a neighborhood taking off
Study Area

An aerial view of the Birdtown/Madison East neighborhood, study area highlighted in red.

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What makes a good neighborhood?

What makes a good neighborhood? Is it simply a cluster of homes, and perhaps a few businesses? Is it a quiet place, on a sizable piece of property, where one need not be concerned about neighbors, traffic, and the other sounds of city life? Or is a good neighborhood a place that is both unique and part of the larger urban fabric, a place of potential and prosperity within the larger community? The Birdtown/Madison East Neighborhood in Lakewood, Ohio is such a place; unique in history, character, and design, it is a strong, vibrant neighborhood within the city. It is much more than a collection of homes and businesses, it is a living place filled with the sounds of children playing and learning, gardeners and farmers planting and harvesting, commerce growing, and transportation linking the neighborhood to the world, and the world to it. Birdtown/Madison East is a place where people congregate for worship, meet family and friends, and shape the future of their community together.

So why a neighborhood plan? Birdtown/Madison East has many strengths; consider Harrison School, Madison Park, or the Madison/West 117th Rapid: these are assets not readily available in most places, and would cost most places enormous amounts of capital to acquire. The neighborhood has history; it was a company town for Union Carbide long before other communities even existed, and is marked by a strong cultural legacy to this day. Even the local bowling alley, market, religious institutions, the small shops, bars, and restaurants add to the unique character that makes the neighborhood one of a kind. Neighborhood planning, and the process of citizen engagement it initiates, identifies assets and presents a framework to build on those assets. It helps those who live, work, and who are invested in the neighborhood build consensus and lay out a vision for the future. It also develops leadership and fosters organization. Finally, the greatest outcome of this kind of engaged planning is building community within the neighborhood by strengthening relationships and creating new ones; that earned social capital will be a significant down payment on the future of Birdtown/Madison East.

This plan is a guidebook for Birdtown/Madison East; the vision it presents is a workable one, a plan in progress. It seeks to identify assets and build upon them, as well as introduce proposals that will highlight Birdtown/Madison East’s historic uniqueness, and bolster the quality of life for those who call it home. It is hoped that it will be read as the beginning of a longer unfinished plan, and that the readers of this first chapter will be willing to become the authors of the next.
Birdtown Then
A History of the Neighborhood

A 1914 map of Birdtown.
A History of the Neighborhood

The history of the “Bird's Nest,” or Birdtown as it is now known, is as unique and colorful as its distinctive name. The area was christened Birdtown because the streets were given the names of birds, such as Plover, Lark, Thrush, Robin, and Quail. The community has been in existence since Union Carbide founded the area around 1892; it began as a company community, as the area was designed and laid out by the corporation, and most of the residents were employed to work for the company. The neighborhood was primarily settled by people of Eastern European descent who needed to live very close to the factory so that they could walk to work. Employees who rose to positions of authority in management tended to hire new employees of similar ethnicities, and the population coalesced into a high concentration of Eastern European families in a relatively small area of eight streets. Slovak was commonly heard throughout the neighborhood.

Birdtown was (and still is) bordered by Madison to the north, West 117th to the east, the rapid-transit tracks to the south, and Madison Park and the Templar Car Factory to the west. Because the population was so dense in comparison to the size of the area, the housing consisted mainly of three story houses accommodating multiple families in cold water flats, or two single family homes located on the same lot. In the latter case, the owner would rent the second house out for extra income. This example is indicative of the architecture of the neighborhood; the homes and commercial properties built by residents and their friends reflect a closeness of community and style that is unique to Lakewood and surrounding areas.

Since Birdtown was relatively homogenous, a strong sense of cultural identity developed. The neighborhood supported shops and churches, which were operated by and catered to the ethnic community. It became a close knit community with shared customs and traditions. As a large number of its current residents are descendents of the original settlers, Birdtown still has the strong sense of community it did then.

Today, Union Carbide is GrafTech, and the old Templar factory is now the Lake Erie Screw Factory, home to many artists' studios. Many of the businesses have changed over time, but some, like Misencik's Funeral Home, continue to call Madison home. Harrison Elementary School is still located in the neighborhood, but is now housed in a modern building. The distinctive spires of the many Eastern European styled churches still dot the skyline, witness to days past and those yet to come.
Birdtown Now

Land Use by Parcel Class
Birdtown/ Madison East, Lakewood

THE PRESENT

Birchtown/Madison East Neighborhood Plan
December, 2009
**Current Neighborhood Conditions**

Birdtown is a neighborhood located in the southeastern corner of Lakewood. It is bounded to the west by Madison Park and the old Templar/Lake Erie Screw Factory, to the north by Madison Avenue, to the east by the GrafTech facility, and to the south by the rapid transit lines. It is a densely populated neighborhood; as of the 2000 census there were about 13,000 residents living in just over 700 dwellings. Birdtown is more than twice as densely populated as Cuyahoga County is on the whole. It retains the original layout set out by Union Carbide back in the late 19th century, with many of the streets being named after birds indigenous to the area.

