

## PROLOGUE

Neighborhood revitalization is a constant process. It begins and continues in various forms among public and private sector actors and institutions. Some neighborhood revitalization efforts are narrowly focused and marginally supported, others incorporate elaborate public/private partnerships and pursue comprehensive goals and policies.

Neighborhoods are not islands. Housing, transportation, commerce, and socio-cultural activities play roles in giving shape and identity to neighborhoods. These characteristics also transcend neighborhood parameters making neighborhoods interdependent with processes and entities of the larger environment.

Articles appearing in this issue utilize diverse methodologies to provide a sample of perspectives and issues that illuminate activities and elements of neighborhood revitalization. The manuscripts help to expose the field of concern rather than claiming to exhaust the range of issues.

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