

# Embracing Diversity through Community Development

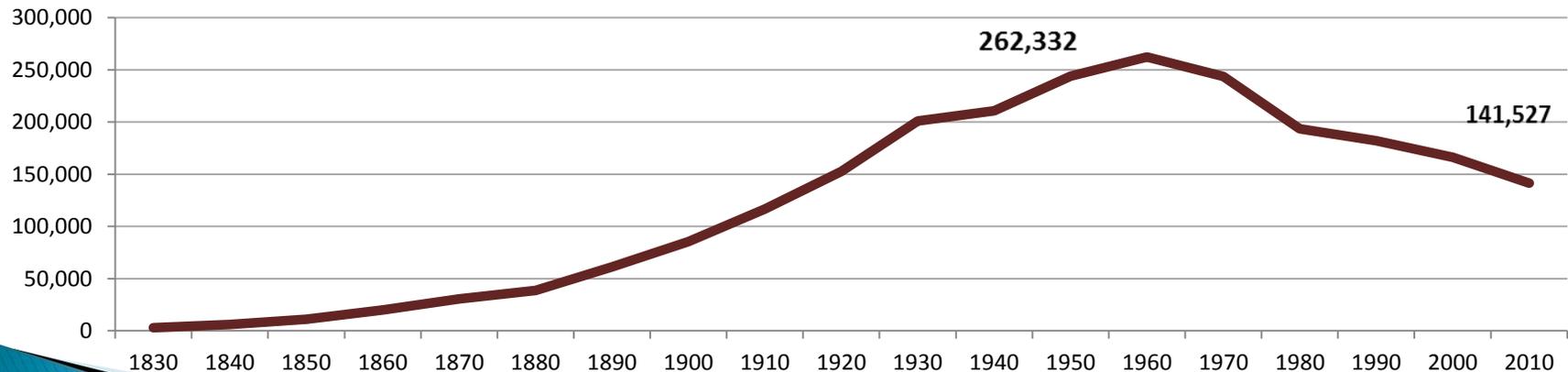
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- **Presentation content**
  - Trends and context
  - Partners to help reimagine our city
    - Welcome Dayton Plan
    - Refugee populations
  - City roles, successes, and struggles

# Dayton: Reimagining the Future

## Developed “Green and Gold Strategy”

- “Greening” high vacancy, low demand areas  
Demolition, park expansion, side lot initiatives
- Mining the “Gold” of employment centers and community assets  
Asset-based development, partnerships, strategic investment



# Welcome Dayton Plan

- ▶ The [Welcome Dayton Plan](#) is a consensus of the goals and recommendations of over 100 individuals and representatives of a wide array of immigrant, public, and private groups who voluntarily came together to discuss how to engage our new residents in revitalizing our neighborhoods, building our population and strengthening our economic base.
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# Welcome Dayton Plan

## 1. Business and Economic Development

- Immigrants are 2-3 times more likely to start a business than native-born residents.