According to the last census in 2000, about one quarter of the properties in the neighborhood are owner-occupied, with the remaining as rental properties. The two most popular housing types are 3-4 unit dwellings and single family detached homes. The neighborhood has many new residents, with nearly a third of residents reporting they had lived at their current address for less than a year. Despite many new residents moving in, the neighborhood continued to see a faster decline in population compared with the decline rate for Cuyahoga County.

Birdtown is mainly a low- to moderate-income neighborhood. It has about a thirty percent poverty rate, with about one-fifth of the households earning less than $10,000 in annual income (in 2000 dollars). Average household income, also in 2000 dollars, is just over $27,000.

About 7% of the neighborhood holds a bachelors degree, with two thirds of the population achieving a high school diploma. Unemployment was just under 15% back in 2000.

The neighborhood has benefited in recent years from significant investments. A brand new building was recently constructed for Harrison Elementary School, with a new playground for the children. The Lake Erie Screw Factory is home to many businesses and also has many artists working in studio space. Madison Park has recently undergone some renovations, and there is a verdant community garden located on a vacant lot on Plover. The Madison & West 117th Rapid Transit Station has recently been replaced with a stately new building. Birdtown, with its walk-able streets, historic architecture and recent investments, is poised to become a 21st century neighborhood.
A Users’ Guide to the Action Plan

How to Read This Plan

Throughout this neighborhood vision, improvements will be suggested through programs and policies that relate back to at least one of four major defining neighborhood elements. Each suggestion will be represented by an icon detailing the neighborhood’s defining elements. Descriptions of each of these neighborhood elements and the icons that represent them are as follows:

Neighborhood Identity: The physical and social characteristics of a community that make it distinctive from surrounding neighborhoods and communities. Examples of these neighborhood identity characteristics include:
- Red, green, and white color scheme in Cleveland’s Little Italy neighborhood
- Distinctive signage in Cleveland’s Ohio City that lets people know they are in the neighborhood
This symbol will be placed below suggestions for neighborhood improvements in Birdtown/Madison East that relate to neighborhood identity:

[Image of Neighborhood Identity icon]

Connectivity: The services and goods available in a community that allow members of the community to access various resources and goods available within and outside the community. Examples of connectivity in a community include:
- Ease of access to public transportation into and out of the Shaker Square neighborhood
- Block Clubs in the Larchmere neighborhood and in various neighborhoods in Shaker Heights and Cleveland Heights
- The use of blogs and or a webpage to inform citizens of opportunities, programs, and challenges such as OneLakewood.com and blogs for Philadelphia neighborhoods
This symbol will be placed below suggestions for neighborhood improvements in Birdtown/Madison East that relate to connectivity:

[Image of Connectivity icon]
Users’ Guide Continued

**Safety:** The characteristics of a community that address issues of security and safety, including lighting, traffic, code enforcement, and pedestrian access. Examples of community safety measures include:
- Neighborhood Watch block groups that are supported in communities across the country.
- Pedestrian-friendly crosswalks in L.A. that are raised and colored bricks to alert drivers to watch out for pedestrians.
- Pedestrian-scale lighting that illuminates sidewalks and crosswalks at night, such as in some neighborhoods of New York City
This symbol will be placed below suggestions for neighborhood improvements in Birdtown/Madison East that relate to safety:

**Urban Design:** The physical characteristics of a community or neighborhood that shape the interactions between people and places, the environment, urban form, nature and the built fabric, thus influencing the processes that make a successful neighborhood, village, or city (Campbell and Cowen, in the February 12, 1999 issue of Planning). Examples of Urban Design include:
- Signs, banners, color schemes, and storefront retail that make the new Gordon Square Arts District in Detroit-Shoreway distinctive from surrounding areas.
- Consistent architecture and design elements in the Georgetown neighborhood near Washington, D.C. that make it very walkable and distinctive
This symbol will be placed below suggestions for neighborhood improvements:
Commercial

Commercial District Improvements

Commercial areas are the private and public spaces in the Birdtown/Madison East neighborhood that are not residential. These may include restaurants, retail shops, office space, and public spaces, such as sidewalks and tree lawns, related to these establishments.

Recommendations:

• Birdtown/Madison East Commercial Rehabilitation Program
  ▪ A program to provide funding and support to business owners wishing to renovate their spaces in a fashion consistent with the historic quality of the neighborhood. This includes a paint color scheme and signage theme particular to the neighborhood, as well as interior renovations that may include flooring and wall themes consistent with the history of the building.

