

A project update of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority

PORT PROGRESS

Port Re-designation Celebration



Dave Hammond and Eric Thomas with CORBA, and Melissa Johnson, of the Port Authority, at the port re-designation celebration May 7.

OHIO, KENTUCKY LEADERS CONVENE TO TOUT OHIO RIVER COMMERCE

Governors send proclamations to celebration of Ports of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky

Officials and leaders from government, business, economic development organizations and the region's maritime industry gathered May 7 for the dedication of the re-designated Ports of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

Driven by the Central Ohio River Business Association ([CORBA](#)) and approved earlier this year by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Ohio River boundaries of the re-designated port

— now officially known as The Ports of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky — have been expanded from 26 miles to 226.5 miles including a seven mile stretch of the Licking River in Northern Kentucky. The new port includes all or part of 10 counties in Kentucky (Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Pendleton, Bracken, Mason, Lewis, Gallatin, Carroll, and Trimble) and five



counties in Ohio (Hamilton, Clermont, Brown, Adams, and Scioto.)

“The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ approval of the port re-designation, which will enhance and stimulate river-borne commerce along the Ohio River, is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when local agencies, the federal government, states and 15 county governments work together to complete a mutually beneficial project,” said Congressman Thomas Massie of Kentucky’s Fourth Congressional District, who serves on the Water Resources Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. “I’m sure both sides of the Ohio River will benefit from the continued development of this resource as tonnage grows along the Ohio and Licking Rivers.”

With the new boundaries, The Ports of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky moves about 48 million tons of cargo a year, ranking it 15th among all U.S. ports and number two among U.S. inland ports.

Read more: cincinnatiport.org/ohio-kentucky-leaders-convene-to-tout-ohio-river-commerce/

Conferences & Events



PORT LEADERS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AT STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

Darin Hall and Laura Brunner are presenters at the Greater Ohio Policy Center’s annual summit on June 9 and 10 at the Westin in downtown Columbus, Ohio. The summit, [Restoring Neighborhoods, Strengthening Economies: Innovation & Sustainable Growth in Ohio’s Cities & Regions](#), will bring together national experts, state policymakers, and local leaders from all sectors to discuss new strategies for transforming Ohio cities and regions and making Ohio economically competitive in the 21st century. The summit will feature cutting-edge tools and practices, effective partnerships, and policy solutions that build prosperous communities in Ohio and beyond.

Darin, vice president for real estate development at the Port Authority, will speak on the summit's "Strategic Revitalization: Leveraging Assets, Anchors & Land" panel. Laura, president and CEO, will deliver best-practice information on the summit's "Redeveloping Commercial Vacant Properties & Business Districts: Linking Property Use and Economic Revitalization" panel.

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT KEY TOPIC IN APRIL

The Port Authority attended the [Area Development](#) Forum's FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) Forum in Atlanta, Georgia, in partnership with REDI Cincinnati. This conference provided unique insights into global economic trends impacting global location and investment decisions. Melissa Johnson, director of real estate and logistics, attended the conference, which included dedicated time with site selection consultants. Melissa reports that several influencing factors encouraging FDI into the United States include *Made in USA* and *Buy America* requirements, shorter supply chains and accelerating labor costs in developing countries.

Melissa leads day-to-day management, business development and compliance initiatives for Foreign Trade Zones 46 in Greater Cincinnati and 47 in Northern Kentucky, on behalf of the program's federal grantee. Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) were established regionally in 1979 to expedite and encourage foreign commerce. The Port Authority and REDI Cincinnati work collaboratively on international site location opportunities in Greater Cincinnati and showcasing the FTZ program. To learn more about the FTZ, contact Melissa Johnson at mjohnson@cincinnatiport.org.

Community Revitalization

PORT AUTHORITY MANAGING COMMUNITY HOUSING NONPROFIT HURC

Hamilton County's Homesteading & Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC) has entered into an agreement with the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority for management of operations and program development.

HURC is a 501(c)(3) Ohio nonprofit corporation focused on community housing improvement throughout the region and in particular the renovation of homes in low and moderate-income areas. Since its inception, HURC management and its board of directors have successfully put hundreds of single-family homes back into productive use.

