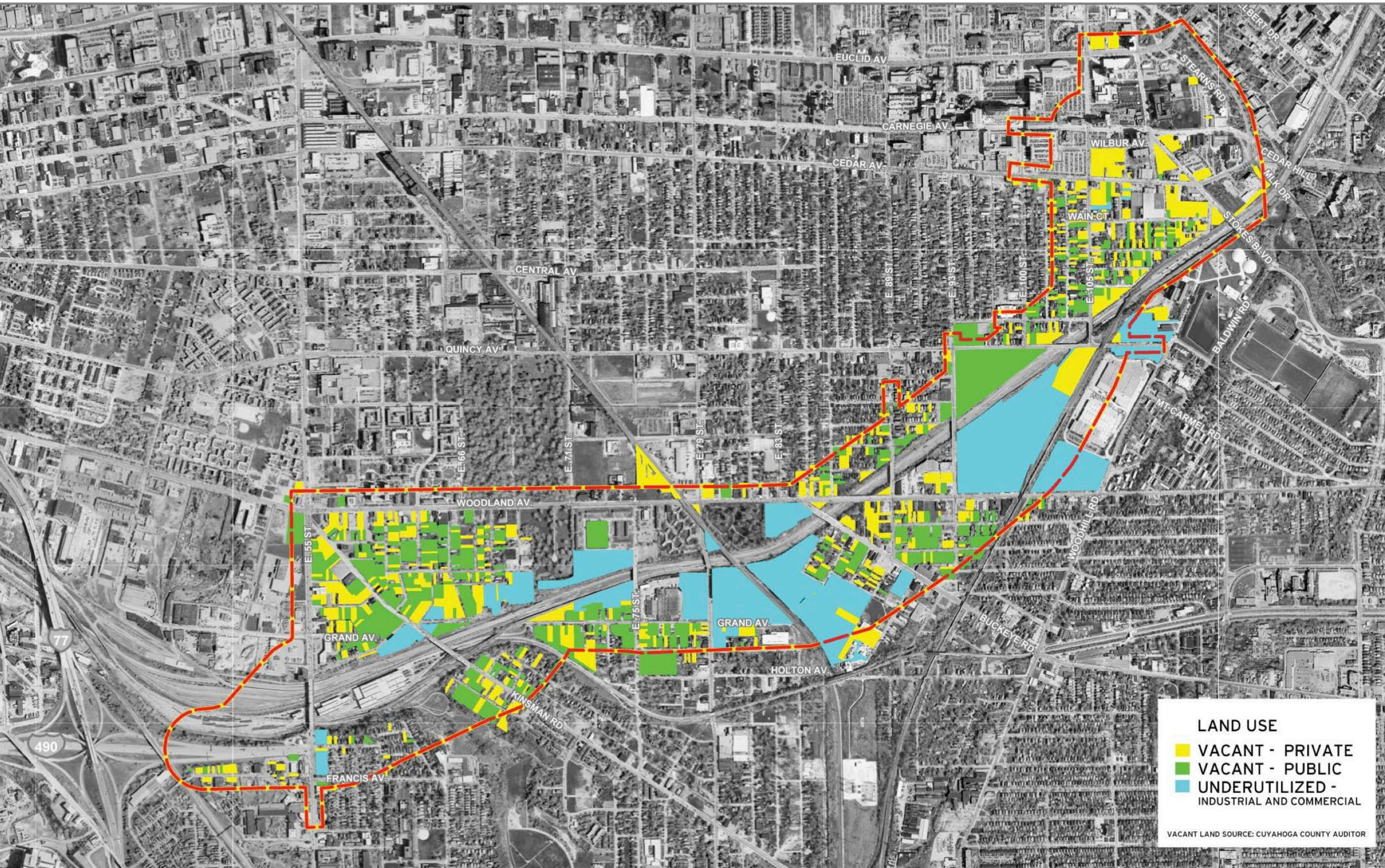


ABSTRACT

Poverty is no new term in the city of Cleveland. The city has experienced its fair share of economic drought over the years, and currently a substantial economic drought can be found in the area between 490 and University Circle, known as the Forgotten Triangle. However, ODOT and city officials have been developing a new passageway through this area, the Opportunity Corridor. By constructing a new major roadway and improving infrastructure in the area, the aim of the project is to increase economic activity and mobility in the area. This research project intends to combine both statistical reports and human testimony to determine if the Opportunity Corridor has truly been a successful or unsuccessful investment for the city of Cleveland. Data will be collected via ODOT's website, as well as its numerous newsletters and progress reports documented online. Human testimony can be found in news interviews and perhaps even personal interviews to get public opinion on the project itself and determine its human impact. Through combining statistical analysis and testimony, a clear picture can be painted on the Corridor's impact, which is increasingly seeming like an excellent economic investment and successful. This information will provide substantial analysis of an important civil and economic undertaking in the city of Cleveland.



Areas impacted by the Corridor

Methodology

By using ODOT's website we were able to get information about the opportunity corridor straight from the source. As ODOT was a part of the whole process from start to finish they provided newsletters and sites updating everyone what was happening with each section, using this we were able to see everything done from start to finish.

PLANNING STAGES

Planning began in 2004 with ODOT and Cleveland, where a study was conducted on the area, including discussion with the City of Cleveland, community stakeholders, and local business owners. Which allowed small and disadvantaged companies to be included. After studying alternatives for the project, based off the feedback and interbelt study, section one would first begin spring of 2015, and 6.5 years later, fall 2021, it would be the opening of a 3 mile opportunity corridor.

Property Impact	Amount
Permanent Land, In Acres	46.9
Hazardous Waste Sites	42
Parks and Recreation Sites	1
Residential Structures (Relocations)	64(76)
Historic Sites	1
Church Displacements	1
Commercial Businesses (Relocations)	25(16)

SECTION 1

- Spring 2015-Fall 2017
- McTech Corp/Perk Company Inc., for a bid amount of \$21.0 million
- E.105 St. From Quebec Ave. To N Chester Ave.

SECTION 2

- Bid awarded to The Great Lakes Construction Co. and GPD Group for an amount of \$35.5 million in early 2017
- new roadway between East 93rd Street and Quebec Avenue, new East 105th Street Bridge that passes over Norfolk Southern Railroad expanded GCRTA station platform.
- Construction completed Fall 2018

SECTION 3

- Bid awarded to Kokosing Construction Company for \$150.85 million
- New roadway from I-490/East 55th Street to East 93rd Street
- Fall 2018 - Summer 2022



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COMMUNITY IMPACT AND OPINION

- OC3 Community Art Project
- Outreach Events were held with high schools and the community to spread awareness about the projects positives
- Created nearly 5,000 construction jobs, generated approx. 10,000 permanent jobs, and redeveloped 300 acres of land
- The goal was to contract 20% of small disadvantaged businesses, the goal was surpassed and was 23%

FUTURE WORK

- The City of Cleveland will be responsible for all minor maintenance which will include re-striping, patching potholes and crack sealing.
- The Ohio Department of Transportation will be responsible for major maintenance. Such as complete asphalt resurfacing, deck overlays and/or deck reconstruction

CONCLUSION

As summer 2022 hit the project came to an end, opening the Opportunity Corridor fully to the public. However, there are still projects going on, which is in hopes to keep upgrading the Opportunity Corridor. In the end, the opportunity corridor is a masterpiece, but just like most construction projects, it will require maintenance and clean up.

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