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**Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Rightsizing  
Task Force Visits Cleveland to Learn from City's Experience**

**WHAT:** The Rightsizing Task Force of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will visit Cleveland, Ohio, June 25-26 to learn firsthand how the city has responded to maintain its heritage resources while meeting rightsizing challenges. Cleveland is among 20 cities previously surveyed to create the "Historic Preservation and Rightsizing: Current Practices and Resources Survey" study that is among the information the task force has gathered to date. That report is available at [www.achp.gov/achp-rightsizing-report.pdf](http://www.achp.gov/achp-rightsizing-report.pdf). The task force is collecting information and best practices nationwide that will serve to inform federal rightsizing policy. The task force will view some neighborhoods and hear from the Cleveland City Planning Department, Cleveland Restoration Society, Cleveland Housing Network, Cleveland Community Development Department, Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, Neighborhood Progress Inc., and the Ohio State Historic Preservation Officer.

**WHO:** Task Force Chairman Bradford J. White, Evanston, Illinois, presides. Elizabeth Merritt, National Trust for Historic Preservation, represents the organization that is the group's vice chair. Among other task force members expected to attend are ACHP Vice Chairman Dr. Clement Price, Newark, NJ; ACHP Expert Member Terry Guen, Chicago, IL; ACHP Public Member Mark Sadd, Charleston, WV; Ruth Pierpont, ACHP Member, President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and deputy New York State Historic Preservation Officer; Vincent Papsidero, Planning Administrator for the City of Columbus, Ohio, representing ACHP Member Mayor Michael Coleman; Michael Kaczor, Federal Preservation Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Jon Smith, Assistant Associate Director of Heritage Preservation Assistance Programs, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; Paige Pollard, National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, an observing organization to the ACHP; and, John Fowler, ACHP Executive Director. Others in attendance will include Donovan Rypkema and Cara Bertron, of PlaceEconomics, an economic development consulting firm that conducted the rightsizing report noted above.

**WHEN:** The public comment session, New Directions and Next Steps, will take place from 2:30-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 26.

**WHERE:** Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Avenue, second floor, Council Committee Room

**OPEN MEETING:** The day-long task force meeting at city hall June 26 is open to the public.

**About the ACHP:** An independent federal agency, the ACHP promotes the economic, educational, environmental, sustainability, and cultural values of historic preservation and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also influences federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic and cultural properties. See [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov) for more information.

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