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New Visions for Youngstown Neighborhood Explored in PBS 45 & 49 Special

KENT, Ohio – Oct. 28, 2005 – With blighted buildings and abandoned streets occupying most of Northeast Ohio's industrial cities, how can these features be positive elements of a reconstituted city? PBS 45 & 49 focuses on the city of Youngstown when it presents **What to Do With a Shrinking City: A Youngstown 2010: Moving Ahead Special** on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 10 p.m. The special repeats on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 2 a.m.

The program follows students and staff of Kent State University's Urban Design Center who use a 20-block area of Youngstown's south side, known as lower Oak Hill, to explore the idea of planned shrinkage versus the quest for continued growth. The group tours the area extensively, meets with neighborhood residents and then presents proposals for community members and city officials to review. PBS 45 & 49 then meets with Youngstown city planners to learn what aspects of the proposals might actually be implemented, and if there is a timetable for neighborhood redevelopment.

What to Do With a Shrinking City: A Youngstown 2010: Moving Ahead Special is the third program in 2005 to be underwritten by the Tony LaRiccia family of Youngstown.

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