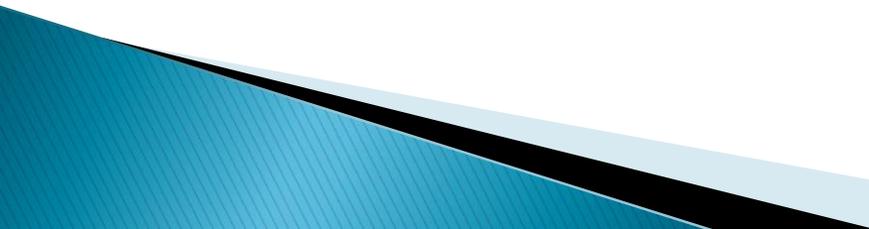
## 2. Government and Justice System

- Service improvements for those where English is a second language

## 3. Social and Health Services

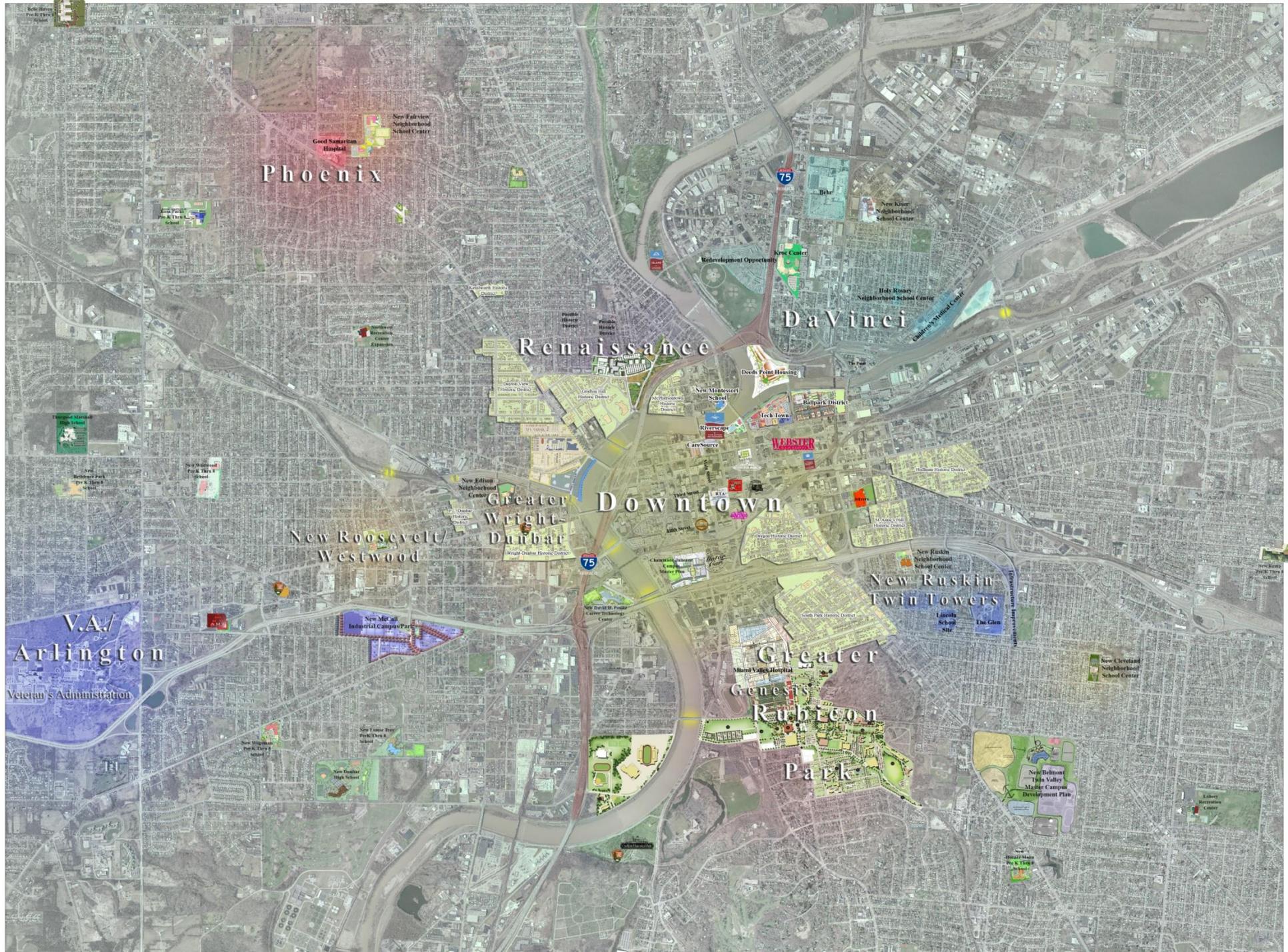
- Better support network for refugees

## 4. Community, Culture, Arts and Education

- Degree & Credentialing reciprocity
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# Refugee Populations

- ▶ Two main refugee groups:
  - East African (Rwanda & Burundi)
    - Very few resources upon entry
    - Very limited English proficiency
    - Broad resettlement pattern in Dayton
    - Housing stability is a concern
  - Ahiska Turkish Community
    - Deep connections to Turkey
    - Basic English proficiency (mainly children)
    - Very concentrated resettlement pattern
    - Currently redeveloping the Old North Dayton neighborhood



