

Reimagining Communities Initiative

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Beginnings of PCRG

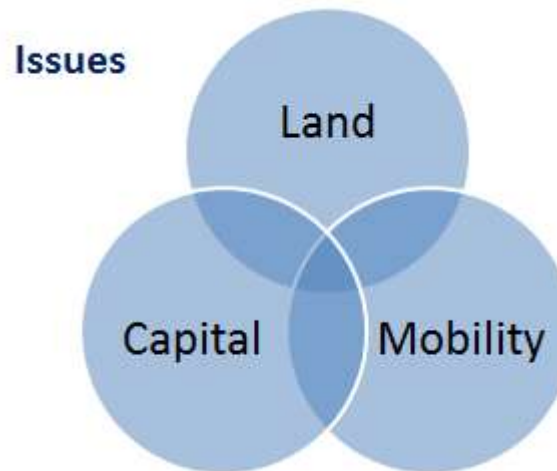
- Formed 27 years ago by neighborhood leaders from across the city
- Response to Redlining
- 10 Founding organizations



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PCRG FOCUS

- Policy & Advocacy
- Research & Analysis
- Resources & Services



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RCI Overview

- PCRG recognized member communities lacked capacity
- Established in 2011 with the goal of building capacity in distressed communities
- Employs community development strategy



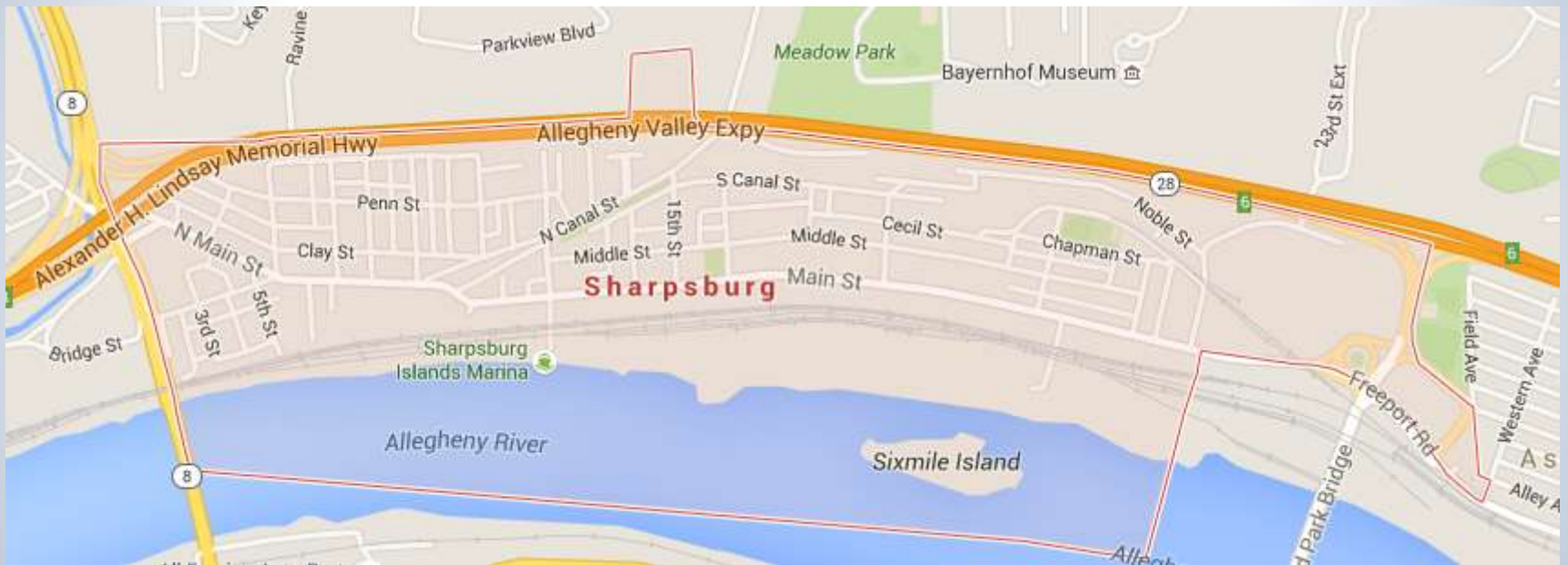
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Sharpsburg: An Overview



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RCI Goals

- Comprehensive Property Inventory
 - Resident Engagement
 - Leadership Development
 - Citizen Empowerment
 - Understand Local Conditions



Comprehensive Property Inventory



RESIDENTS: You are invited to help out with the



SHARPSBURG PROPERTY INVENTORY

In partnership with Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone (ARTEZ), the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG) will be conducting a **comprehensive property survey of Sharpsburg**. Join us for breakfast, after which teams of two volunteers each will be sent out with survey tools to assess the conditions of properties throughout Sharpsburg. Then, stay for lunch!

