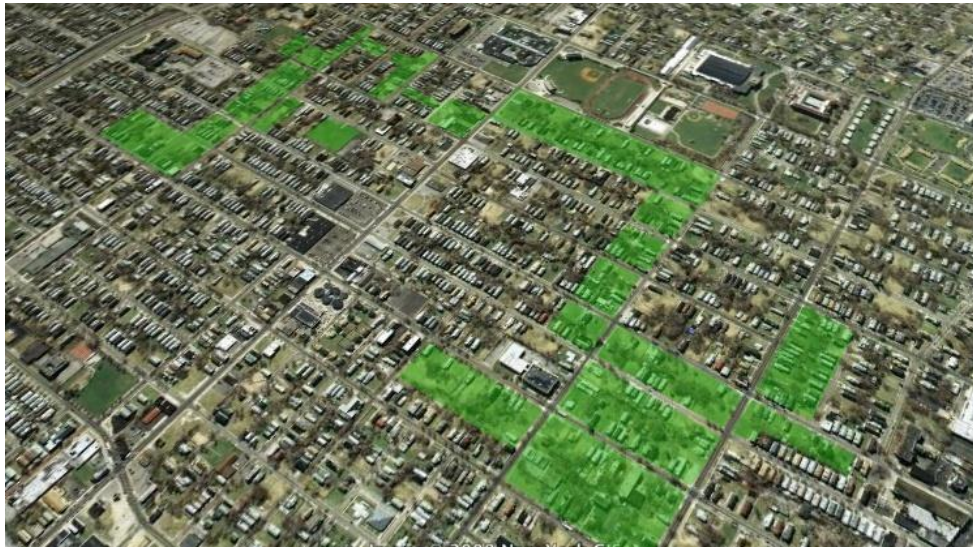


Greening Neighborhood Plans

*Community Based Partnerships
in Rochester and Pittsburgh*



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A Tale of Two Approaches

Rochester's Josana Neighborhood Master Plan

- Bret Garwood, City of Rochester
- Scott Page, Interface Studios

Pittsburgh's Lamier Vision Plan and SPARKS Collaborative

- Chris Tech, GTECH Strategies
- Fred Brown, Kingsley Association





About



Communities of all types — urban, suburban, and rural — confront the challenges posed by vacant, abandoned, and distressed properties. Propelled by the recent economic recession and foreclosure crisis, trends indicate the adverse economic, fiscal, and social impacts from vacant properties will be with us for years to come. National organizations, such as the Center for Community Progress, are raising the profile of vacant properties policies and programs among policymakers and practitioners, while pioneering local initiatives, such as Reimagining a More Sustainable Cleveland, are breaking new ground as they experiment with innovative approaches for reclaiming and reusing vacant land.

Experts and practitioners agree that communities should tackle the challenges of vacant properties from a more systemic and collaborative way by engaging diverse partners from across the public, the private, and the nonprofit sectors. The VPRI's activities support the work of researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in building consensus around a menu of place-based policies, plans, and programs that can effectively prevent, abate, and reclaim vacant properties at different scales and for different communities.

The Initiative's goals include:

1. Develop a policy research framework for vacant properties, cities in transition, and the regeneration of older industrial shrinking cities;
2. Promote applied policy and planning research of vacant properties and urban regeneration within academic and policy circles;
3. Facilitate the translation of research and field work into policy and program reforms at the federal, state, and local levels;
4. Connect local practitioners and policymakers with researchers and researchers with practitioners and policymakers;
5. Disseminate the latest research on reclaiming vacant and abandoned properties and urban regeneration.

