Opportunity Zone Redevelopment in Cleveland's MidTown

University Inn | 3614 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY





Cushman & Wakefield | CRESCO Real Estate presents a unique opportunity to convert the University Hotel, located at 3614 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland's MidTown district, into 135 apartments. This project targets middle-class singles and families, offering "approachable housing" for professionals like teachers and police officers.

The MidTown location benefits from significant city investment and proximity to the Cleveland Clinic and Downtown. Planned amenities include outdoor gardens, a gym, coworking spaces, and a community room, with modern unit designs and mid-range finishes. With state and federal historic tax credits already secured, this project is nearly shovel-ready, promising strong demand and excellent returns.

Year Built 1964

Apartments 135

Neighborhood **MidTown**

Project Size 110,000 SF

Sale Price Negotiable

PROPERTY DETAILS





Prime Opportunity to Transform a Class B Hotel with Tax Credits for Exceptional Returns

University Hotel was built in 1964 as a full-service hotel. It was acquired in 2018 out of foreclosure to be restored to its former glory but due to the changing financial climate, the renovation was not possible. The process has begun of converting the property to multifamily, which will be an easier renovation and in much higher demand in today's environment.

The property will target middle class singles and small families. This is considered approachable housing - homes for police officers, teachers and young professionals.

Architectural drawings are ready for completion.

This is a plug and play opportunity for someone to take on this project.

University Inn

Property Overview

- Approximately 110,000 SF on 2 AC
- 225 hotel rooms being converted into 135 apartments
- Potential for retail or café space
- Located in qualified Opportunity Zone (OZ)

Community Amenities

- Beautiful gardens and outdoor patio
- Dog park and gym
- Community room and coworking office

Unit Design Features

- Vinyl plank flooring and high-efficiency lighting
- Walk-in showers, with tubs in 2-bedroom units only
- Stainless steel appliances and modern white finishes
- Internet and USB outlets throughout
- Hotel-inspired design with mid-range finishes
- Electronic door locks, new PTAC systems, and individual hot water heaters

| Unit Type | Size | Hotel Bays | Quantity |
|----------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Studio | ± 307 SF | 1 | 47 |
| 1 Bed/1.5 Bath | ± 583 SF | 2 | 69 |
| 2 Bed/2 Bath | ± 888 SF | 3 | 19 |



Scope of Work

- Comprehensive asbestos remediation to ensure a safe and compliant environment
- Installation of new windows and façade repairs to enhance aesthetics and energy efficiency
- Complete overhaul of electrical systems to meet modern standards
- Modernization of elevators and addition of a freight elevator for improved functionality
- Reconfiguration of hotel rooms to create updated, spacious units
- Installation of a new roof to
 ensure long-term durability
- Development of an outdoor space for added value and tenant enjoyment
- Upgrades to life safety systems for enhanced security and compliance with current regulations



Progress Made

- Secured state historic tax credits for 25% of QRE's
- Approved federal historic tax credits for 20% of QRE's
- Submitted a Brownfield application through local law firm, with an estimated funding potential of \$3.3 million
- Low Income Proforma complete to include LIHTC assumptions
- Completed a comprehensive market study to inform project decisions and ensure market viability
- Leveraged original hotel drawings from Kaczmar Architects, significantly reducing costs to finalize apartment conversion plans
- Potential to add 5 new Townhomes facing Prospect Avenue see site plan

SITE PLAN



GROUND FLOOR

Ground floor includes lobby, co-working, gym, outdoor gardens, apartments, offices and community room





TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL FLOOR



MARKET OVERVIEW







DEMOGRAPHICS | 5-Mile (2024)

258,234 Population

34.9 Median Age 120,499

Households

\$66,358 Avg HH Income 12,146 Total Businesses



CLEVELAND, OHIO

The city of Cleveland, located on the southern shore of Lake Erie, is a historic and culturally rich metropolis known for its industrial roots, vibrant arts scene, and diverse neighborhoods. Once a manufacturing powerhouse, Cleveland has evolved into a hub for healthcare, education, and innovation while maintaining its blue-collar spirit. The city is home to world-renowned institutions such as the Cleveland Clinic, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and the Cleveland Museum of Art. With a strong sports culture, scenic lakefront parks, and a growing culinary scene, Cleveland offers a dynamic blend of history and modern development.

