Rescuing Low Performing Cities

Policies to Deal with Cities that Empty Out

AGENDA

(subject to change)

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM Opening remarks from Dan Kildee, Dr. Soji Adelaja, others on metropolitan prosperity in the New Economy; why U.S. metropolitan areas are in distress and the phenomenon of emptying cities; the importance of urban cores to a state's economy; the lack of a national urban agenda and the role of MIHELP and the university research corridor institutions in informing that discussion.
- 9:30 – 10:30 AM How much restoring do cities need?
  Academic panel session on: Quantifying and Describing the Emptying/Shrinking Cities Phenomenon.
    - Joe Schilling, Virginia Tech
    - Margaret Dewer, University of Michigan
    - Olga Savic Stella, Detroit economic Growth Corporation.
- 10: 30 – 10:45 AM – Break
- 10:45 – Noon What are the challenges that our leaders face?
  Academic panel session on: The Political Reality of Low Performing Cities.
    - John Mogk, Wayne State University
    - Jay Williams, Youngstown, Ohio Mayor
    - Fred Pearson, Wayne State University
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 PM How does what we say or think about cities affect their performance?
  Academic panel session on: Civic Discourse and Mindset Change about Cities.
    - Mark Wilson, Michigan State University
    - Dick Norton , University of Michigan
    - Robin Boyle, Wayne State University
    - Jerry Herron, Dean, WSU Honors College
- 2:30 – 2:45 – Break
- 2:45 – 4:00 PM What can low performing cities do?
  Academic panel session on: Strategies for Dealing with Emptying/Shrinking Cities.
    - Darrene Hackler, George Mason University
    - Norman Christopher, Grand Valley State University
    - Terry Schwarz, a senior planner at Kent State University's Urban Design Center
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM What do our elected leaders need to know in order to help low performing cities?
  A presentation and discussion on what an urban policy agenda to deal with shrinking cities might look at and how MIHELP and other universities could play an important role.
    - Representative Robert Jones, Co-Chair Bipartisan Urban Caucus
    - Representative Ed Clemente, Chair of the House New Economy and Quality of Life Committee
    - Senator Hansen Clarke, Co-Chair Bipartisan Urban Caucus
- 5:00 PM – Adjourn