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## Over-the-Rhine Overview

Over-the-Rhine is a vibrant, diverse, mixed-income, mixed-use community adjacent to Cincinnati's central business district. It boasts all the benefits of urban living: loft-style condos, unique shops, arts and culture, walk-able, friendly, diverse, historically and architecturally significant.

It is Cincinnati's oldest and most historic neighborhood, home to the country's largest collection, 943 buildings, of 19<sup>th</sup> century, Italianate architecture. In 1983 the entire 360-acre neighborhood was designated an historic district land listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

OTR's name comes from German immigrants who built and settled the neighborhood in the 1800's. Bridges over the Miami and Erie Canal separated OTR from downtown Cincinnati, where many residents traveled everyday to work. To honor their homeland, the area became known as Over-the-Rhine, with the canal symbolizing Germany's Rhine River.

By the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, OTR had become one of the most economically distressed areas in the country with an extremely high poverty rate, unemployment rate and a median household income under \$10,000. This unstable environment was preventing growth and investment in the city's core, which in turn impacted the health of the entire region. In the absence of a major turnaround, the region was in danger of losing some of its largest employers.

The turnaround is underway. Over-the-Rhine's unmatched assets are now being tapped to bring significant new investment into the community. 3CDC and its financial partners have initiated the first major development in OTR called "The Gateway Quarter", centered at 12<sup>th</sup> and Vine streets. Since 2006, about \$93 million has been invested in the development and creation of the Gateway Quarter. The redeveloped properties were mostly vacant structures or buildings that housed carry-out liquor stores that were havens for illicit drug and other illegal activities.

The Gateway Quarter is being developed in Phases. Phases I and II are complete and include 86 for-sale units and 12 rental properties and well as 14 commercial spaces. As of early 2009, 70% of the residential properties are sold and all but two of the commercial

spaces are leased.

Phase III broke ground in February 2008 and is currently underway. It will bring an additional 105 for-sale housing units and over 15,000 square feet of commercial space to Vine, Main, Republic and Pleasant streets.

The new commercial space has resulted in a vibrant shopping district, filled with locally-owned, one-of-a-kind stores and restaurants, transforming a block that was once one of the highest crime areas in the entire metropolitan area into a place where people of all ages, incomes and background choose to live, work, shop and play.

For information about purchasing a home in the Gateway Quarter or leasing commercial space, please visit [www.gatewayquarter.com](http://www.gatewayquarter.com). For information about existing retailers in the Gateway Quarter, visit [www.otrgateway.com](http://www.otrgateway.com)



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