Redeveloping Downtown explores the evolution of Columbus' modern urban form from 1950 to the present.

Columbus, like many American cities after the Second World War, grappled with maintaining an old and decaying business district as the city rapidly expanded and new shopping areas were created. Columbus' response was to "start over" by redeveloping a major section of downtown.

As time and circumstances changed, so did downtown. Initial and subsequent efforts to maintain a strong retail base in the downtown eventually have given way to a focus on offices, entertainment, and the arts.

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