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Pre-Civil War Historic Renovation in the St Clair Superior Neighborhood

St Clair Superior Development Corporation takes steps to preserve pre-civil war home with the help of SecureView

St Clair Superior Development Corporation (SCSDC) is assisting in the restoration of a pre-civil war home located at 1209 E. 71st Cleveland, Ohio. SCSDC will restore the house back to its original exterior Greek Revival styled architecture. The development corporation is currently reviewing concepts for the final use of the property.

Records for the house date back to roughly 1852. The 1881 atlas map of the area indicated the exact layout of the house was present during that timeframe. The house was owned at the time by Thomas Lewis, a gardener. Initial research on the house was conducted by Christopher Busta-Peck of Cleveland Area History. Links to Mr. Busta-Peck's research are below. SCSDC is continuing to research the house and the surrounding area to further develop the historical context of the house.

The number one priority for the house before the rehabilitation work began was for the house to be secured. SCSDC received a donation from SecureView; a Cleveland based company that developed an innovative way to secure vacant and abandoned properties without baring their vacancy to observers.

SecureView fabricated a virtually unbreakable window. SecureView donated an entire set of SecureView windows for the property. SecureView windows have allowed St Clair Superior to secure the pre-civil war home; make the home look aesthetically more appealing to the neighborhood; and protect it from vandalism, including the theft of copper and other metals.

◆ "Given the crime associated with vacant properties, SecureView should be mandatory," said Howard Wedren, President of SecureView. ◆

Wedren and St Clair Superior Development Corporation hope to use the Greek Revival restoration project to create a precedent for future projects throughout Cleveland. This project also serves to show how to more effectively mothball structures in a manner that saves the look and feel of a neighborhood rather than traditional board ups. More information on SecureView and their products can be found at <http://secureviewusa.com/>.

<http://www.clevelandareahistory.com/2009/10/save-this-greek-revival-house.html>

<http://www.clevelandareahistory.com/2013/05/farmhouse-in-city.html>

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