

The Ohio Landbank Conference was held September 18-20th in Cincinnati. One of the Port's Top Takeaways from The Ohio Landbank Conference mentions the Montgomery County Land Bank and Sinclair Community College:

Take a creative approach to common challenges

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Over the last month, I have had the opportunity to attend the Ohio Land Bank Conference and the Reclaiming Vacant Properties in Atlanta, GA. At both conferences, I was encouraged to see that the conversation around equitable development, affordable housing, and community engagement were being had around the state and country. To truly make an impact on the hardest-hit areas and the people most impacted, it takes people thinking creatively about their land and sharing out to the larger group. Across the country, regions are taking creative approaches to shared challenges.

For the biggest impact, it's critical to think of partners who may be tangentially related to your development goals. For example, is there a university in your region or neighborhood that could provide support in proforma creation, design work, or the use of drones to help you or your board get a better understanding of a project? The Montgomery County Land Bank (MCLB) did just that. They utilized the students of Unmanned Aerial Systems at Sinclair College to fly drones over commercial properties to gain a better understanding of the rehab needed before taking on a project. These students provided photos

and renderings of the project area that helped the entire team better assess the risk they were taking on.

To read all of the Top Takeaways from The Ohio Landbank Conference follow the link below:

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