THE GROUP PLAN COMMISSION
Transforming and Connecting Cleveland’s Signature Public Spaces
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Executive Director
• Pedestrian Connector to Lakefront
• Enhance the Mall
• Transform Public Square
GROUP PLAN COMMISSION

- 501(c)(3) non-profit to deliver capital improvements + programming and maintenance

- Public + private + philanthropic

  - **Public Sector Stakeholders**
    - City of Cleveland & Cuyahoga County

  - **Downtown Organizations**
    - Greater Cleveland Partnership, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, and LAND studio

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**Public Square Transformation ($50 m)**

- **Development:** JCFO, Nelson Nygaard, Osbom Engineering
- **Delivery:** PMC, Donley’s Construction, G. Stephens, Inc.
The High Line - New York City
$172 million construction cost
$2 Billion in economic impact
9 major development projects
12,000 jobs
2,558 new residential units
Millennium Park - Chicago

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- Estimated 10 year impacts of:
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Atlanta
Centennial Olympic Park
Adjacent condo prices rose from $115/sq.ft to $250/sq.ft

Boston
Rose Kennedy Greenway
Adjacent property values increased 79% between 1988 and 2003

New York
Bryant Park
Adjacent commercial real estate increased 115% - 225% between 1990 and 2002
1. STRONG DIAGONAL CONNECTIONS

2. MAJOR ROUTES DEFINE LARGE ROOMS

3. CREATE PERIMETER SPACES

4. FRAME THE SQUARE
meet me in the square.
Public Square became Cleveland’s showpiece during the RNC in July, garnering an incredible amount of national media that universally lauded the park’s design, how this magnificent civic space was being used and its clear place as one of the most prominent public parks and urban greenspaces in the country.
Hot in Cleveland? The city’s new, cool Public Square | PBS NewsHour

The 16 Hottest New Restaurants in Cleveland Right Now | Eater.com
The transformation has created a downtown neighborhood and a fresh, new welcome to the city. Public Square is Cleveland’s front door and the heart of the city’s government district.
The transformation has spurred economic development through new construction for downtown living and new business ventures.