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Dunham Tavern Museum

The residents near the Dunham Tavern Museum were taken advantage of. The Midtown CDC co-opted the economically disadvantaged and black residents claiming they would be given greenspace when, in fact, greenspace was taken from them. The oldest building on its original site in Cleveland, and an old stagecoach stop, Dunham Tavern members raised \$700,000 to take down an abandoned industrial building and restore the original footprint of the the property. That is gone now, as well as the Cleveland Botanical Garden summer teen gardening program, the beautiful gardens and the opportunity for a garden to table restaurant. Residents were given pony rides and a picnic in exchange for beautiful, historic greenspace that would have contributed to their public health, quality of life and helped them and their children flourish. Instead, social and environmental injustice was perpetrated in the name of a few men gaining personal wealth. Again.

Thank you,

Fran Mentch