• Birdtown/Madison East Commercial District Streetscape Improvements:
  ▪ Lighting that is to scale with both pedestrian and automobile use
  ▪ Improved lighting on retail and commercial establishments along Madison Avenue
  ▪ Widened sidewalks for ease of retail access
  ▪ Improved signage to allow visitors to easily identify parking and commercial establishments
  ▪ Increased number of street trees, hedges, and flower pots
- Increased number of garbage and recycling receptacles
- Public art placed in highly visible areas
- Birdtown/Madison East historic sidewalk scavenger hunt (public art)
- Raised and colored brick crosswalks across Madison Avenue
- Historic murals on visible outdoor walls along Madison

- **Guide to Owning a Business in Birdtown/Madison East**
  - A publication will be developed and distributed to all business owners in the Birdtown/Madison East neighborhood. This guide will detail the various rights and responsibilities related to owning and operating a business in the neighborhood, including information about the Birdtown/Madison East Commercial Rehabilitation Program, funding for building improvements available from the Cleveland Restoration Society, and details regarding code enforcement and property owner responsibilities. The information in this guide will be updated annually and available electronically through a newly-created Birdtown/Madison East web page.
Commercial

Transit Oriented Development

- Transit Oriented Development at Madison and W. 117th
  - Transit-Oriented Development is the creation of walkable and vibrant communities with goods and services in proximity to public transportation.
  - A three to four story development with parking will be built on the corner of Madison and W. 117th. The floors above the first will be designed to accommodate office space, specifically medical offices. The ground floor of the building will be a pharmacy to serve the needs of people visiting the above medical offices, as well as members of the Birdtown/Madison East and surrounding communities. The street scape and design elements for this development will be consistent with those along the rest of Madison Avenue in Birdtown/Madison East.

C/UD

Renderings of some potential transit oriented development.
Housing Recommendations

Housing is the building stock where residents of Birdtown live.

Recommendations:

- **Porch Light Program**
  - The municipal government provides free, energy efficient porch lights to residents free of charge in exchange for them being left on at night. This provides light for the street after dark, which helps with safety concerns by illuminating sidewalks and yards. It also lights the house, which helps with safety for the house. Decorative, neighborhood-sensitive streetlights will be installed at street corners. These will be pedestrian-scaled. Well-illuminated streets promote safety and discourage crime.

- **Code Enforcement**
  - While code enforcement reporting is currently in place in the city of Lakewood, it is proposed that there be an easier online form to fill out (or least, easier to access) along with a hotline number to call. A 24-48 hour turnaround would be crucial for this program to be effective.

- **Block Groups/Neighborhood Watch**
  - A neighborhood group will provide residents with a greater sense of security and a feeling of ownership of the neighborhood, and will provide the “eyes on the street” that can lead to lower incidents of crime and cases of property neglect. While there is already the Ward 4 police office within close proximity to the neighborhood, a neighborhood organization would provide greater security. This group could also help with code enforcement.
Housing

- **Guide to Living in Birdbtown**
  - An information guide will be prepared to help inform residents of their rights and responsibilities as either homeowners or tenants, and will connect residents to sources of funding and information on renovating or building new in the Birdbtown neighborhood. The guide will also include contact information for neighborhood leaders.

- **Urban Garden Block Program**
  - Each household on the block is given access to a plot at an urban garden, with one garden per street. This will allow residents to supplement their food, as well as provide an opportunity for community building through interaction with other residents of their street. For households uninterested in using their plot, they will have the opportunity to broker it to another household, those who may desire more than one, or even assemble several plots for a boutique style food production facility. Also, Landscaping Assistance, a municipal program assisting property-owners with landscaping, will give a more cohesive aesthetic appearance to the neighborhood as well as promote low-maintenance lawns. This program could manifest in a few different ways or combinations, perhaps through assistance from a nearby landscape architecture school, providing information on low-maintenance, native grasses and other plants, advice on creating rain gardens, provision of rain barrels, awards, etc.

- **Paint Palette**
  - A neighborhood specific selection of paint colors for Birdbtown will help create a neighborhood identity. Paint Assistance will help lower-income households pay for paint, and a partnership with neighborhood retailers could offer a neighborhood-wide discount on paint (selected from the palette). This program would target a segment of incomes just above the Operation Paintbrush! program. For qualifying households, the city will paint their house for free.
• Public Art
  ▪ To expand on the aviary theme of the Birdtown neighborhood’s streets, a public art project would be created with birdhouses on street corners. These would be real birdhouses. To tap into the Eastern European heritage of the neighborhood, the birdhouses could possibly be built in the tradition of Eastern European woodworking. Alternatively, the creativity of the children at Harrison elementary school could be tapped for painting/decorating.

