### SHARSWOOD REVITALIZATION?



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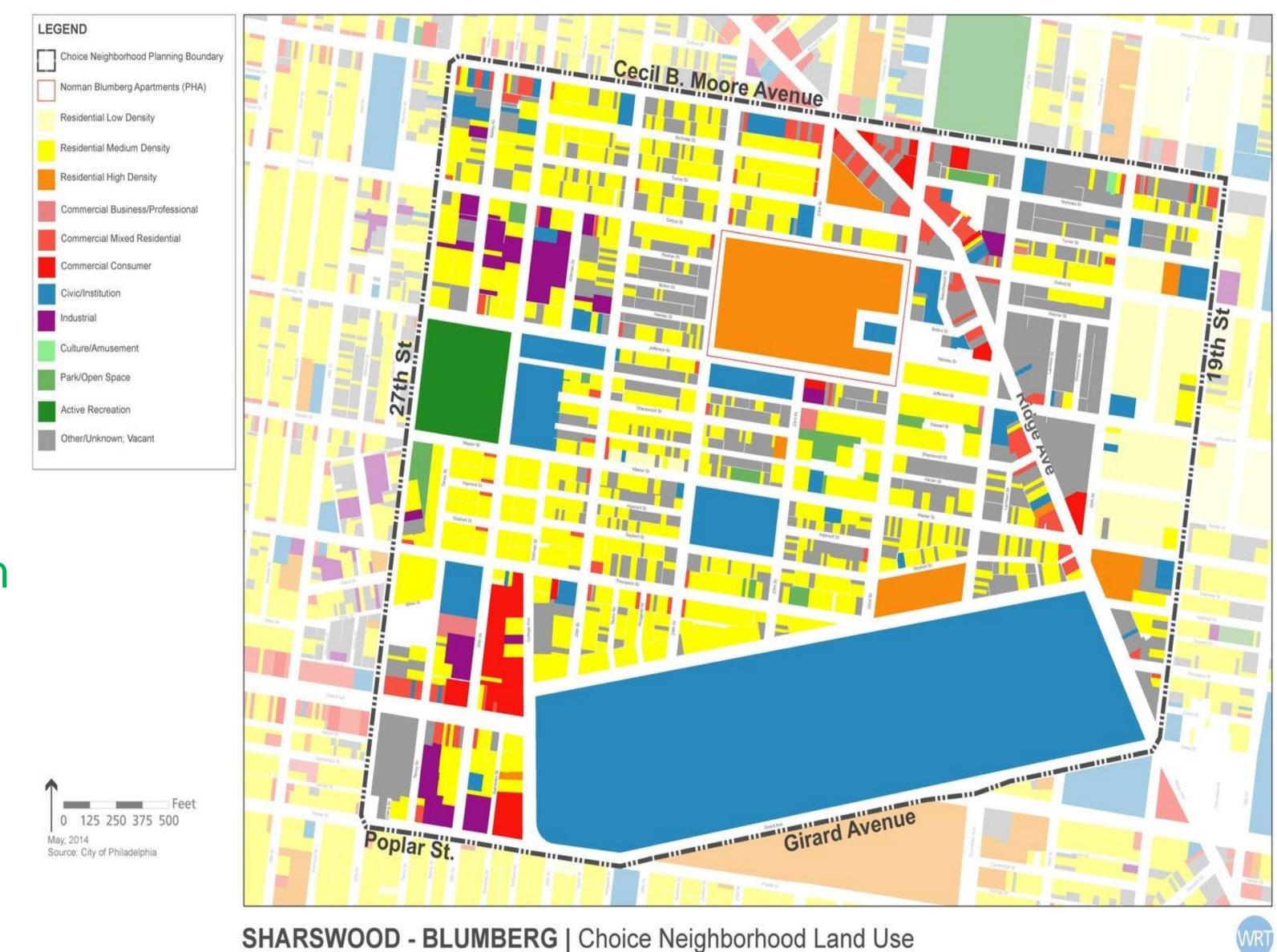


In northern Philadelphia, a neighborhood known as Sharswood is dying. So, in an effort to restore this community, and bring new life into this part of Philadelphia the Sharswood Blumberg Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan was put into action. This plan not only focuses on restoring the neighborhood of Sharswood, but also focuses on the Norman Blumberg Apartments. These apartment buildings have been a sign of urban decay in not only the neighborhood, but to Philadelphia as a whole. (Hurdle, 2016)

Norman Blumberg Apartments being imploded on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# CAN PHILADELPHIA COMPLETE SUCH A LARGE SCALE PROJECT?

The city of Philadelphia has a long history of completing revitalization projects. However, the city has never had a project this large before. Can Philadelphia start and finish such a large revitalization project? I believe that the answer is <u>YES</u>. Other cities such as Chicago have completed such projects with success. (Hurdle, 2016) Additionally, I have found that unlike other revitalization projects Philadelphia projects have funding from not only federal and state groups, but from for profit and non-profit groups as well.







The pictures on the left and right are current conditions. The one in the middle shows a possible plan for these areas.



#### IF THE PROJECT WERE TO FAIL WHY?

- A lack of support from residents within the neighborhood.
- A lack of support from residents of Philadelphia
- A loss of funds

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\*All photos above were taken from the Sharswood Blumberg Transformation Plan website.\*

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