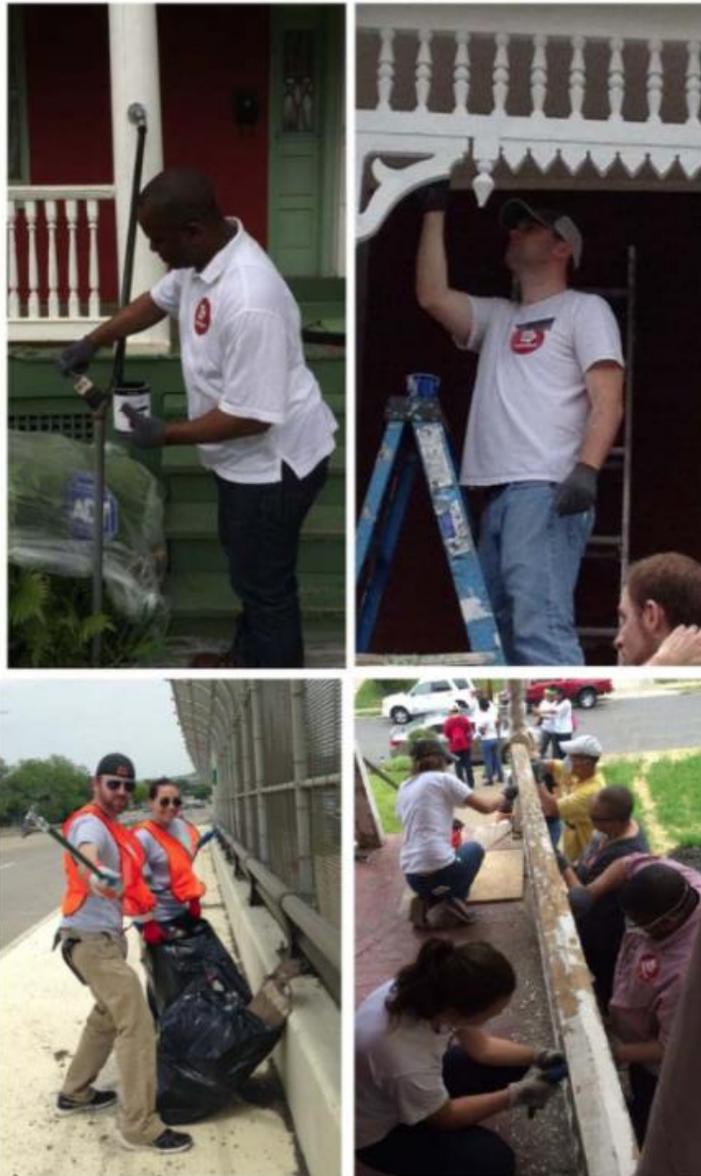
Since 2012, the Port Authority has acted as the management company for the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (Landbank). Through the management model, the Port Authority has deepened its engagement in community development and will expand that to management of the HURC. This alliance responds to a need to halt pervasive neighborhood disinvestment and population loss, as well as battle the negative effects of the subprime mortgage and housing market collapse by returning "broken" sites to productive use.

Read the full press release at cincinnatiport.org

PORT AUTHORITY TEAM CLEANS UP

The weekend of May 16, several members of the Port Authority team volunteered by cleaning up in two of our focus neighborhoods. Deborah Robb organized a team of dozens of volunteers to work on painting and landscaping of 18 properties in Evanston, as part of the Crossroads Church annual "Go Cincinnati" day. Several Port employees participated, and it provided a great opportunity to meet residents in Evanston, including two new REACH homeowners. Pictured above at top are Darin Hall (left) and Will Basil (right), while other Crossroads volunteers prep a railing to paint (lower right).

Additionally, a Port Authority team participated in the Great American Cleanup with the **Queensgate Business Alliance**, picking up trash throughout the neighborhood. Pictured in orange vests are Sam Stephens, City of Cincinnati, and Julie Banner of the Port Authority.



In the News

[Port takes over one of city's oldest redevelopment agencies](#) via Business Courier

[Cincinnati and N.Ky. river cargo authorities become second largest U.S. inland port](#) via Lane Report

['It's going to take a village' to fix Forest Fair](#) via Cincinnati.com

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