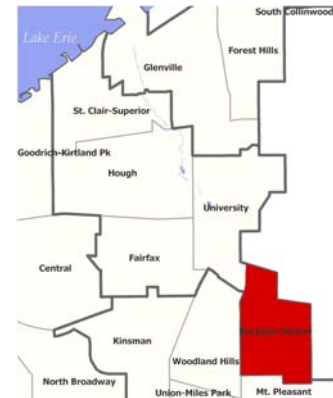


## BUCKEYE-SHAKER NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN SUMMARY

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**Description.** The neighborhood is the location of one of the nation's earliest planned shopping areas and Cleveland's best example of transit-oriented development, Shaker Square. Developed by the Van Swerigen brothers in the 1920s, the neighborhood is distinguished by the rows of apartment buildings that line the rapid transit tracks that connect the neighborhood to downtown and the airport. West of North and South Moreland Boulevards, the neighborhood is predominantly two-family houses. East of that line, it is mainly single-family homes. During the early 1900s, the Buckeye Road area attracted so many Hungarian immigrants that it became known as Cleveland's "Little Hungary."



**Assets.** The neighborhood has many assets that make it a desirable neighborhood including:

- *Shaker Square*, one of the most unique places in Cleveland
- the *Larchmere Boulevard* antiques district
- the *Buckeye retail district* which serves the shopping needs of the neighborhood
- RTA's Blue and Green *rapid transit lines*
- *historic* multi-family and single-family neighborhoods
- *schools* that address the requirements of special needs children such as the Sunbeam School and the Alexander Graham Bell School

**Challenges.** Among the challenges faced by the Buckeye-Shaker neighborhood are:

- finding alternative uses for portions of Buckeye Road no longer viable for retail
- addressing impacts on the perceptions of crime in nearby neighborhoods on Shaker Square and the Larchmere antiques district
- concentrations of two-family homes in poor condition south of Buckeye & east of East 116<sup>th</sup>
- improving regional roadway access

**Vision.** Attract and retain a diverse population by building off of existing assets to maintain and strengthen a sustainable, transit-oriented and pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. Among the development opportunities and initiatives proposed for the neighborhood are the following:

- develop Buckeye as the premier neighborhood retail corridor through streetscape and storefront initiatives to encourage entrepreneurship and investment
- develop a community in Buckeye that offers housing options of all types and price points
- connect the Buckeye neighborhood to recreation resources found in Cleveland and in outlying communities via trail development linking to the Shaker Lakes, Zelman George Recreation Center and Shaker Square
- capitalize on institutional partnerships to provide development resources both physical and social to surrounding community
- develop an arts and cultural district along Buckeye Road to promote history & heritage, provide entertainment, and promote local artistic talent
- work to maintain the unique retail mix that makes Larchmere and Shaker Square regional destinations