MidTown, situated between Downtown Cleveland and University Circle, is a rapidly transforming neighborhood that serves as a key connector between the city's commercial and cultural districts. Historically an industrial and commercial corridor, MidTown has seen significant investment and revitalization in recent years, bringing new businesses, residential developments, and public spaces to the area. It is home to a diverse mix of organizations, from tech startups and healthcare institutions to arts and entertainment venues. Landmarks such as the Agora Theatre, the Cleveland Foundation headquarters, and the MidTown Tech Hive highlight the neighborhood's commitment to innovation and community engagement. With ongoing redevelopment efforts, MidTown continues to evolve as a vibrant and inclusive district fostering business growth and cultural activity.

MidTown Neighborhood

MidTown is home to more than 650 organizations, including 50 nonprofits, 12 design and architecture firms, 75 health tech and high tech ventures, dozens of manufacturers, and hundreds of small businesses. More than 180,000 people work in MidTown and over 2,000 residents call MidTown home.





180,000 Employees

NOTABLE DEVELOPMENT

Key development's in Cleveland's MidTown neighborhood



Warner & Swasey Redevelopment Underway

The Warner & Swasey factory at 5701 Carnegie Avenue, a long-vacant historic site in Cleveland's Midtown neighborhood, is showing signs of redevelopment progress. Initially built between 1904 and 1918 for the Warner & Swasey Company, a prominent machine tool manufacturer, the factory has been empty since its closure in 1985. In 2018, the City of Cleveland selected Philadelphia-based Pennrose Development to lead its revitalization. The proposed first phase includes ground-floor commercial spaces, 56 senior housing units on the second and third floors, and the demolition of structurally compromised sheds to make way for 80 parking spaces. This project is anticipated to act as a catalyst for further development in the Midtown area, bridging Downtown Cleveland and University Circle.

NEO-TRANS.BLOG



Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institutte Underway

Cleveland Clinic is constructing a new 1 millionsquare-foot Neurological Institute building on its main campus, scheduled to open by the end of 2026. The facility will consolidate inpatient and outpatient neurological services, emphasizing patient-centered design with accessible open spaces, abundant natural light, and intuitive navigation. Advanced technologies, including sensors, will digitize aspects of neurological examinations by capturing performance measures as patients move through the building, enhancing data collection and integration into electronic health records. The institute will also feature robust telehealth capabilities to connect with Cleveland Clinic locations worldwide, and a dedicated Discovery Space where clinicians, scientists, and engineers can collaborate on developing future treatments. Modular design elements will allow for flexibility to adapt spaces for evolving needs and technologies. Clinicians have been integral to the design process, ensuring the facility meets the practical needs of both patients and healthcare providers.



MidTown Collaboratoin Center Completed in 2023

The Cleveland Foundation, in partnership with JumpStart and MidTown Cleveland, is developing the MidTown Collaboration Center at East 66th Street and Euclid Avenue. This 95,000-square-foot facility aims to unite multiple sectors and disciplines under one roof, fostering innovation and community engagement. Scheduled to house approximately 200 full-time jobs, the center will feature tenants such as JumpStart's headquarters, Case Western Reserve University's Center for Population Health Research, University Hospitals' Diabetes Research and Wellness Center, the Cleveland Institute of Art's Interactive Media Lab, Hyland Software's Training Center, Assembly for the Arts, ECDI's SBA Lending Center and Women's Business Center, Black Frog Brewery, and Pearl's Kitchen restaurant. The project builds upon the momentum of the adjacent Cleveland Foundation headquarters and seeks to be both regionally significant and locally transformative.

CLEVELANDFOUNDATION.ORG

APARTMENT CONVERSIONS

Cleveland is at the forefront of transforming historic office buildings into modern apartments, making it a national leader in adaptive reuse projects.



| # | Building Name | SF | Units |
|----|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | The Bell | 564,976 | 367 |
| 2 | The Bingham | 635,303 | 339 |
| 3 | May Company | 838,177 | 307 |
| 4 | Terminal Tower | 576,620 | 297 |
| 5 | Statler Arms | 553,000 | 295 |
| 6 | Standard Building | 350,000 | 281 |
| 7 | National Terminal Warehouse | 648,054 | 248 |
| 8 | The Bridgeview | 675,000 | 247 |
| 9 | John Hartness Brown Complex | 305,596 | 240 |
| 10 | 668 Euclid | 429,000 | 230 |
| 11 | Leader Building | 393,726 | 224 |
| 12 | East Ohio Building | 346,500 | 223 |
| 13 | 55 Public Square | 462,844 | 205 |
| 14 | Cleveland Trust Company | 555,714 | 194 |
| 15 | The Athlon | 230,085 | 164 |
| 16 | 75 Public Square | 150,000 | 144 |
| 17 | The Garfield | 146,117 | 123 |
| 18 | Halle Building | 472,472 | 122 |
| 19 | The Residences at Hanna | 140,408 | 102 |
| 20 | Perry-Payne Building | 108,512 | 93 |
| 21 | The Creswell | 112,038 | 80 |
| 22 | Schofield Building | 160,363 | 45 |
| 23 | United Church of Christ (Planned) | 120,618 | 130 |
| 24 | Tower at Erieview (Under Construction) | 760,339 | 227 |

