1. Introduction

The people of Glenville embrace their neighborhood and have charted a plan for its future.

Through this plan, Glenville’s current homeowners see a future with support to preserve and upgrade their homes so they can benefit from increasing equity in their housing investments. They see attracting new homeowners in a range of income levels to further strengthen the value of their homes. Glenville’s current renters will see an expanded stock of long-term affordable, quality homes and apartments, while new renters will be attracted to a broader range of rental products.
Glenville’s youth will grow in a safe community that offers a variety of positive activities that draw out their skills and interests. In local schools, they will find a nurturing learning environment that engages them and provide them the tools for later success in life. They will further benefit from increasing access to and support from the adjacent University Circle communities—both from the institutions and from the individuals who work there. Glenville’s seniors will see expanded choices for living within the community and improved access to the many nearby services.

The people of Glenville see the revitalization of E. 105th Street as a central element of their future—not one tied to long-passed visions, but rather one realistically based on capturing current opportunities for a supermarket and restaurants, rehabilitating or removing deteriorated commercial eyesores, and retaining carefully considered sites for additional goods and services as Glenville becomes home to a growing population and retail market. Glenville’s churchgoers—both current and former residents—will see benefit from reinvestment in the blocks near their places of worship and from opportunities to further engage in the community as participants in Glenville events and programming and as customers for new E. 105th stores and eateries.

The people of Glenville recognize the challenges that current levels of vacancy and abandonment present and the need to concentrate investment to achieve measurable successes. But the people of Glenville also recognize that all Glenville residents must benefit—in the near term—from plan activities. Balancing these needs and objectives, the people of Glenville have crafted a plan that includes both neighborhood-wide initiatives in housing and programming and concentrated early investment in achieving clear success on specific residential blocks and along the E. 105th Street corridor.

Glenville has a wonderful legacy of welcoming new residents from different races and backgrounds. Having said that, Famicos Foundation as the lead coordinating agency of this plan recognizes the vital need to evaluate the consequences of proposed projects/initiatives to existing residents. Famicos has been, and will be, committed to fairness and diversity, and will vigorously advocate for the needs of current and future Glenville residents.

With this plan, the people of Glenville say: “This is My Glenville and its future is bright.”
2. BACKGROUND

In March of 2015, Famicos Foundation launched a resident-driven planning effort to complete a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Glenville. Also known as “MyGlenville,” this resident-driven plan is co-sponsored by Famicos Foundation and three Cleveland City Council members (Councilman Kevin Conwell of Ward 9, as well as Councilman Michael Polensek of Ward 8 and Councilman Jeff Johnson of Ward 10).

Famicos Foundation is a non-profit, community development corporation (CDC) appointed by Councilman Conwell to serve the residents of Ward 9. Although the majority of the Glenville neighborhood is encompassed in Ward 9, there are significant portions of Glenville that sits in Ward 8 and Ward 10. Therefore, the Study Area for this neighborhood revitalization strategy is extended beyond Ward 9 to a larger, more historically consistent boundary for the Glenville neighborhood. Specifically, the Study Area is bounded by:

- Euclid Avenue/Bellflower Road/E. 115th Street/Ford Drive to the south
- E. 105th Street/Martin Luther King Drive/Wade Park Avenue/Ansel Road/Bellevue Road/E. 79th Street/Donald Avenue/E. 76th Street/St. Clair Avenue to the west
- Dike 14 shoreline/CSX tracks to the north, and
- E. 131st Street/CSX tracks/E. 125th Street to the east (Figure 3 and Figure 4)

Goals of the Project

The end goal for the project is to chart a course of action that will enable Glenville—its residents and partners—to stem the tide of disinvestment and create a neighborhood that is safe, investment-friendly, welcoming to visitors, and clean: a neighborhood that boasts excellent school choices for its children and opportunities for residents to make good food and healthy lifestyle choices. For the purpose of facilitating the planning process, Famicos Foundation retained the consultant team consisting of Urban Partners (lead consultant), City Architecture, JD Simmons & Associates, and V. Lamar Wilson Associates.
Figure 3: Study Area
Steering Committee

A steering committee—which includes residents and representatives from local neighborhood/civic groups, organizations, and social service agencies—has been formed to guide the planning process and plan development. The members of the steering committee are:

- Danita Battle - Resident of Glenville
- Debbie Berry - University Circle Inc.
- Anthony Body - NE Ohio Regional Sewer District, Resident of Glenville
- Evelyn Burnett - Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Resident of Glenville
- Dr. Andrew Clark - Trinity Outreach Ministries
- Colleen Gilson - Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
- Anthony Hairston - Cuyahoga Councilman
- Derrick Holifield - Teacher, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Resident of Glenville
- DaRon Hunter - Student, Glenville High School, Resident of Glenville
- James Kidd - Resident of Glenville
- Jacqui Miller - Principal, Stonebrook Montessori
- Stanley Miller - Resident of Glenville
- Kathrine Morris - Famicos Foundation, Resident of Glenville
- Greg Pollard - Safety Coordinator Collinwood Nottingham Villages Development Corporation
- Reverend Dr. Stephen Rowan - Bethany Baptist Church
• Kevin Smith - Student, Glenville High School, Resident of Glenville
• Theresa Sutton - Former Board Member, Glenville Development Corporation
• Sharonda Whatley - Cleveland City Planning Commission

Altogether, the steering committee met seven (7) times from May 2015 to May 2016 to guide the planning process and to shape the final strategy document.