Reinvention Cities
A Network of Ohio's Smaller Legacy Cities

THE STATE OF OHIO'S REINVENTION CITIES

In 2000, small legacy cities began in a stronger economic position than their large or mid-sized counterparts. But by 2016, they had experienced the greatest overall declines in their economic health. Small legacy cities saw the size of their workforces drop dramatically, even as they grew in Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Today, the share of adults in small legacy cities who are working or actively looking for a job is 6 percentage points behind the state average and nearly 13 percentage points behind Columbus. Poverty growth in small cities has also outstripped that of their larger counterparts.

Sandusky · Lorain · Elyria · Warren · Youngstown · Lima · Mansfield · Massillon · Marion · Springfield · Zanesville · Xenia · Middletown · Chillicothe · Hamilton · Portsmouth

PRESENTING A POSITIVE VISION

In Spring 2018, a bipartisan, cross-sector network of leaders from small legacy cities released "A Vision for Ohio's Reinvention Cities." Endorsed by more than thirty organizations representing the private, public, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors, this forward-looking agenda outlines achievable state policies that are key to ensuring the revitalization of Ohio's Reinvention Cities.

POLICY ADVANCEMENT

Stewarded by the Greater Ohio Policy Center, these cities are working to identify, develop, and advocate for policy solutions. The network urges Ohio's state lawmakers to enact the policies outlined in the "Vision for Ohio's Reinvention Cities" to support their communities as they transition to be fully competitive in the 21st Century economy and provide opportunity for their residents to thrive.

PEER LEARNING

Reinvention Cities is sharing best practices from different communities across Ohio. Together, members are learning what works best to revitalize communities like theirs. The size of these cities provides unique challenges as well as unique opportunities. By bringing together all sectors, the network is breaking down barriers and creating a shared vision.

A VISION FOR OHIO'S
REINVENTION CITIES
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created by the Reinvention Cities network

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