

here & there



Cleveland, Ohio

Mention Cleveland, Ohio and you may be met with jokes and jeers and hear names like “Mistake on the Lake.” But, try a simple search online and you will find a chorus from Clevelanders that has a familiar ring:

“Sure, we have our challenges, but what city doesn’t?”

“The truth about Cleveland is far different than national perceptions. Cleveland is a great place to live.”

Faced with high unemployment, rising crime rates and a crumbling infrastructure, city leaders came together in the mid-90’s to work on changing those perceptions. Since that time the city has improved infrastructure, created a more diversified economy, and invested in the arts. Cleveland is generally considered an example of revitalization and has been hailed by the media as “America’s Comeback City.” In studies conducted by *The Economist* in 2005, Cleveland ranked as one of the most livable cities in the United States.

Redevelopment within the city limits has been strongest in the downtown area near the Gateway complex—consisting of Progressive Field and Quicken Loans Arena, and near North Coast Harbor—including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Browns Stadium, and the Great Lakes Science Center.

While Cleveland’s municipal priorities continue to include revitalization of inner-city neighborhoods and improvement of the school system through increased funding for public education, the Cleveland Plus initiative started in 2006 now takes a more regional approach to economic development by combining assets with Akron, Canton and Youngstown to attract new business to the area.

Cleveland’s diverse ethnic population has given rise to even more national acclaim...the cuisine. The national food press — including publications *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine*, *Esquire* and *Playboy* — has heaped praise on several Cleveland spots for awards including “best new restaurant,” “best steakhouse,” “best farm-to-table programs” and “great new neighborhood eateries.” In early 2008, the Chicago Tribune ran a feature article in its “Travel” section proclaiming Cleveland, America’s “hot new dining city.”

Cleveland’s population is over 430,000 with a median home value of \$84,000, lower than Decatur’s \$92,000. Median monthly rent of \$605 is the same in both cities. Cleveland’s cost of living index is 101.4, higher than Decatur’s affordable 89, with food and healthcare almost 20% higher in Cleveland.

HERE Decatur, IL



205 N. Country Club Road

Price: \$155,000

Square Feet	1864
Bedrooms	3
Baths	2
Style	Ranch
Garage	2-car attached

Single family home on sloped lot with eat-in kitchen and master suite, fenced yard & patio.

THERE Cleveland, OH



2499 W. 7th St.

Price: \$155,000

Square Feet	1046
Bedrooms	2
Baths	2.5
Style	Two story
Garage	1-car detached

Corner lot in Cleveland Municipal Schools near park and shopping, full basement, 2nd floor master.

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