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Local Leaders in Vacant Property Revitalization
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Louisville Metro Snapshot

- Population est. 700,000
(except on Derby Day)
- 2000 Boarded Structures
- 4000 Infill Vacant Lots
- Numerous Historic Districts
- State Brownfields Legislation
- City and County Merger 2003

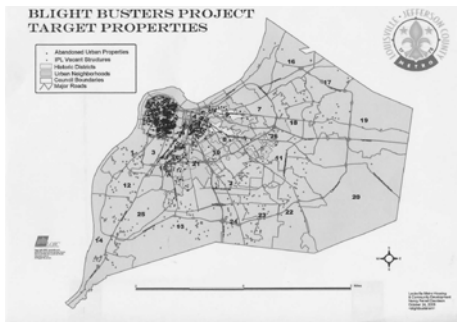
Brookings Institution *Beyond Merger*



Local Leadership and the “why” of Government Taking the Lead

- Mayor
- Cabinet Development Directors
- 26 Member Council
- Judges
- Public School Board
- Commissions and Authorities

Blight Busters



Blue or Red; Rich or Poor Generating Political Will from the Ground UP and DOWN

- The Language of Money
- Proof and Security
- The Language of Developers
- Politics and Agendas

Local Public/Private Interaction

Know Your Audience

- Homebuilders
- Financial Institutions
- Non-Profits
- Real Estate Agents
- Appraisers
- Apartment Association
- Neighborhood, Neighborhood, Neighborhood Groups

LOUISVILLE METRO

Comprehensive Housing strategy

Never stop creating the tools for constant and creative implementation.

Plans are for "doing", not "collecting dust."



Local Government Leading the Way

- Not behind closed doors
- As a Team Leader in State-Wide Efforts
- Using "open mike" with National Reps to make important connections between local initiative successes and national issues

If you would like more information on Louisville
Kentucky Development Initiatives or the
Comprehensive Housing Strategy, please go to
www.louisvilleky.gov and access the Housing and
Community Development Department webpage