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Special Notes	

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- 1 introduction and background
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- 3 Near West Side/Ohio City/Detroit Shoreway: name and boundary history
- 4 Detroit Shoreway, ca. 1970: ethnic makeup (irish, italian, german, romanian, hungarian)
- 5 ethnic groups center around Catholic Churches
- 6 Irish ethnic group and individuals
- 7 Detroit Shoreway, changing racial-ethnic demographic (latino, asian)
- 8 older european ethnic groups remain alongside newer ones
- 9 Detroit Shoreway, community organizing: church involvement
- 10 political involvement (Ward 3)
- 11 Councilman Mike Ward
- 12 Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO): concept and history
- 13 making an organization to suit Detroit Shoreway's unique quality
- 14 "if you can get ten percent actively involved... things will happen"
- 15 Union Carbide/Eveready, research and manufacturing plant: closing, relocation
- 16 Battery Park development: Detroit Shoreway housing stock
- 17 orients the community "northward toward the lake"; Edgewater Park pollution ca. 1970
- 18 Edgewater Park: community use, public health
- 19 Time Magazine cover story: "Lake Erie is Dead"
- Cleveland, as national joke: Cuyahoga River Fire, Ralph Perk's hair on fire, city in financial
- 20 default
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- 22 Cleveland, assets:
- 23 West Side Market
- 24 Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO): community "trolley tour"
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- 26 Detroit Shoreway, history: original boundaries, choosing a name, relation to Ohio City
- 27 Cleveland, street names: old street names reflected use/destination (Detroit, Erie, etc.)
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- 29 Gordon Square Arcade, history: dilapidated by 1980s, DSCDO ownership
- 30 commercial occupants; Eco-Village
- 31 Eco-Village [30:40]: history begins with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) ca. 1975
- 32 district boundaries, replaced "some of the least desirable housing in the neighborhood"
- 33 NHS purchases vacant lots and develops
- 34 relation to NHS and DSCDO, concept
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- 37 Detroit Shoreway, retail decline since 1960s-70s: growth of suburban retail

38 Detroit Avenue "was all retail", newer businesses are fast-food/low-end chains
39 description of old small businesses
40 Detroit Shoreway, redefining the neighborhood: "you gotta find something unique"
41 description of old neighborhood economy

42 recreating an Arts District, Bob Hope performances on Detroit Ave. (details and bio.)
43 old Vaudeville Theatres on Detroit Ave.
44 Vaudeville history
45 commercial past and present
mixed-use neighborhoods and buildings create pedestrian traffic, impact of higher gas
46 prices

47 Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO):
48 Kent State University study of housing "prepositioned" later DSCDO development
49 successful condominium development
"good planning...has made the difference in keeping the neighborhood vibrant"; West
50 Shoreway

51 West Shoreway (Rt.2) redevelopment as "boulevard"
52 successful "network" to communicate community events/issues
53 Union Carbide/Eveready, research and manufacturing plant: closing, relocation
54 rumors of pollution/industrial contamination, political-industrial conflict
55 ongoing demolitions and redevelopment (Battery Park)
56 Detroit Shoreway, possible interview subjects
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58 Detroit Shoreway, industrial decline left vacant structures
59 neighborhood clashes with industry are normal
60 Detroit Shoreway, commercial/industrial resurgence
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62 Cleveland, industry: still an industrial city
63 Cleveland, lake front: comparison to Baltimore, MD
64 end