



## 2010 Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference Highlights

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### National Vacant Properties Conference

This year the conference was in Cleveland. It was the largest attendance ever and was held October 13 – 15 at the Renaissance Hotel.

The Department of Economic Development had several staff participating including David Ebersole who led a Mobile Workshop with Jim Haviland of Midtown Cleveland, Inc. entitled: “Get on the Bus; Using Transit Development to Spur Redevelopment Opportunities.” For a description of the workshop, go to link <http://webapp.cleveland-oh.gov/aspnet/docs/get.aspx?id=560&file=MobileWorkshop.pdf>.

Ifeoma Ezepue was also invited to create a poster display on Urban Gardening projects, including the Department of Economic Development’s Gardening for Greenbacks, to see some of the pictures included, go to link <http://webapp.cleveland-oh.gov/aspnet/docs/get.aspx?id=559&file=UrbanGardeningLink.pdf>.

Director Tracey Nichols spoke on a panel with Charlie Bartsch of USEPA – office of Solid Waste (who first coined the phrase “brownfields”) and Evans Paull formerly of Northeast Midwest Institute and now in his own consulting business, Redevelopment Economics. The panel was titled “Creative Financing for the Redevelopment of Vacant Properties.” To view here presentation, go to link <http://webapp.cleveland-oh.gov/aspnet/docs/get.aspx?id=558&file=CreativeFinancing.pdf>.