

## HOUSING SURVEY A-1

### Housing conditions study

#### Oak Street CRA

During the months of August and September 2007, surveys were conducted on Oak Street and surrounding streets. The purpose of the survey was to determine through surveillance of the area, the number and location of housing units within the proposed CRA that appeared to be in need of repair or upgrading and the severity of dilapidated structures that were beyond repair, and needing to be removed.

The area is made up of parcels on the north and south side of Oak Street, from Parsons Avenue to Rhoads Avenue. The proposed CRA area covers slightly more than 1 linear mile.

The results of the survey are as follows:

The Oak Street target area contains approximately 356 parcels. The majority of housing units within this area were built prior to 1975. A significant number of units surveyed were historical, built in the mid-1800's. Some of those units have been rehabilitated back to their original condition and charm. However, the majority of units surveyed showed some degree of disrepair, which was considered beyond normal maintenance levels. Multi-family buildings needed substantial repair of deficiencies such as holes or cracks in foundation, leaning structures, sagging roofs or rotted porches. A least six large multi-family buildings were boarded and/or dilapidated and needed to be removed. All parcels are within the Columbus City School District.

The home-ownership rate in the area is approximately 30%.

Photographs on the following pages illustrate various building conditions in and surrounding the survey area.