# Phoenix

Good Samaritan Hospital  
New Fairview Neighborhood School Center

# Renaissance

Possible Heritage Historic District  
Diverse View Historic District  
Coral Gables Historic District  
New Montessori School  
Riverscape  
CareSource

# Da Vinci

Redevelopment Opportunity  
Kivic Center  
Holy Rosary Neighborhood School Center  
Deeds Point Housing  
Ballpark District  
Tech Town  
WEBSTER

# Downtown

# Greater Wright-Dunbar

New Edison Neighborhood Center  
New Franklin Historic District  
Wright-Dunbar Historic District

# New Roosevelt/Westwood

New Westwood Park, Day & Thoreau School

# New Ruskin Twin Towers

New Ruskin Neighborhood School Center  
Lincoln School Site  
The Glen

# Greater Genesis Rubicon Park

Miami Valley Hospital  
New Brickell Point Culture Technology Center  
South Park Historic District

# V.A. Arlington

Veteran's Administration

New McCall Industrial Campus/Park

New Wynnton Park, Terry School

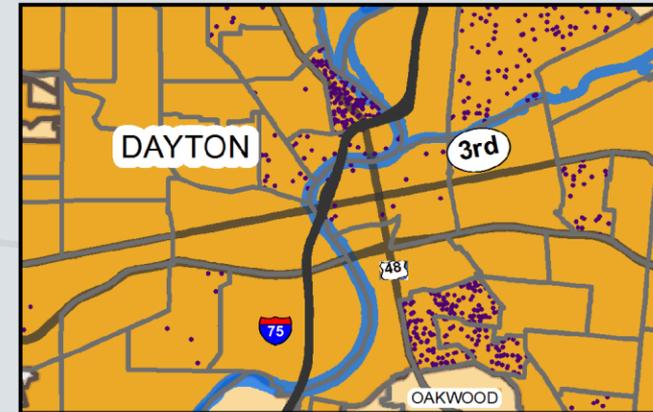
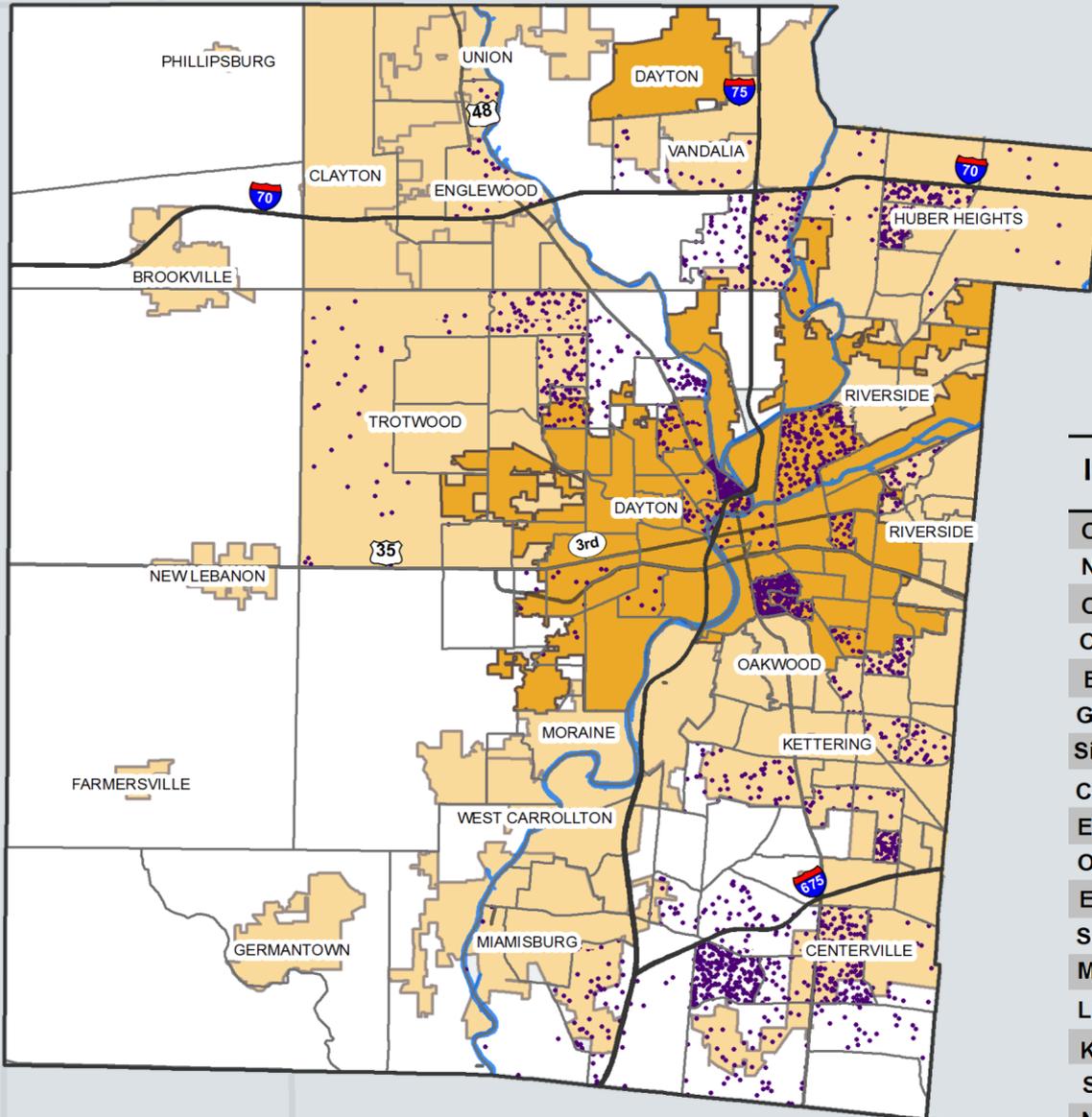
New Frontier High School

