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Cleveland mayor

Jackson presents wish list, to-do list

Mayor outlines wide range of plans to improve Cleveland, one neighborhood at a time

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Mayor Frank Jackson on Monday offered two visions for Cleveland, one grand and expensive, the other practical and within the city's means.

On his wish list, Jackson includes a first-class convention center and a corporate business park for Burke Lakefront Airport.

On his reality list, Jackson proposes bicycle lanes through neighborhoods, more-aggressive demolition of rundown buildings and a pedestrian bridge over North Coast Harbor.

"A great city connects its citizens to great choices in housing, education, employment, services, shopping and culture," states the overview to Jackson's long-term vision.

At the unveiling at a City Hall news conference, Jackson spoke of creating safe and family-oriented neighborhoods and a Mecca for arts and culture.

The mayor proposes to spend \$1.5 billion over five years on projects that include the pedestrian bridge connecting Voinovich Park and Dock 32 downtown near the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

He also proposes to spend \$5 million to make changes at the traffic circle at East 105th Street near University Circle to improve safety.

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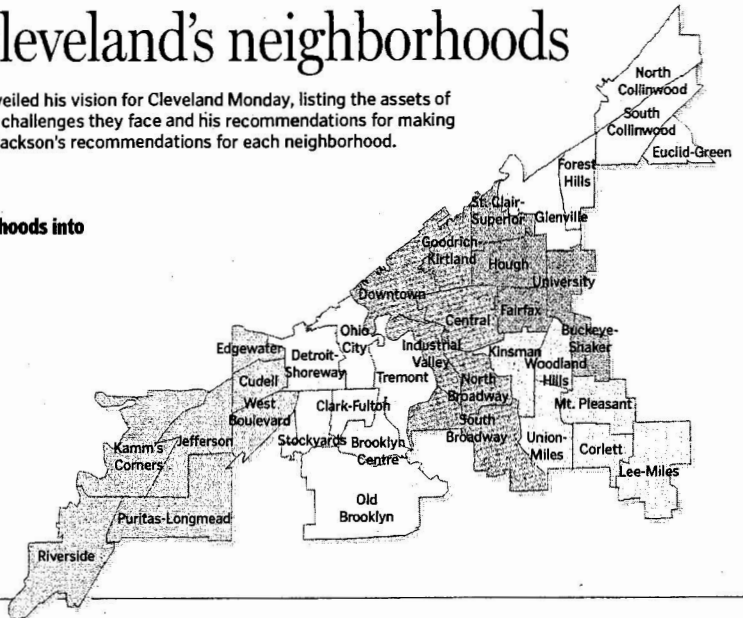
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Restoring Cleveland's neighborhoods

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson unveiled his vision for Cleveland Monday, listing the assets of each city neighborhood along with challenges they face and his recommendations for making them strong. Listed here is one of Jackson's recommendations for each neighborhood.

Jackson's plan grouped neighborhoods into these planning districts

- Planning District 1
- Planning District 2
- Planning District 3
- Planning District 4
- Planning District 5
- Planning District 6



Jackson's recommendations, by neighborhood

PLANNING DISTRICT 1

- Cudell Target housing programs for streets around the West Tech lofts
- Edgewater Link Edgewater Park to Brookside Park with a bike path along West Boulevard
- Jefferson Make absentee landlords take care of their vacant properties
- Kamm's Corners Bolster the Lorain Avenue retail corridor
- Puritas-Longmead Maintain the flavor of Puritas Avenue with a design review district
- Riverside Hasten development in the Cleveland Business Park
- West Boulevard Possibly create a live-work district on West 105th Street

PLANNING DISTRICT 2

- Brooklyn Centre Convert Masonic Temple Building and East Denison School into housing
- Clark-Fulton Convert old industrial buildings on West 25th and West 33rd streets into lofts.
- Detroit-Shoreway Put housing on former industrial sites overlooking Lake Erie
- Ohio City Create easier access to Whiskey Island
- Old Brooklyn Convert Henninger Landfill property into green space
- Stockyards Reconstruct Train Avenue as truck and commuter route from Stockyards to downtown
- Tremont Develop scenic overlooks on University Avenue to view downtown skyline



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PLANNING DISTRICT 3

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| Central | Promote investment in public art at Arbor Park |
| Downtown | Transform Public Square into "useable public space" |
| Goodrich-Kirtland | Establish arts and live-work district along Payne, St. Clair and Superior avenues |
| Industrial Valley | Clean up the mouth of Kingsbury Run at the Cuyahoga River |
| North Broadway | Boost safety with police bike and foot patrols |
| South Broadway | Build football field for Cleveland Central Catholic and South high schools |

PLANNING DISTRICT 4

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| Corlett | Put houses on empty lots near John Adams High School |
| Kinsman | Build Opportunity Boulevard to open access to Forgotten Triangle area |
| Lee-Miles | Target code enforcement along Miles Avenue |
| Mt. Pleasant | Renovate storefronts on Kinsman and Union retail corridor |
| Union-Miles | Develop a new park from East 96th and East 100th streets, at Sandusky |
| Woodland Hills | Put a transit-oriented development near the Woodhill rapid station |

PLANNING DISTRICT 5

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| Buckeye-Shaker | Create arts and culture district along Buckeye Road |
| Fairfax | Connect Fairfax neighborhood to University Circle with Opportunity Corridor |
| Hough | Develop Upper Chester neighborhood as homes for University Circle workers |
| St. Clair-Superior | Get people living in floors above stores in retail corridor |
| University | Encourage students and University Circle workers to live in neighborhood |

PLANNING DISTRICT 6

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| Euclid-Green | Work with Euclid and South Euclid to put a bike trail on abandoned rail line |
| Forest Hills | Convert the former Tops market into new retail |
| Glenville | Convert Dike 14 into natural area on the lakefront |
| North Collinwood | Create entertainment district |
| South Collinwood | Rebuild the major roads and add streetscaping |



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A wish list and a to-do list

In addition, the mayor said he wants to spend at least \$3 million annually to demolish vacant houses, a citywide problem that lowers property values and fosters crime.

Council President Martin J. Sweeney said council will ask Jackson to increase that amount to \$6 million annually, and he expects the mayor to agree.

About two-thirds of the spending — \$1 billion — will come

from the city's income tax and elsewhere in the city's budget, said Jackson's chief of staff, Ken Silliman. The city will seek the rest from state and federal sources.

The capital plan should help the city secure more state and federal dollars because it shows where Cleveland intends to spend its money, Silliman said. A commitment of money from a local government often brings matching taxpayer dollars from Columbus or Washington.

Jackson wants to put more than \$12 million toward building roadside bike routes and off-road bike trails that connect the city's neighborhoods to each other and to the Towpath Trail, which will

soon stretch into downtown.

He also promises about \$4 million for the cleanup of the former International Steel Group site.

His grander vision, covering the next 13 years, focuses on developing all 36 of the city's neighborhoods.

"I'm not going to pit downtown against neighborhoods," Jackson said. "We're going to rebuild this entire city."

The report assesses the strengths and weaknesses of each city neighborhood. Kamm's Corners and Old Brooklyn on the West Side are listed as stable, for example, and Kinsman and South Collinwood on the East Side are described as fragile and distressed.

The mayor also proposes that he take control of the parks and recreation capital spending, which traditionally has been in control of individual council members. Ken Johnson, chairman of council's Parks and Recreation Committee, said he opposes that idea.

The full capital spending and city development plans can be found on the city's Web site: www.city.cleveland.oh.us.

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