ART, ARTISTS, & COMMUNITY
Paducah

- Hub to 15 county area in western KY and southern IL.
- Total population – 260,000
- McCracken co. – 65,000
- Paducah – 25,000
LOWER TOWN
Lower Town

- Approximately 35 sq. blocks
- Named to the National Register in 1980s
- Originally home to the city’s merchants and business owners.
- Major boom in the 50s…Atomic City
Lower Town Existing Conditions

• Demographics (1990 Census)
  – Persons In Poverty – 51%
  – Minority Population – 14%
  – Less than High School Diploma – 50%
  – Unemployed Persons – 17%
  – Per Capita Income - $8,072
  – Renter Occupancy Rate – Over 70%
  – 23.4% Considered dilapidated
Property values are estimated at one-half to one-third compared to other areas in Paducah.
Then
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THE ARTIST RELOCATION PROGRAM

• Primary goal – the revitalization of the blighted neighborhood.

• The result of the vision and perseverance of one artist.
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Lower Town Revitalization Partners

- The Lower Town Revitalization Plan and the Artist Relocation program is first and foremost a City run project. The Mayor & Commission initiated the project and continue to support it.
- **Urban Renewal & Community Development Agency (URCDA)** oversees property acquisition and development as well as grants administration on behalf of the City Commission.
- Lower Town Renaissance **Neighborhood Association**
- Paducah Chamber, CVB, Main St., Quilt Museum, Maiden Alley Cinema, PAPA, Performing Arts Center, Community Theatre & Yeiser Art Center.
- **Paducah Bank** has been a phenomenal partner in the project. Making long-term fixed rate 100% cost of rehab loans well in excess of appraised value (as high as 250%); to date every loan has been underwritten by Paducah Bank.
  - They continue to underwrite the program and donate to the projects. Interestingly enough, their deposits are up nicely since their association with this project.
Artist Relocation-The Numbers

- 70+ artists/locals complete or in progress with an average private investment of $345,000 each for a total approximate $28.4 million dollar investment in our Lower Town. This is their money derived from personal funds or from private redevelopment loans.
- The incentive cost to the City for this investment is, on average, $1,467 each which paid for professional fees and loan buy downs.
- Total City expenditures to date for the entire 6 plus years since 2001 have been approximately $2,580,000. including property purchases, advertising, payroll, structure stabilization, streets, sidewalks, infrastructure improvements, etc.
- Total salary for the Artist Relocation Coordinator position to date is approximately $150,500. since August 2000, over 5 years or less than $28,300 per year on average.
Artist Relocation-The Numbers Cont’

• **Total one year payback to City** of city property taxes, building permits, contractor license fees, and the Artists’ business license is estimated at **$179,228** and continuing to rise each year thereafter. This does not include any of the normal economic development multipliers for a **$28.4 million** dollar project.

• Additionally, we are increasing city, county, school, library, PJC, and state tax base, providing work for the construction industry, creating a new tourism industry, and we are attracting responsible, new citizens committed to the positive revitalization of this neighborhood, the entire city, and the county.
ROI
Return on Investment

• Since Inception August 2000, For every dollar spent by the City of Paducah on the Artist Relocation program, the City has received well over $11 dollars in return of immediate, cash reinvestment.

• As you can see, based on this ROI, the City has really given nothing to the Artists, it’s the other way around.

• No City program of any kind and I mean None has ever paid back this kind of immediate dividend.
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An openness and willingness to pursue new ideas and follow inspirations.

A willingness to push personal boundaries and take risks.

A desire to live life from the inside out.

A sense of fearlessness to commit to all of the above.
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MAIDEN ALLEY CINEMA
FOUR RIVERS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
PADUCAH SCHOOL OF ART
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The study on greater Paducah...nonprofit arts & culture are a $39.9 million dollar industry, supporting 819 full-time equivalent jobs and generates $3.6 million in local & state taxes.

They spend $10.9 million and leverage $27.8 million in additional spending.

Individual artists account for $1.1 million in industry spending.
RESOURCES

Americans for the arts, 2009
www.americanforthearts.org

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