Part III
Neighborhoods, Housing and Community Renewal

Chapter 7
Neighborhoods, Historic Preservation, and Housing

Chapter 8
Community Renewal

SUMMARY THEMES

- **DATA:** Understand the reality on the ground
  > Comprehensive property information system and market evaluation analysis
  > Brownfields inventory

- **NO MORE SILOS:** Talk to one another
  > Housing Policy Advisory Council and subcommittees

- **BUILD ON ASSETS:** Retain and enhance
  > Historic preservation priority ranking system
  > Historic preservation coupled with neighborhood enhancement and revitalization
  > Artist studio and live/work space

- **NO ONE-SIZE-FITS ALL:** Use the right tool to get the job done
  > Director in charge of code enforcement and blight removal, accountable to the Mayor
  > Birmingham Redevelopment Authority and Land Bank

- **MAKE CHOICES FOR CRITICAL MASS:** Be strategic
  > Criteria for redevelopment planning and investment for designated Strategic Opportunity Areas
  > Start where there is high probability of success
  > Create critical mass
  > Repeat and expand

- **BUILD CAPACITY:** Get organized for funding and impact
  > Birmingham Neighborhoods Future conference soon after adoption of the comprehensive plan
  > Capacity College for neighborhood groups and small nonprofits

- **BE INNOVATIVE:** Turn vacancy into opportunity
  > Use vacant land to green neighborhoods
  > Establish community land trusts for affordable housing and for open space
  > Create an Urban Agriculture Pilot District for a year-round, for-profit food production industry on vacant land and in vacant buildings