



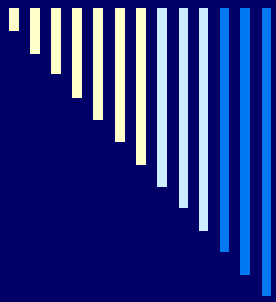
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### Mission

Policy and applied research on the key forces shaping metropolitan growth and development

### Major Initiatives

- The New Metropolis
- Fair Growth
- **Green Regions**
- Smart Governance
- World Cities



# National Vacant Properties Campaign

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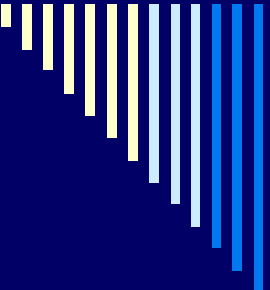
- Policy and Practice Forums and Roundtables
- Prepare and Disseminate Information (Case Studies, Research Papers, List Serv)
- Technical Assistance
  - Assessment Reports: Cleveland and Dayton
  - Surdna Grant Cities: Buffalo, Tucson, Spartanburg, Bridgeport, Richmond, Baltimore, Indianapolis
  - Locally Funded TA: Memphis and Waterloo



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# Reflections on Eminent Domain

- Emotional Reaction—media & community
  - Legal and Judicial Reaction—property rights vs. public interest
  - Legislative Responses
    - State legislatures
    - Congress
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# Navigating in the Post-Kelo World

## □ Practice

- Program design
- Project management
- Pressures on planners and legal teams
- Emphasis on neighborhood engagement

## □ Policy Implications

- Ability of cities to raise revenues
  - Ability of cities to redevelop
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