

1. Develop and maintain quality housing

- A. Implement a comprehensive rental registration and inspection program
 - a. Work with Hamilton County Auditor, UC and neighborhood business associations to generate and maintain a list of landlords with accurate contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses.
 - b. Work with the neighborhood to identify problem properties and absentee landlords.
 - c. Work with landlords to come up with a plan to bring buildings up to code, including creating a hierarchy of importance of what needs to be fixed first, and what can wait.
 - d. Develop staggered inspection cycles of every 4 years with the landlord or when a property changes ownership and hire additional inspectors to oversee this program.
- B. Provide incentives to maintain properties
 - a. Make landlords aware of existing tax breaks for increased value when making building/property improvements.
 - b. Develop amnesty program to fix violations for landlords who voluntarily come forward for inspections.
 - c. Increase penalties for repeat offenders, such as placing fines as a lien on the property's taxes.
- C. Increase homeownership
 - a. Create a community development corporation to rehab rent-to-own homes.
 - b. Develop incentives for professors/young professionals to move to the area and work with the major institutions and realtors in the area to discuss the benefits of living in the neighborhood.
 - c. Work with University of Cincinnati students/professors to buy and fix up project houses.
 - d. Work with the Port Authority of Greater Cincinnati to make the university area a target area and go after tax delinquent properties.
 - e. Apply to be a part of the City's Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP)

2. Increase communication and collaboration between stakeholders

- A. Encourage the University of Cincinnati to develop and implement a public information program about off-campus housing
 - a. Expand the University of Cincinnati Department of Housing and Food Services to include resources for off-campus housing, including a list of landlords and inspected properties
 - b. Develop information packets for landlords to give to students on move-in day about how to be a good neighbor.
- B. Increase stakeholder collaboration
 - a. Hold a quarterly meeting between the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati and University of Cincinnati Police, and surrounding neighborhoods, and business associations to discuss common goals and issues
 - b. Increase communication between students, parents, landlords, and the University of Cincinnati
 - c. Develop a database for repeat student violators and share the list with landlords and the University of Cincinnati Student Affairs