



Group 8B – Greenest City on a Bluest Lake

GOALS

3-month	1-year	10-year
Demonstrate that massive savings can be achieved by coordinating water, tree planting and sewer efforts currently being managed separately.	Get commitments from the Cleveland Tree Plan, NEORSD and Cleveland Water Department to coordinate, save \$300M.	Save an additional \$200M for residents through introduction of water/sewer technologies standard in other cities but not being used in Cleveland.
7 water/sewer districts plus Ohio/Federal EPA are providing comparisons to Cleveland. Other cities want to help, not compete, with Cleveland.		

Community Conversations and Mapping

What local organizations are currently doing work in your aspiration area?	What questions do you want to ask them?
Cleveland Tree Plan	Questions answered at 12/13 meeting.
NEORS	A NEORS manager has joined our team. Questions to be answered at 1/13 meeting.
Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC)	A WRLC manager has joined our team.
Cleveland Water Department	Questions to be answered at Feb. meeting.
Various local environmental organizations	Initial contacts made.

Community Conversations and Mapping

<p>What communities or those living the experience of your aspiration area do you want to connect with?</p>	<p>What questions do you want to ask them?</p>
<p>Cleveland NAACP</p>	<p>On average, Ward 5 residents pay 12% of income just for water/sewer bills. We want to alleviate that water/sewer burden and reduce liens on low-income households.</p>

Needs

What resources do you need to achieve the 3-month goal in your aspiration area?

Willingness of Cleveland Tree Plan, NEORSD and Cleveland Water Department to coordinate their plans and engineers to achieve \$300M in synergies.

Strong support from CLE Rising, Plain Dealer, NAACP, Cleveland and Gund Foundations, etc. (many of whom are already aware of the savings potential).

Outside engineering firms with the technology already successful in other cities.

The Federal and Ohio EPAs say they will share their expertise that helped achieve huge savings in many cities, e.g., NYC - \$1.5B, Cincy \$200M, Columbus \$800M, Indy \$700M