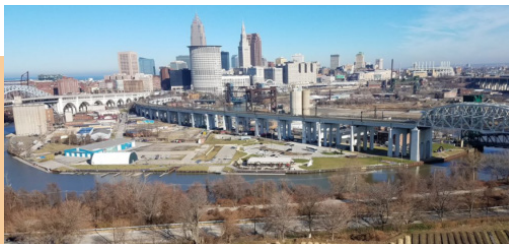


ThirdSpace Action Lab

Cleveland, Ohio

The Coalition will include, Enterprise Ohio, LISC Cleveland, NAACP Cleveland, Participatory Budgeting – CLE, and the Young Latino Network. This group, lead by Third Space Action Lab, will guide the exploration and strategic alignment of the convened partner organizations, as well as explore additional partnerships and collaborations to strengthen the racial equity planning process.



The Partnership for Equitable and Resilient Communities (PERC) was created to reimagine public investment by supporting collaborative decision-making between philanthropy, government and community — ensuring those closest to the problem have a seat at the table and power to help direct resources to develop equitable solutions designed and implemented by community members. PERC is an innovative, national model for public investment that advances racial equity and justice by shifting decision-making power to Black, Indigenous and Latino/a/x people living in historically disinvested communities. This new process for managing community investments will actively interrupt cycles of inequitable investments, expand pathways to wealth-building opportunities and support community resilience.



Some Key Strengths:

- Many coalition partners are currently involved in or leading ongoing community-wide initiatives to invest in historically marginalized and socioeconomically excluded populations. There have been hard-won, though incremental, progress in addressing racial inequality across the city.
- June 3, 2020: Cleveland City Council passed legislation declaring racism a public health crisis in the city.

Some Key Challenges:

- Ranked the one of the poorest big cities in the country, one of the most segregated cities in the US, and the number 1 distressed city in the US:
 - 36% of population lives below the poverty line
 - Median Black Income: \$28,000, Median White Income: \$60,000
 - 42.9% of Black residents below the poverty line