of

ECONOMY

Population growth numbers within CBD

5,600 in 2000

9,467 in 2010

12,908 in 2020 15,592 in 2024

16,798 Projected 2029 **4.6%** Historic Growth



MSA 2,158,932

33rd Largest MSA in the US

MSA GDP \$139,934.845

Nearly 50% of US Population Lives within 500 miles of NEO

CSA 3,132,119 17th Largest CSA in the US

DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND STATISTICS

Includes neighborhoods such as The Flats, Asiatown & MidTown

| Average Age | 31.1 | Apartment Occupancy | Historically +97% |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| HH Income over \$100,000 | 33% | Water Access | Lake & River Front |
| White collar Workers | 77% | Sports Team | 3 Professional |
| Median Age of Housing Structures | 58.5 Years | Construction Projects | \$2.5B Underway |
| Housing Structures over 50 Units | 63.3% | | |

TOP EMPLOYERS

From Cleveland Crain's 2024 Book of Lists

Cleveland Clinic 45,673

Healthcare

Group Management Services Inc. 33,972

Eployment Services Firm

Minute Men Cos. 26,578 Staffing Services

University Hospitals 25,029 Healthcare

Amazon 20,000 Online Retailer MAJOR HEADQUARTERS IN NEO



LARGEST IN NEO



HEALTHCARE CAPITAL

Cleveland is the #1 Concentrated Area of Hospitals and Medical Research Centers in the Nation





- #1 Hospital for Heart Care in US
- #2 Hospital in the Nation Us News & World Best Hospitals Report
- #2 Best Hospital in the World *Newsweek*
- 50,846 Employees
- 13.8% YOY Increase
- 2.4 Million Unique Patients
- 18 Hospitals
- 20 Patient-Centered Institutes





- #2 Hospital in Cleveland
- #3 Hospital in Ohio
- #11 Hospital in Pediatric Orthopedics in the Nation Us News & World Best Hospitals Report
- 24,462 Employees
- 1.1 Million Unique Patients
- 18 Hospitals
- 3 Joint Ventures





- \$1B New Construction Main Campus Completed in 2023
- #7 Best Physical Rehabilitation Centers *Newsweek*
- 6,979 Employees
- 1.5 Million Unique Patients
- 1 Hospitals
- 19 Medical Centers

HOUSING

- Cleveland cost of living is 22.9% lower than the national average
- 153% lower than New York, NY
- 110% lower than San Francisco, CA
- 58% lower than Boston, MA
- **53% lower** than Los Angeles, CA
- 25% lower than Chicago, IL
- 19% lower than Miami, FL
- Average owner occupied housing for Cleveland MSA: \$235,960
- **#5 among best cities for jobs** in 2020 based on hiring, cost of living, and job satisfaction
- Cleveland growth has increased by 9.9% in the last 10 years



COST OF LIVING INDEX: 89.8

#1 Top City For Fresh Start

#1 Most Affordable Cities to Rent Gobankingrates.com #3 Top Cities to Launch Career

CULTURE

Unique Things about The Cleveland Area

Cleveland Orchestra "America's Finest"

The New York Times

#**7** Best Food City in America

Travel + Leisure

Playhouse Square The Largest Performing Arts Center in the US Outside of NYC

Towpath Trail Voted Best Ohio Bike Trail

Ohio Magazine

#4 America's Best Music Scene

Travel + Leisure

Cedar Point #2 Best Amusement Park in America

USA Today Top 10 Best

Cleveland Museum of Art #2 Best Museum in the US

Business Insider

Top 10 Stops Along the Great Lakes

USA Today

METROPARKS

18 Reservations



24,000





O Lakefront Parks

Zoo



ARTS & CULTURE

- Cleveland Museum of Art Free admission to a world-class collection, including Van Gogh, Monet, and Egyptian artifacts.
- Playhouse Square The second-largest theater district in the U.S., featuring Broadway shows, comedy, and concerts.
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame A must-visit for music lovers, showcasing memorabilia from legendary artists.
- Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall One of the top orchestras in the world, performing classical and contemporary pieces.
- West Side Market A historic indoor market with vendors selling fresh produce, meats, and international foods since 1912.

