

Douglas Adkins, City Manager

Douglas Adkins began his service with Middletown in 2005 as the assistant prosecutor. In 2006, he was promoted to prosecutor, followed by being promoted to community revitalization director in 2009. As community revitalization director, he oversaw community development, building inspection, code enforcement, planning, zoning, the City's bus transit system, the community center, MPHA and Weatherwax Golf Course. Adkins also partnered with local nonprofits—including Berachah Church and Supports to Encourage Low Income Families (SELF)—to assist property owners to return their homes to code compliance.

As vice chair of the Butler County land bank, Adkins has worked with regional officials to secure more than \$2 million in grants to fund demolition of abandoned and blighted properties in the City. His work in these areas garnered state and national attention as the City was awarded the Ohio Conference of Community Development Inc. President's Award and the National Award of Merit by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Professionals.

Locally, the Middletown Area NAACP presented Adkins with its Community Service Award and SELF named the Community Revitalization Department its Partner of the Year. Prior to his work in Middletown, Adkins was an attorney for the U.S. Department of Labor and served as a councilman and vice mayor in Vandalia, Ohio.

Adkins earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Cincinnati, and earned his law degree from the University of Dayton, graduating cum laude.

Doug took over the reins of the City of Middletown in July of 2014, hitting the ground running. In his year and a half as Middletown's City Manager thus far, Adkins has improved citizen and City employee morale, brought Independence Day fireworks back to the City for the first time in 17 years, and has made himself present in the community by speaking at numerous City events and activities.

Adkins is also responsible for the Middletown Heroin Summit, partnering with Atrium Medical Center, bringing together citizens, government, church, and educational entities to combat a problem that has swept our region. His work on the Middletown Heroin Summit has gained regional attention, as he has worked with the Ohio Attorney General Office.

Adkins continues to be a strong leader of Middletown, leading the charge from Middletown's bright past into its even brighter future.