Neighborhood Revitalization – The Immigrant/Refuge Opportunity

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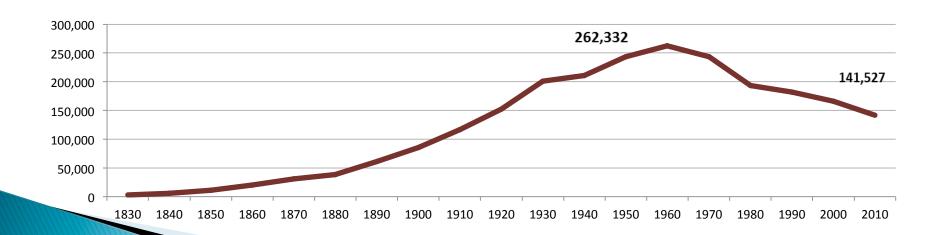
- Presentation content
 - Trends and context
 - Partners to help reimage our city
 - Welcome Dayton Plan
 - Refugee populations
 - City roles, successes, and struggles

Dayton: Reimaging the Future

Developed "Green and Gold Strategy"

- •"Greening" high vacancy, low demand areas
 Demolition, park expansion, side lot initiatives
- Mining the "Gold" of employment centers and community assets

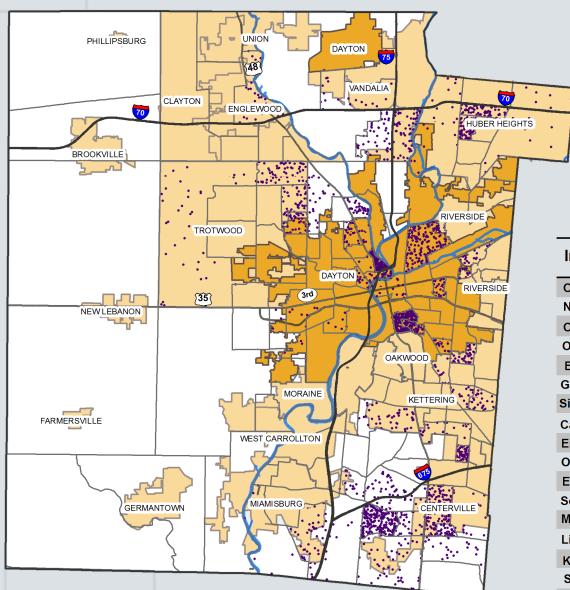
Asset-based development, partnerships, strategic investment

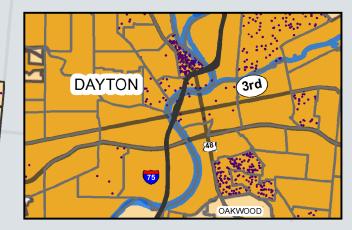


Welcome Dayton Plan

The Welcome Dayton Plan is a consensus of the goals and recommendations of over 100 individuals and representatives of a wide array of immigrant, public, and private groups who voluntarily came together to discuss how to engage our new residents in revitalizing our neighborhoods, building our population and strengthening our economic base.