OUTDOOR & NATURE

- Cuyahoga Valley National Park Just outside Cleveland, this park offers scenic hiking trails, waterfalls, and the historic Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath.
- Edgewater Park & Beach A great spot for picnicking, swimming, and catching beautiful Lake Erie sunsets.
- Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Home to a rainforest exhibit and over 600 animal species.
- Lake View Cemetery A picturesque, historic cemetery with beautiful monuments and the James A. Garfield Memorial.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- Progressive Field Home of the Cleveland Guardians (MLB), known for its great views and fan-friendly atmosphere.
- Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse Catch the Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA) and Cleveland Monsters (AHL) in action, as well as concerts and events.
- Cleveland Browns Stadium Experience the passion of the Dawg Pound at a Cleveland Browns (NFL) game.
- JACK Cleveland Casino Located downtown with slots, table games, and nightlife.



TO DO

FOOD & DRINK

- East 4th Street A lively area with top restaurants like Mabel's BBQ (celebrity chef Michael Symon's spot) and The Greenhouse Tavern.
- Little Italy Home to classic Italian eateries like Mia Bella and Presti's Bakery.
- Ohio City & Tremont Neighborhoods known for trendy bars, breweries, and eateries like The Flying Fig and Market Garden Brewery.
- The Flats A revitalized district along the Cuyahoga River with waterfront bars, restaurants, and live music.

QUIRKY & OFFBEAT ATTRACTIONS

- A Christmas Story House Tour the actual house from the classic holiday movie, complete with the iconic leg lamp.
- Superman House The childhood home of Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.
- The UFO Memorial in Lakewood Park Commemorating a 1973 UFO sighting over Lake Erie.
- The Buckland Museum of Witchcraft & Magick A fascinating collection of occult artifacts.

TRANSPORTATION

METRO HEALTHLINE

The HealthLine, recognized by the Institute of Transportation and Policy as North America's premier bus rapid transit system, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2018. Operating 24/7, it seamlessly connects Downtown Cleveland and University Circle—home to Ohio's first and fourth-largest employment hubs.

This bus rapid transit service transforms Historic Euclid Avenue into a pedestrian- and transit-friendly corridor, blending the city's rich history with modern landmarks like The Beacon and The Lumen. Enhancements include dedicated bus lanes, upgraded hybrid-electric vehicles, and synchronized traffic signals for peak-hour efficiency.

RTA RAPID

Cleveland's light rail system—comprising the Blue, Green, and Waterfront lines—runs every 15 minutes, providing convenient access to key entertainment and cultural destinations, including the Flats, FirstEnergy Stadium, Great Lakes Science Center, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

DOWNTOWN TROLLEY

Offering free rides throughout downtown, the trolley service connects all major districts and venues. Originally a weekday-only operation, it quickly expanded to evenings and weekends, making parking and city exploration more convenient.

BURKE LAKEFRONT AIRPORT

Located along Cleveland's waterfront, Burke Lakefront Airport offers a safe, hassle-free travel experience with unmatched views of the city skyline. It serves as the region's premier hub for business and private aviation.

PEDESTRIAN & BIKE-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES

With an expanding bike-share program and dedicated bike lanes, Cleveland continues to promote recreation, healthy living, and alternative transportation options.

PORT OF CLEVELAND - AN ECONOMIC DRIVER

One of the largest ports on the Great Lakes, the Port of Cleveland plays a vital role in regional commerce and infrastructure:

- 20,273 jobs supported by maritime activity
- \$3.5 billion in total economic impact (Port of Cleveland, 2021)
- 13 million tons of cargo transported annually
- \$4.5 billion in bonds issued
- \$6.1 billion leveraged in construction
- 150+ projects since 1993

The port offers multiple financing and tax-exemption opportunities, including sales-tax breaks for new construction materials.

KEY IMPORTS & EXPORTS

- Bulk Cargo: Iron ore, limestone, cement, salt
- Breakbulk & Project Cargo: Capital equipment, heavy machinery, power generators, steel, wind turbines
- Containers for various goods

Located on Lake Erie, Cleveland is one of four major U.S. cities on the Great Lakes, benefiting from access to fresh water and international shipping routes.

CLEVELAND NATIONAL AIR SHOW

Hosted annually over Labor Day weekend, the Cleveland National Air Show features breathtaking performances by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

AIRPORTS SERVING THE REGION

- Cleveland Hopkins International Airport
- Akron-Canton Airport
- Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport

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