

# BUFFALO Commons

## Proposal for Research

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**Organization:** Westminster Economic Development Initiative

**Description:** WEDI's mission is to empower economically disadvantaged people in Buffalo NY: [wedibuffalo.org](http://wedibuffalo.org)

**Research:** WEDI would like to explore logistical options and best practices of Commercial Community Land Trusts.

**Title:** Commercial Community Land Trust Feasibility Study

**Date:** No, but WEDI would like to start pursuing potential options by second quarter 2019 if possible.

**How:** WEDI will explore a Commercial Community Land Trust and either move towards establishing one or share the research if another organization would like to do it.

**Others:** None so far but we have talked to 3 other groups who are interested in supporting this *exploration*, including PUSH Buffalo.

**Resources:** This is new territory for WEDI but WEDI staff are available as needed and will be pursuing this research as well.

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