New Belmont Urban Valley Master Campus Development Plan

New Cleveland Neighborhood School Center

Liberty Recreation Center

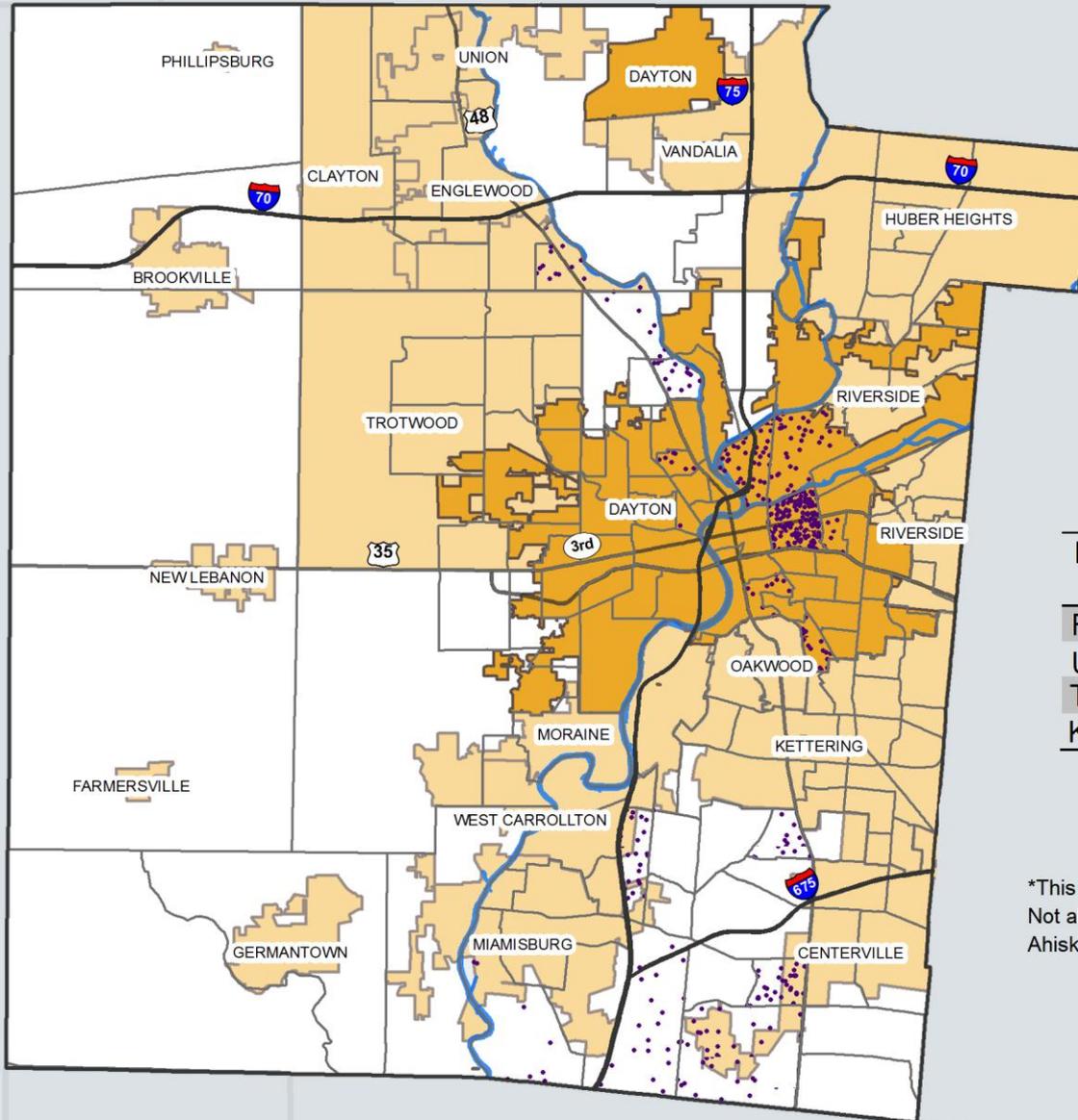
# African Immigrant Population in Dayton



Immigrant Populations	Montgomery County	Dayton
Other Easter Africa	632	196
Nigeria	319	95
Other Western Africa	243	89
Other Middle Africa	225	136
Egypt	160	8
Ghana	144	-
Sierra Leon	60	-
Cameroon	55	3
Eritrea	55	55
Other Northern Africa	54	6
Ethiopia	49	-
South Africa	38	-
Morocco	30	11
Liberia	14	14
Kenya	9	-
Sudan	7	7
Not Elsewhere Specified	-	44

Montgomery County totals include City of Dayton totals.

# Ahiska Turkish\* Immigrant Population in Dayton



Immigrant Populations	Montgomery County	Dayton
Russia	179	59
Uzbekistan	153	153
Turkey	53	29
Kazakhstan	42	24

Montgomery County totals include City of Dayton totals.

\*This map displays foreign born residents immigrating from these countries. Not all foreign-born residents displayed here are necessarily a part of the Ahiska Turkish Community, but Ahiska Turks do hail from this region.

# Dayton's assistance, successes, and struggles

## ▶ **Welcome Dayton Coordinator**

- Assists various departments in navigating the various groups

## ▶ **Encouraging Neighborhood Revitalization**

- Direct marketing of Lot Links Program to Turks
  - City initiated foreclosure of vacant and blighted property
  - Facilitated transfer of 25 properties to Turks
  - Renovated approximately 50 homes in Old North Dayton
- Community gardens for native food production
  - Provided land and water infrastructure

# Dayton's assistance, successes, and struggles

- ▶ Current struggles:
  - Code Enforcement activities
    - Language barriers and cultural education issues
  - Construction methods
    - Working with local Community College to develop a basic framing course for immigrants
  - Neighborhood integration
    - Established immigrants vs. recent immigrants

# Where we're headed

- ▶ Immigrant population will be a key demographic for neighborhood redevelopment
  - ▶ City will continue to be supportive
  - ▶ City will increase our efforts to support new businesses and entrepreneurial efforts.
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