

Cleve Ricksecker Biography

Cleve Ricksecker serves as a projects director for the Capitol South Community Urban Development Corporation. Capitol South facilitated the construction of Columbus City Center, the Hyatt on Capitol Square, and several office buildings. It broadened its focus in 1998 to include the entire central business district in an effort to assist in making it a more vibrant and livable place.

Ricksecker's primary responsibility is to create and manage special improvement districts in downtown. Toward this end, he worked with property owners to create Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District in a 25-block area of downtown and serves as its director. In response to a request by property owners in the Discovery District, he is working with owners in the eastern third of downtown to create another SID.

Ricksecker previously served as executive director of the Riverfront Commons Corporation. The RCC's created a master plan for nine miles of riverfront from Dodridge Street near the Ohio State University to Route 104 on the south side of Columbus. The riverfront plan identified land for parks and public spaces, as well as areas for residential and commercial development sites along the river corridor.

Cleve Ricksecker served as executive director of the Short North Business Association for five and a half years prior to serving with the RCC. There, he directed promotions for the Short North commercial district and forged a consensus among area stakeholders to pursue several, long-range goals. They included the creation of a special improvement district in the Short North. From 1987 through 1991, he served as general manager of the Columbus Arts Festival.

Ricksecker is a licensed, but inactive, attorney with a Juris Doctor from Capital University. Ricksecker moved to Columbus in 1977. He resides with his wife and three children in Victorian Village, a Columbus neighborhood immediately north of downtown. His three children attend the Columbus City Schools.