

# Jim Sweeney

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## Work Experience

**Franklinton Development Association, Community Development Corporation, Columbus, Ohio**

Executive Director - October 2002 to August 2016

- Employed various conventional and affordable housing financing programs, including HOME, NSP, and LIHTC to develop or co-develop 155 affordable units in the low-mod income community of Franklinton.
- Built viable and sustainable grass-roots organization. Led organizational capacity building initiatives including strategic planning, board reorganization and development, resource development planning, succession planning, and all other organizational policy development. Maintained a board of trustees with 51% community representation.
- Created and implemented neighborhood redevelopment and strategic housing revitalization plans and other strategies including the award winning East Franklinton Creative Community Plan and West Franklinton Plan.
- Led neighborhood rebranding campaign replacing “The Bottoms” moniker with that of an affordable and dynamic arts and innovation community. Created the Franklinton Arts District and led several development projects including establishing the Columbus Idea Foundry in Franklinton to build the creative culture and cement the new brand and trajectory of investment.
- Created and managed administrative and construction budgets and expenditures.
- Created productive partnerships with private and public sector interests.
- Represented and advocated for the community and housing interests of Franklinton at federal, state, and local levels
- Hired, trained and supervised seven staff members plus interns and volunteers.

**Homes on The Hill, Community Development Corporation, Columbus, Ohio**

Development Planner - July 2001 to June 2002

- Evaluated development proposal according to development costs and target affordability market and wrote HOME grant and loan proposals.
- Created housing revitalization plans.

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Columbus, Ohio**

Senior Planner - July 1997 to April 2001

- Created comprehensive land use plans for member municipalities and townships including technical existing condition analysis, community and political support facilitation, and formulation of general and detailed recommendations for all aspects of land use, transportation, environmental, recreation and growth policy.
- Reviewed development plans to determine compliance with various county and township land use, environmental and transportation plans. Presented staff opinion to various review boards and the county commissioners on a monthly basis.
- Rewrote local zoning ordinances to reflect needs of modern development environment.

## Board and Other Service

- 2005-present, Franklinton Arts District, Founding member
- May 2017-present, Columbus Landmarks Foundation
- 2011-2017, Ohio Community Development Corporation Association
- 2012-2013, United Way of Central Ohio, Chair, Revitalization and Affordable Housing Committees
- 2004-2012, Franklinton Board of Trade
- 2009, Rebuilding Lives Strategic Planning Committee

## Awards and Honors

- 2016 Commendation by Columbus City Council
- 2015 Art Partner of the Year by the Greater Columbus Arts Council
- 2015 voted “Community Champion of the Year” by readership of Columbus Underground
- 2009 CDC of the Year by Ohio Community Development Corporation Association

## Education

- 1996 The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio - Master of City and Regional Planning
- 1989 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio - Bachelor of Science in Communications