• Link to Madison Park
  ▪ This amenity will reinforce the spatial relationship with the park, and will help foster a social relationship where Madison Park is used as a community space by residents of the neighborhood. An identifiable gateway or feature will help draw attention to this connection and its importance.

Birdhouses add interest to the setting.
Transportation

Transportation Recommendations

Transportation is the movement of people and goods inside and outside of a neighborhood.

Recommendations:

- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail**
  - Connect Birdtown to W. 117th/Madison GCRTA rapid station with a bike trail through the GrafTech property. Work with GCRTA to develop a portion of the station across 117th so that pedestrians do not have to cross the busy W. 117th/Madison-Avenue intersection.

- **Parking**
  - Parking is the physical infrastructure that supports short-term storage of unoccupied vehicles. In Birdtown, develop the lot behind BiRite between Quail and Robin as public parking. Also, install clearly delineated signage that directs commercial customers from Madison Avenue to available public parking behind BiRite and at Madison Park. Currently, parking is dispersed randomly along Madison with little indication whether it is private or public. Many patrons of Madison Avenue businesses park on the street or in private lots that are informally shared by businesses.

- **Biking**
  - Biking in the neighborhood means the use of bicycles for transportation and leisure. The use of shared lane pavement markings (or “sharrows”) and cautionary signage is recommended to guide bicyclists to the best place to ride on the road, avoid car doors and remind drivers to share the road with cyclists. It is also recommended that a bikeway be established running along Athens Avenue to Halstead, along Plover eastbound and through the GrafTech site along a proposed bike path, connecting riders to RTA.
  - Sharrows should be accompanied by yellow “Share the Road” signs that display a bike symbol, warning drivers to be on guard for the presence of bicyclists.
Transportation

- **Biking Continued**
  - Bike racks should be installed for safe storage along the Madison Avenue corridor and at key spots within the neighborhood. Currently, the only existing bike racks in the neighborhood are located at Harrison School.

- **Traffic Calming**
  - Traffic calming involves changes in street alignment, installation of barriers, and other physical measures to reduce traffic speeds and/or cut-through volumes, in the interest of street safety, livability, and other public purposes. Raised crosswalks should be constructed near Harrison School, slowing traffic without creating an impediment for snow plows. These could be constructed of an attractive building material such as brick and could incorporate public art. The extension of portions of concrete into the street, "bulbs," would slow traffic on Madison Avenue and improve pedestrian safety. Currently, two-way stop signs at four-way intersections help slow motorists. Speeding is still a concern for some neighborhood residents, especially parents.

- **Public Art**
  - Works of art in various media will be planned and executed with the specific intention of being sited or staged in the physical public domain, usually outside and accessible to all.
  - Employ local artists to develop decorative bus shelters.
  - Use brick patterning in sidewalks and crosswalks to add interest to landscape.
  - Incorporate the community's ethnic history into artworks, perhaps employing Eastern European folk art styles.

* A specially designed bus shelter adds interest to the street in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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December, 2009
Transportation

Streetscape Model Block

Streetscape example. For details refer to page 12-13.
Shows the areas where improvements have been proposed.
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**Get Involved in Birdtown’s Future**

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<td>Assists owners of historic homes with improvement projects.</td>
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<td>First-Time Homebuyer (HOME)</td>
<td>0% interest, no monthly payment second mortgage is used to assist with both down payment and closing costs.</td>
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<td>Home Improvement Grant</td>
<td>Rebates up to 30% (maximum $3,000) to offset the cost of qualified exterior improvements.</td>
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<td>H.E.L.P. (Home Enhancement Loan Program)</td>
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<td><strong>Grow Lakewood Housing Fund</strong></td>
<td>Up to $50,000 for renovations available for owners of Lakewood duplexes.</td>
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<td>Business Owners located on Detroit, 117th, Berea and Madison</td>
<td>Lakewood Department of Planning and Development/WECO Fund</td>
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<td><strong>Commercial Property Revitalization Program</strong></td>
<td>Provides loans and grants of up to $30,000 for storefront façade improvements.</td>
<td>Property owners or tenants on Madison, Detroit, 117th or Berea roads</td>
<td>Lakewood Department of Planning and Development</td>
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<td><strong>Economic Development Fund</strong></td>
<td>Up to $200,000 in assistance for catalytic projects.</td>
<td>Lakewood businesses or those seeking to locate in Lakewood with demonstrated capacity to obtain credit on the private market.</td>
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<td><strong>The Family Room</strong></td>
<td>Parent education, support groups, parent/child activities, resources and referral, time and stress management and more.</td>
<td>Families with children under 8 years old</td>
<td>Lakewood Department of Human Services Division of Early Childhood</td>
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