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Speakers

Bob Gradeck is Director of Community Projects at the Center for Economic Development at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College. As a graduate student at Georgia Tech from 1993-1995, he worked on one of the first neighborhood information systems at the Atlanta Project. He joined the Center for Economic Development in January 1999, where he has played a critical role in the development of the PNCIS. Gradeck is involved with leadership and operations of the project.

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Irene McLaughlin is an attorney offering blight reduction-related legal expertise and mediation services for community development initiatives and charitable legal services for lower-income homeowners living in distressed neighborhoods. She is currently assisting the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania with its legislative agenda to enact and advance solutions to the pressing housing problems and property abandonment facing our rural, urban and suburban communities. McLaughlin received her B.S. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, her J.D. from CUNY Law School at Queens College and her M.A. with a concentration in Conflict Resolution from the McGregor School at Antioch University.

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Terry Schwarz is the Interim Director of Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative. Her work at the CUDC includes neighborhood and campus planning, commercial and residential design guidelines, stormwater management, and green infrastructure strategies. She launched the CUDC's *Shrinking Cities Institute* in 2005 in an effort to understand and address the implications of population decline and large-scale urban vacancy in Northeast Ohio. Schwarz has a Bachelor's degree in English from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Cornell University.