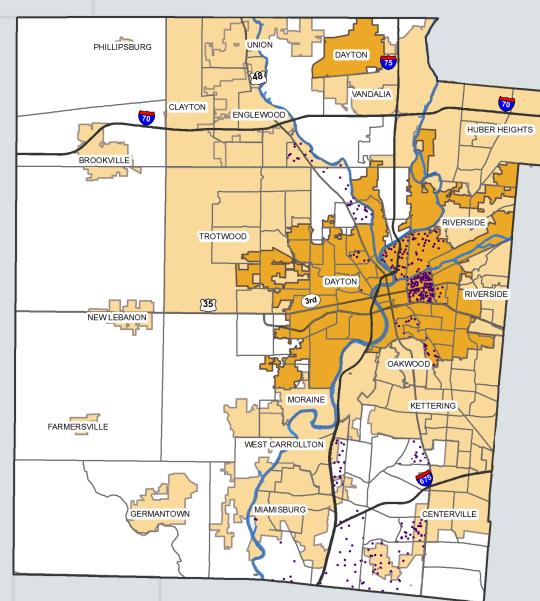
African Immigrant Population in Dayton

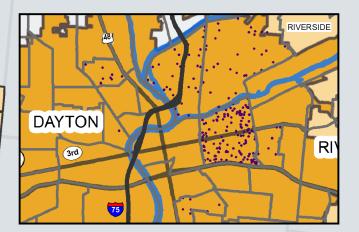




Immigrant Populations	Montgomery County	Dayton
Other Easter Africa	632	196
Nigeria	319	95
Other Western Africa	243	89
Other Middle Africa	225	136
Egypt	160	8
Ghana	144	-
Sierra Leon	60	-
Cameroon	55	3
Eritrea	55	55
Other Northern Africa	54	6
Ethiopia	49	-
South Africa	38	-
Morocco	30	11
Liberia	14	14
Kenya	9	-
Sudan	7	7
Not Elsewhere Specified	-	44

Ahiska Turkish* Immigrant Population in Dayton





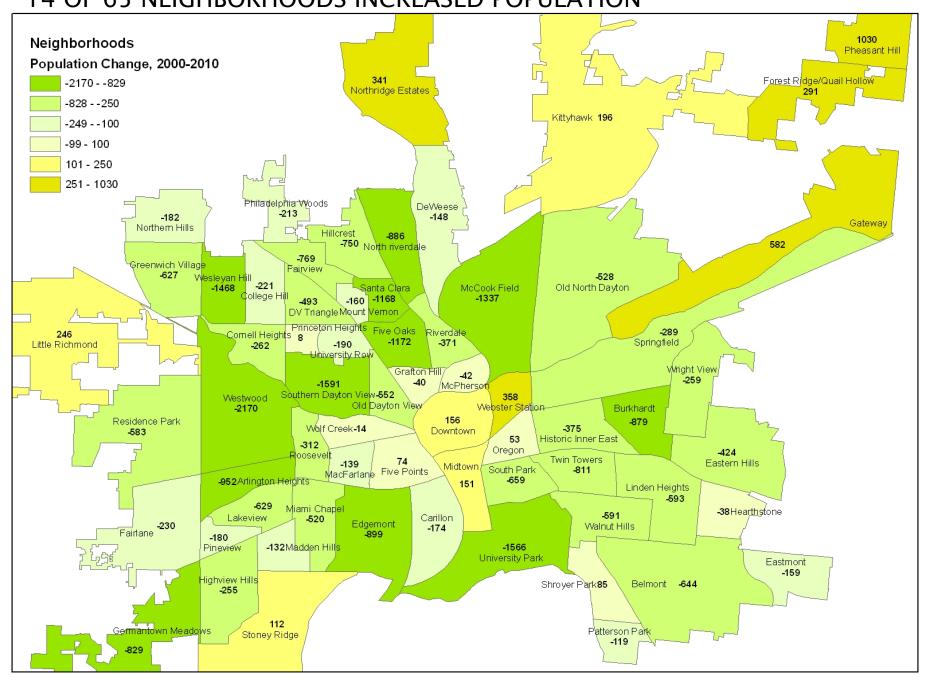
Immigrant Populations	Montgomery County	Dayton
Russia	179	59
Uzbekistan	153	153
Turkey	53	29
Kazakhstan	42	24

Montgomery County totals include City of Dayton totals.

Date: 9/25/2013

^{*}This map displays foreign born residents immigrating from these countries. Not all foreign-born residents displayed here are necessarily a part of the Ahiska Turkish Community, but Ahiska Turks do hail from this region.

14 OF 65 NEIGHBORHOODS INCREASED POPULATION





Dayton's assistance, successes, and struggles

Encouraging Neighborhood Revitalization

- Direct marketing of Lot Links program to Turkish population
 - City initiated foreclosure of vacant and blighted property
 - Facilitated transfer of 25 properties to Turks
 - Renovated approximately 50 homes in Old North Dayton
- Community gardens for native food production
 - Provided land and water infrastructure

Dayton's assistance, successes, and struggles

- Current struggles:
 - Code Enforcement activities
 - Language barriers and cultural education issues
 - Construction methods
 - Working with local Community College to develop a basic framing course for immigrants
 - Neighborhood integration
 - Established immigrants vs. recent immigrants

Where we're headed

- Immigrant population will be a key demographic for neighborhood redevelopment
- City will continue to be supportive
- City will increase our efforts to support new businesses and entrepreneurial efforts.