

Ms. Deepa Vedavyas is the Associate Director for Development at the Buckeye Area Development of Cleveland. Ms. Vedavyas serves as a lead coordinator of neighborhood's planning and development efforts. She heads the neighborhood's sustainability initiatives, marketing initiatives, works closely with merchant association, reports to funders, organizes volunteers through community partners, organizes outreach education speakers, oversees the internship program, and social media sites. Ms. Vedavyas is also the Project Manager for historic Moreland Theater and coordinator of the city's Storefront Renovation Program (SRP) for the neighborhood. She joined BADC in March 2008.

Ms. Vedavyas holds a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture (B.Arch) from Adhiyamaan Engineering College, India and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P) from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. Her commitment to sustainability has led her to pursue a graduate course in Environmental planning at CSU, complete eight month training on Sustainability Implementation through E4S and be certified as a LEED Green Associate.

Ms. Vedavyas is a recipient of several awards including, 'Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges' in 2007 and 'T. Edward Temple Scholarship Award' for being Outstanding first year student of the program in 2006. Deepa received a study abroad scholarship to Germany in 2006. She is also a recipient of national awards in India including the 'Best Citizens of India Award' in 2008, 'Rashtriya Gaurav Award', 'Certificate of Excellence' and 'Glory of India Gold Medal' in 2007.

Ms. Vedavyas resides in Beachwood with her husband and a 7 year old daughter. She enjoys traveling, dancing, singing, tennis and participating in volunteer activities at the shelter and children's hospitals."