WHEN: Saturday, April 11th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
WHERE: First English Lutheran Church, 125 N Main St
RSVP: Kevin Boyle: 412-539-5854 or kboyle@pcrg.org



PCRG is a coalition of community leaders working for economic justice, equitable investment practices, and sufficient financial resources to realize communities throughout Allegheny County. ARTEZ is a community economic development agency serving Allegheny, Erie, Sharpsburg, Armstrong, Venango, Warren, and Chester.

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& LUNCH SERVED**



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LocalData Parcel Survey

Property Conditions: Buildings

Address: _____ Date: _____ Surveyor: _____

Type of Building

- Single-family home
- Multiple-family dwelling (2 - 4 Units)
- Multiple-family dwelling (more than 4 Units)
- Commercial/Office (e.g., restaurant, store, company)
- Industrial (e.g., factory, warehouse)
- Institutional (e.g., school, church, government)
- Mixed use with residential
- Mixed use without residential

Is the Building Attached to Another Building on an Adjacent Parcel?

- Yes No

Is There More Than One Building on the Parcel?

- Yes No

Overall Exterior Condition of the Building

- Good condition and needs no maintenance or repair
- Repairs Needed →
- Construction of building is not complete

Rate Repairs: Exterior Condition of Building			
	<u>NA/NV</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>Major</u>
Roof	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chimney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gutters/Down spout	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Siding/Exterior walls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exterior doors/entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Porches/Balconies/Stoop/Deck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attached garage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overall Condition of the Features around the Building

- Good condition and needs no maintenance or repair
- Repairs Needed →

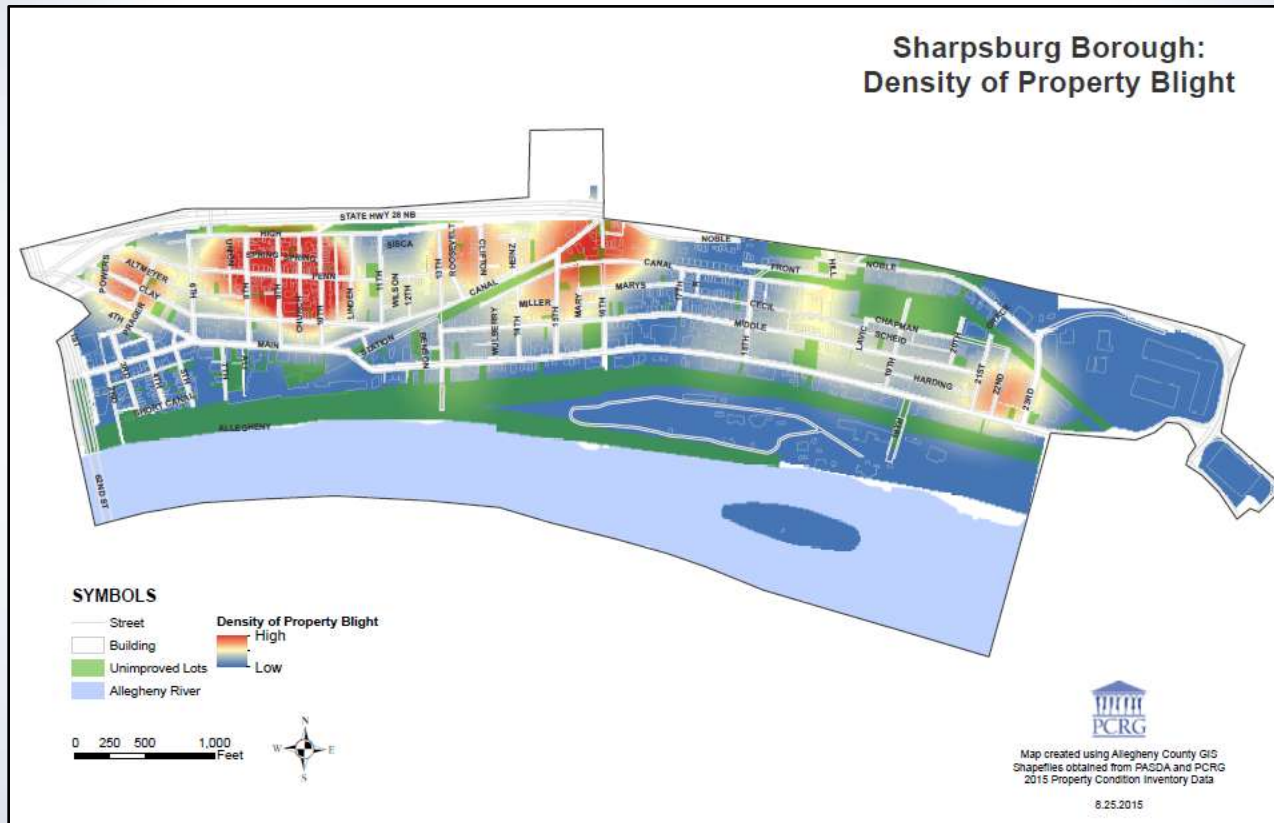
Rate Repairs: Features Around the Building			
	<u>NA/NV</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>Major</u>
Detached garage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other detached structure(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walkway(s)/Steps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Driveway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retaining Wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RCI Goals

