

Mike Rose

Founder and Chief Executive Officer

A Cleveland native, Mike Rose is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Washington Properties.

Mike began rehabilitating residential projects in the 1980's and quickly developed a passion for a variety of projects related to community and economic development. He founded Washington Properties in 1985.

As one of a band of civic leaders concerned about the physical and economic deterioration of Downtown Medina, Mike's firm took the lead in transforming a shuttered, 88-year-old department store into a cluster of cozy retail and office space. To compete with "big box" retailers, Mike and his team filled 33,000 square feet with eight specialty shops – helping to convert Public Square into a retail jewel of approximately 50 stores with a 90+ percent occupancy rate. Today, Medina's Public Square is an established, thriving commercial center.

Utilizing the same philosophy of quality design and building and a commitment to locally owned tenants, Mike has also developed a number of successful commercial campuses along the growing Route 18 corridor that links Public Square with I-71. These commercial ventures have helped attract additional medical and financial services professionals to the Medina area, helping to make Medina an even more attractive place to live.

Working with Main Street Wooster and Main Street Orrville, Washington Properties has also had great success developing and marketing a variety of adaptive reuse projects including: 1) a mixed-use development of 31,000 square feet encompassing nearly two dozen retail and office spaces called Liberty Street Commons in downtown Wooster, 2) residential lofts at multiple downtown Wooster locations, all leased almost immediately, 3) the first market-rate condominiums in downtown Wooster, part of a growing mixed-use project, and 4) the opening of a new community center and tri-level commercial/residential adaptive reuse project in downtown Orrville.

A strong believer in making central business districts true destinations, Mike has underwritten and sponsored a variety of public events in the communities in which Washington Properties operates.

Mike resides in Medina with his wife and daughter.