

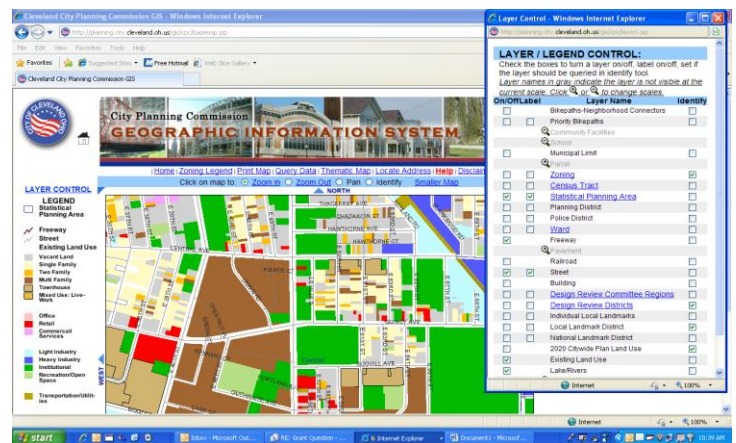
Online Resources for Property Information:

1. To research ownership of all properties go to the Cuyahoga County Auditor website:
<http://auditor.cuyahogacounty.us/REPI/default.asp>
2. For a direct link to Cleveland's available land bank lots go to City of Cleveland website:
<http://cd.city.cleveland.oh.us/scripts/cityport.php>
3. To create maps and research all types of data related to vacant land in Cleveland, use the Ohio Green Print GIS Mapping Database created by the Trust for Public Land:
www.ohiogreenprint.org
Username: Neighborhood
Password: Progress

How to determine if a property has been residential for the last 50 years:

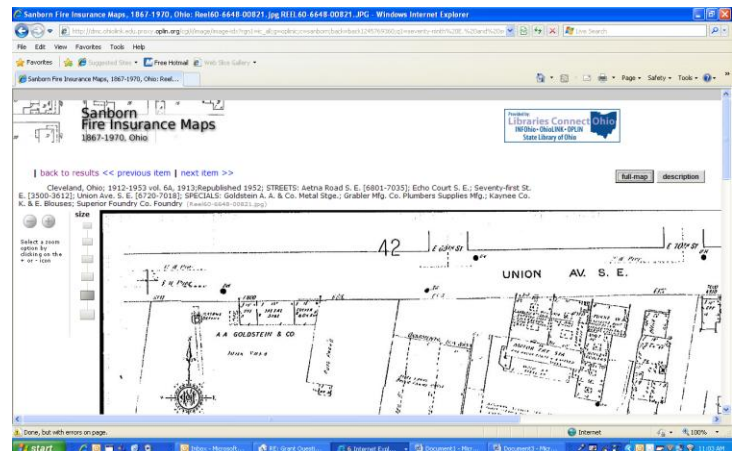
1. Look at current zoning by going to Cleveland City website:
<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/gis/cpc.html>

- Click on the interactive map links
- Use the locate address tab at the top
- Make sure the Layer Control (on the left-hand side) is selected for existing land use and zoning



2. Use the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (1867-1970) to determine the past land uses:
<http://dmc.ohiolink.edu.proxy.oplin.org/oplinmap.htm>

- To do a search for example:
(E.79th and Superior Ave. you would enter)
“Seventy-ninth E. and Superior Ave. N.E.”
- These maps are not always comprehensive, you may not find your lot



Note: In order to copy these images into a word document you may need to push “Ctrl + Print Screen” and then Paste into your document.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How far along in the process - from idea to implementation - does an applicant have to be in order to qualify for this grant opportunity? It can be a new idea (the more innovative the better) but you must involve the local community in helping to plan the project (unless it is a side yard expansion for an individual) and the project *must be able to be completed by November 30, 2010*. See page 32 of the ReImagining Cleveland Pattern Book for some helpful ideas on how to organize your project with neighbors.

2. Will applicants be penalized if they have not yet made contact with a CDC and / or council person? No, but it's a good idea to let them know of your plans. The CDC can be helpful in helping you to research the ownership of the site and connect to other community residents who might want to be involved in the project.

3. Do you have to be a current resident of the City of Cleveland or of Cuyahoga County? It's preferable if you live in the neighborhood but not mandatory. You must involve the residents in the street in planning or reviewing your project and you need to document that the neighbors adjacent to the vacant lot are in agreement with your plan. The City requests a letter from the adjacent residents immediately next to the site that is notarized.

4. Can one individual fill out multiple applications if they have multiple different project ideas that comply with the grant criteria? Yes, however it is not likely that you would receive more than one project grant (unless you are a community development corporation, non-profit organization, etc. with staff to help carry them out) because we want to insure that the project is completed by November 30, 2010 and done well.

5. Can the applicant still be eligible for the grant if they are the sole financier (i.e. they are an entrepreneur)? Yes, but see answer to question #3.

6. What is the maximum level of funding that is available through these grants? Maximum \$10,000 for a project on up to 2 lots and maximum \$20,000 if on 3 or more lots.

7. Will this program be available for existing gardens? No, just for vacant land, but you can expand an existing garden onto adjacent vacant land – but it must be in the land bank or eligible to go into the land bank.

8. Can this money be used to buy paint and supplies for murals? No, just improvement of vacant land, which can include a public art project.

9. How can gardeners and others be guaranteed the property won't be turned over to a developer and taken away after all of their hard work and investment? A five year lease will be provided by the City on the project site with possible extensions and conveyance of the title to you after the lease. However if you want long term security, check the Citywide Plan 2020 or the Ohio Green Print to see where development priority areas are in the city and avoid proposing a project in those areas.

10. How can I find out if my site is in an eligible NSP target area? Check the map at the end of the application on page 11 or on the Ohio Green Print.

11. Can you hire a contractor or landscaper? Yes. Volunteer labor is encouraged but contractors can be hired, especially for more difficult work like fence installation, asphalt removal, brick laying, etc.