- Development of community-driven blight reduction strategy
 - Reinforce priorities found in the comprehensive plan
 - Community meetings, focus groups, and one-on-one discussions
 - Housing Preservation Working Group
 - Citizen-led
 - Data-driven
 - Inclusive

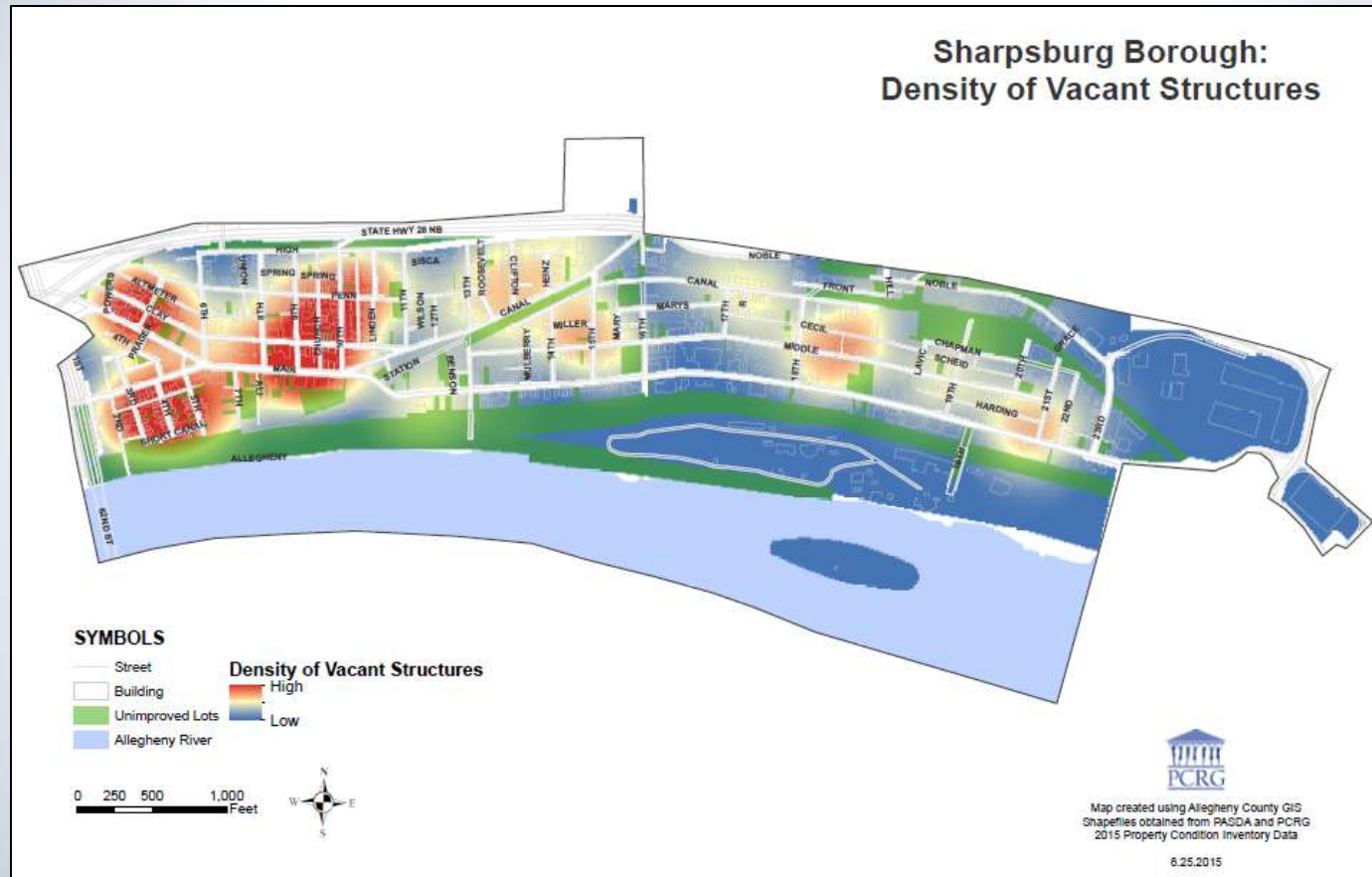


Data-driven



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Housing Repairs

- Partner with Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh
- Home Repair Projects
- Target financially stressed homeowners
- Increase Applicant Pool



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Blight Reduction

- Strategically target distressed properties for demolition
- Partnership between Borough & Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone
- Data-driven



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Leadership Development

- Deliberate engagement and inclusion
- Outreach strategies
- Utilize PCRG's membership network



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Household Financial Empowerment

- Partner with NeighborWorks of Western Pennsylvania (NWWPA)
- Administer HUD-approved services
- 60 residents received financial education services



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Approach

- Technical expertise
- Dedicated staff time
- Inclusive process



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Funding

- Neighborhood Assistance Program
- Special Program Priorities
- Tax Credit Program: S&T Bank, UPMC Health Plan



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Keys to Success

- Buy-In of from community leaders, residents, stakeholders
- No Surprises
- Ongoing engagement
- Organizational capacity building



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Thank You!

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