations around land use and zoning topics. This initiative, alongside partnerships with the GCRTA, the Cleveland City Planning Commission, and the Cleveland Department of Economic Development represents SVD's commitment to creating a comprehensive, resident-centered neighborhood plan that can be adopted by City Hall and guide development in Broadway-Slavic Village for years to come.

The project is scheduled to launch in January 2025, aligning with the GCRTA TOD Plan. For more information about Slavic Village Development and the upcoming neighborhood-wide master plan, please contact Shauna Sanders at shaunas@slavicvillage.org.