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Slavic Village Development Announces Funding for New Master Plan to Guide Community Growth and Sustainability

Cleveland, OH – December 5, 2024– Slavic Village Development (SVD) is proud to announce funding for a comprehensive new project aimed at shaping the future of Broadway-Slavic Village through a community-driven Master Plan. This new plan will address the evolving needs of the neighborhood, focusing on critical issues such as housing, commercial, land use, zoning, economic development, and community amenities.

SVD is excited to launch this crucial project that will directly impact the future of North and South Broadway. The project will guide growth and new development for the neighborhood through enhanced community engagement and will ensure that our neighborhood thrives for generations to come. The Mandel Foundation’s Community Development Leadership Program (CDCLP) supports this work through a recent, generous grant of \$50,000. CDCLP funding for the [Broadway-Slavic Village Master Plan was matched recently by The Cleveland Foundation](#), bringing SVD closer to its fundraising goal for the project.

The existing master plan, issued in 2007 at the peak of the 2008 Foreclosure Crisis, no longer reflects the neighborhood’s current realities. SVD recognizes the necessity for a new approach to guide the neighborhood’s growth in a sustainable and inclusive manner that supports housing and commercial development and adaptive reuse through legislative tools that the plan will support. The project will involve extensive community engagement and will be executed in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), whose Broadway transit-oriented development study will form a foundational component of the master plan. With this funding, SVD aims to expand the study of the Broadway corridor to include the entire North and South Broadway service area and adopt the Broadway TOD as part of the comprehensive master plan. Cleveland Planning Commission will also provide technical support to ensure the master plan can be adopted by Cleveland City Hall upon completion.

“These advancements align perfectly with our vision of making Slavic Village a vibrant, connected, and inclusive place to live, work, and visit,” says SVD Executive Director Shauna Sanders. The \$50,000 grant from the Community Development Corporation Leadership Program is a significant step forward in our effort to develop a master plan that truly represents the needs of our community. This funding allows us to expand our vision and engage even more residents in the planning process.

The Master Plan will feature not only a vision for the neighborhood's physical development but also a strategic plan, complete with an implementation timetable and a capital schedule. The plan will build upon SVD’s recent designation as the largest EcoDistrict in the world, reinforcing its commitment to sustainable, long-term community growth.

With the support of the Community Development Corporation Leadership Program and other funding partners, the Slavic Village Master Plan is poised to become a roadmap for the future of the neighborhood, empowering residents to take an active role in shaping their community’s future.

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.