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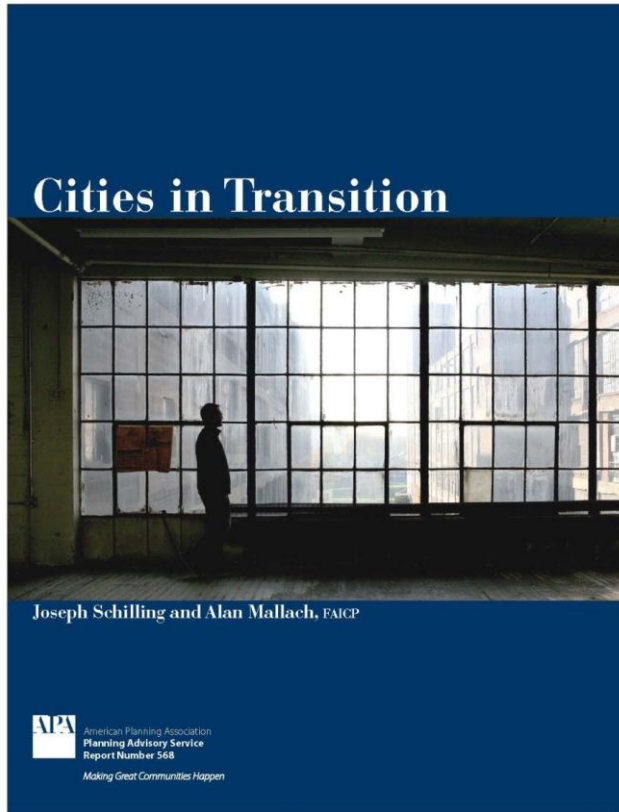
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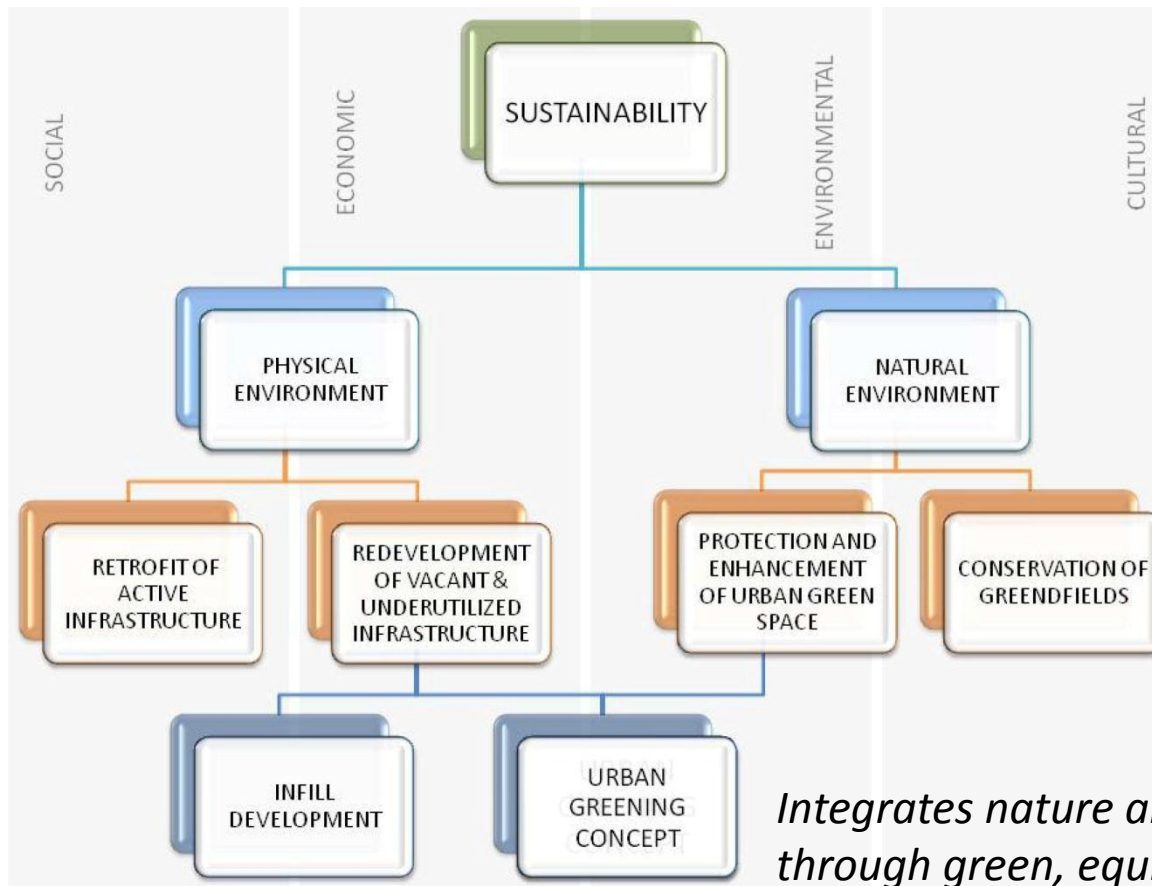
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