

THE IMPACT OF OPPORTUNITY ZONES: HOW TO CREATE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Hosted by:  Environmental Design Group
The community impact people.

Opportunity Zones have the potential to become the largest community development program in our nation’s history. They are designed to encourage long-term private investments in low-income areas found in our communities through a two-fold strategy: using temporary benefits to bring the investment in, and long-term benefits to keep it there. However, there is a short window of opportunity for proactive communities to attract this development and take advantage of the full tax potential of this program. At the end of the day, communities that bring all stakeholders together to leverage the Opportunity Zones will likely be the ones that best utilize the program.

Created as part of tax reform, Opportunity Zones offer incentives to investors taking an equity stake in community development at the nexus of need. Opportunity Zones allow investors to defer federal taxes on any recent capital gains, reduce tax payments by up to 15%, and pay as little as zero taxes on potential profits from an Opportunity Fund if the investment is held for 10 years.



DATE: Wednesday February 13, 2019
TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Cleveland Metroparks Canalway Center,
 4524 E. 49th Street, Cleveland, OH 44125

Space is limited. Up to 3 PDH’s will be provided.



AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC TITLE	PRESENTER
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Continental breakfast/networking	
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome guests and introductions	Jeff Kerr, Environmental Design Group
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	“What is an Opportunity Zone and What Can That Mean for Your Community”	Graham Allison , Opportunity Zone Development Group
11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Refreshment break	
11:10 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	“How Do Communities Position Themselves to Take Advantage of Opportunity Zones?”	Nathan Leppo , Environmental Design Group
11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch is served	
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	“Financial and Legal Considerations”	Andrew Doup , Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter Holly Swisher , Clarus Partners
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Closing	

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