Redefining “RustBelt”: An Exchange of Strategies  
by the Cities of Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, and Philadelphia

AGENDA
Thursday, February 27, 2014

Land Use: Aligning Vision and Investment
The third meeting in a series of four videoconferences hosted by
the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and Richmond

8:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.  Videoconference begins

Welcome
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago - Detroit Branch

9:05 a.m.  KEYNOTE SPEECH

- George Galster, the Clarence Hilberry Professor of Urban Affairs, Department of
  Urban Studies and Planning, Wayne State University

- Dale Thomson, Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, and Director of
  the Institute for Local Government, University of Michigan-Dearborn

  The two-part presentation will highlight factors such as land use across metro
  regions and local public finance that influence the success of revitalization
  strategies. The presentation will include ideas about what can be accomplished
  internally within a city given the regional issues and contextual limitations.

9:50 a.m.  Q & A

10:00 a.m.  Introduction of participants from Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, and
Philadelphia

10:15 a.m.  An Exchange Between Cities: Aligning Vision, Investment and Implementation
of Land Use Strategies

Moderator: Jeremiah Boyle, Managing Director of Economic Development, Community
Development and Policy Studies Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Experts in all four cities will discuss strategies for implementing land use strategies, including:

- Strategies related to abandonment, demolition and blight mitigation
- Strategies related to “undevelopment”
- Strategies related to commercial corridor development in neighborhoods
- Strategies related to infrastructure and transportation in neighborhoods.

12:00 p.m.  **Informal working lunch: recap videoconference**

Following the videoconference, attendees in Baltimore may share responses to the cross-city discussion and actions being considered or underway here.

1:00 p.m.  **Meeting adjourns**