

**A 'Legacy City':** According to a city release, Cleveland Heights has been selected as one of two 'legacy cities' in Ohio by the [Lincoln Institute on Land Policy](#). Because of this, Cleveland Heights will take part in a 'scenario planning' workshop where the public will be asked to weigh in on questions pertaining to the city's future.

The workshop -- to take place on a date in 2024 -- will tap the technical knowledge of Lincoln Institute and partner organizations, including the Greater Ohio Policy Center and Cleveland State University's Levin College of Urban Affairs, to determine what 'legacy cities' like Cleveland Heights (and the other selected Ohio city, Hamilton) require to chart a course for redevelopment that leads to economic and population growth.

"It's Mayor Seren's vision to return to the peak of our population," said Cleveland Heights Director of Planning and Development Eric Zamft, in that release. "The challenge is, even if every vacant building is filled, we wouldn't get there because of a decrease in household size (a trend across the U.S.)."

At the scenario planning workshop, participants may be asked to think about how the city can shift from a predominance of single-family housing to more options, such as multifamily housing, and creative reuse of structures, such as maker spaces and light industrial space.

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"We approach that by asking, 'How do we adapt and thrive in the future, one of transformation'?" Zamft said. "We've seen sometimes that is clouded by a lack of information."

Information will be gathered and presented by a consultant hired by the Lincoln Institute, followed by a lively scenario planning exercise where groups select redevelopment options, build a case, and finally present it for consideration.

To learn more, visit [here](#).