



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure

Chairperson, Meeka Owens
Vice Chairperson, Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember, Jeff Cramerding
Vice Mayor, Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember, Seth Walsh

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATION

Resilient Neighborhoods: Cincinnati Brownfields Revitalization
Director Ollie Kroner & Howard Miller

AGENDA

- [202301988](#) PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 9/12/2023, regarding the Cincinnati Brownfield Revitalization.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Presentation](#)
- [202301889](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, WE HEREBY MOVE for the City Administration to provide an updated Street Rehabilitation Program Report, which was last conducted in 2012. The report should, at a minimum: Outline how many city dollars have been allocated and grant funds have been secured in each of the last five years, List the streets that have been entirely rehabilitated in each of the last five years, organized by neighborhood, and include the funding and its source (grant, City budget, etc.). (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [Motion](#)
- [202301956](#) ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of traffic control operations associated with maintenance activities for bridges located on United States Route 50 in connection with the Ohio Department of

Transportation's maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

4. [202202062](#) MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that City administration provide a REPORT on the feasibility of building a pedestrian bridge to provide a safe, non-vehicular route across Elberon Avenue to Mt. Echo Park, and whether there are available funding sources such as the U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Motion](#)

ADJOURNMENT



September 12, 2023

To: Members of the Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202301988

Subject: Presentation – Resilient Neighborhoods: Cincinnati Brownfield Revitalization

Attached is a presentation regarding the Cincinnati Brownfield Revitalization.

cc: Oliver Kroner, Director, Office of Environment and Sustainability
Virginia Tallent, Assistant City Manager



Resilient Neighborhoods: Cincinnati Brownfield Revitalization

Office of Environment and Sustainability

Resilient Neighborhoods: Cincinnati Brownfields Revitalization



- **Why this initiative?** It fundamentally addresses multiple aspects of the Green Cincinnati Plan (GCP). At high level it fits into the Resilience and Climate Adaptation Focus Area:
 - ✓ **Goal 1:** Adaptive Land Use
 - ✓ **Strategy 1:** Identify and clean up legacy industrial sites, commonly identified as brownfields, to revitalize neighborhoods and result in healthier communities.

What is Brownfield Revitalization?



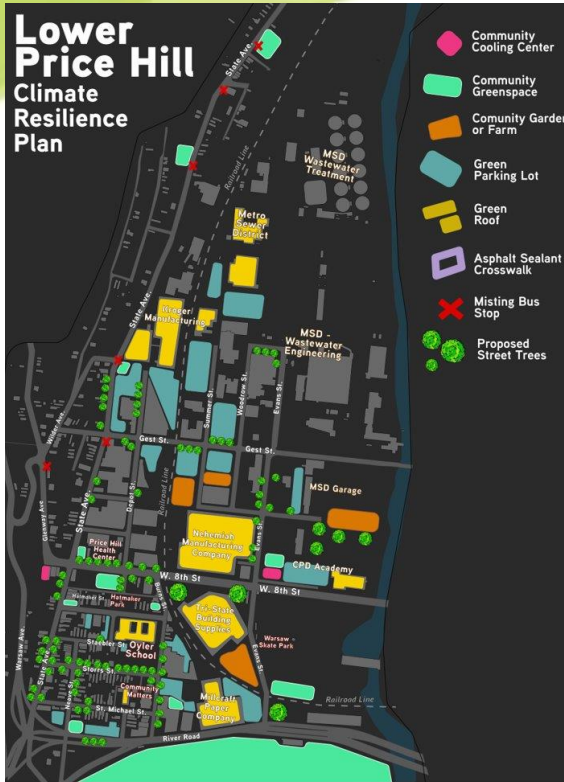
Former Kenner Toy Factory – Soil cleanup for new housing in Oakley



Carew Tower - Asbestos abatement for residential redevelopment in the Central Business District

Identification, cleanup, and reuse of underutilized or vacant contaminated industrial properties in a sustainable way that aligns community priorities with planning efforts to create multiple beneficial outcomes.

Brownfield Initiative Inclusion Goals

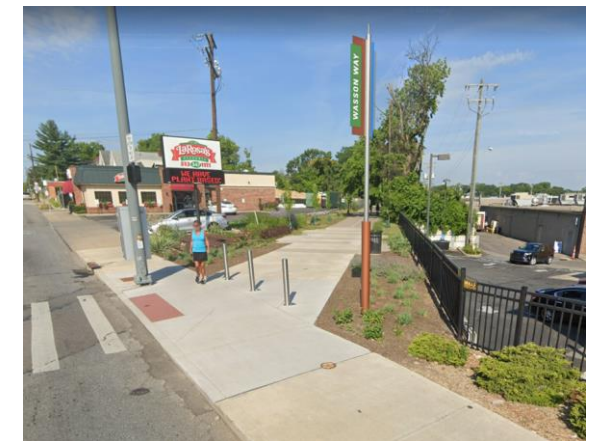


- Continue Community Engagement
- Increase Community Activation
- Strengthen Stakeholder Partnerships
- Cultivate More Diverse Champions
- Connect with other Sustainability Initiatives
- Locally Operationalize Neighborhood Revitalization

***Climate Safe Neighborhoods –
Community Developed
Resilience Plan***

Beneficial outcomes:

- ❖ Investment and **economic development**;
- ❖ **Jobs** - access, creation and training;
- ❖ Secure, stable, and **attainable housing**;
- ❖ **Energy efficient** and climate resilient infrastructure;
- ❖ Local fresh **food access**;
- ❖ **Connectivity** to jobs, recreation, and entertainment;
- ❖ **Green space** and a **healthier population**; together make
- ❖ **Prideful place-made destinations.**



***Wasson Way Trail –
Before and After***

Actionable Steps Being Funded



*West Fork Incinerator –
Environmental Sampling*

- ✓ Maintain City's Brownfield Team
- ✓ Build Partnership Capacity
- ✓ Community Outreach and Visioning
- ✓ Industrial Site Inventory
- ✓ Environmental Assessments
- ✓ Cleanup and Reuse Planning
- ✓ Implement Revitalization Plans
- ✓ Measure Results

Ohio Brownfields Remediation Program: Funding Round 1



Grant awards were announced **2022** totaling nearly **\$350M** to fund 313 projects in 83 counties.



Hamilton County was awarded **\$25M** with **\$16M** awarded to **10** brownfield projects within the **City of Cincinnati**.



In concert with the state's **\$150M** demolition program, an additional **\$17M** was awarded for **56** demolition projects in the **County** with **45** of those being located within the **City**.

Funding Round 1 Award Highlights



***Former Lunkenheimer
Valve – South Fairmount***



***Grain Silos –
Millvale***



***Former Crosley Radio –
Camp Washington***

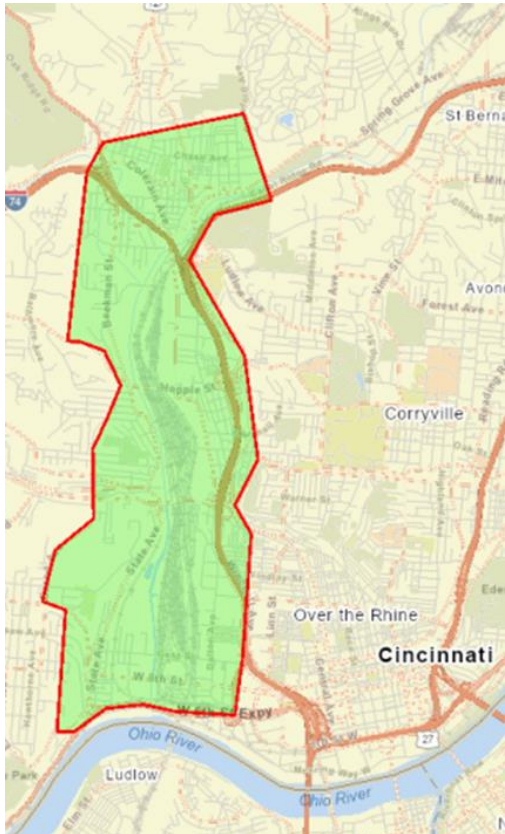
Ohio Brownfields Remediation Program

Funding Round 2



- The **application** portal is anticipated to **open** in **October 2023**.
- This **funding** round opportunity will include **\$175M** allocations in **both FY24 and FY25**.
- **Applications are required to be made through the Port.**
- The City and Port are **currently reviewing projects** for potential submission:
 - **27 Commercial/Industrial Assessment or Remediation Projects**
 - **12 Commercial/Industrial Demolition Projects**

US EPA Brownfield Grants



The **City** was awarded a Community Wide Assessment grant in 2023. The funding award of **\$500K** will be used over the next **4 years** focusing on nine neighborhoods of the **Lower Mill Creek Valley**.

The **Port** was awarded a Multi-Purpose grant in 2023. The funding award of **\$800K** will be used over the next **5 years** focusing on the neighborhoods of **Camp Washington and Queensgate**.

Thank You

For more information on the **City's brownfield revitalization initiative** please contact the following with the **Office of Environment and Sustainability**:

- **Ollie Kroner, *Director***
- **Howard Miller, *Environmental Manager***
- **Amanda Testerman, *Senior Environmental Specialist***



202301889

Meeka D. Owens
Cincinnati City Council

August 1, 2023

MOTION

WE HEREBY MOVE for the City Administration to provide an updated Street Rehabilitation Program Report, which was last conducted in 2012. The report should, at a minimum:

- Outline how many city dollars have been allocated and grant funds have been secured in each of the last five years
- List the streets that have been entirely rehabilitated in each of the last five years, organized by neighborhood, and include the funding and its source (grant, City budget, etc.)
- List the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) average for each neighborhood in each of the last five years, as well as the 5-year average for each neighborhood
- Assess the success or failure of the city's 100-lane mile per year goal and determine whether or not the goal is sustainable given current capacity, allocated funding, and construction. If determined not to be sustainable, the report should additionally recommend strategies the city can not only continue maintenance but improve its street PCI, including but not limited to reducing the number of lanes miles used for road through conversions to parking spaces, bike lanes, or greenspaces
- Identify a strategy for ensuring that, moving forward, the cycle of repairs and rehabilitation will be aligned with the Justice40 policy adopted by City Council on December 12, 2022 (item #2022-02260) and that underserved communities and census tracts are seeing forty percent (40%) of the projects in each cycle

Where possible, neighborhoods should be grouped by their current year in the 3-year cycle for rehabilitation assignments.

WE FURTHER MOVE that this report should be updated yearly to better assist Council and residents in being aware of road quality.


Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

STATEMENT

While the City's annual infrastructure reports provide a street-by-street condition review each year, we are not currently maintaining a singular report which shows the macro trends of city

street rehab. Monitoring these trends would help the city know when and where to spend our dollars, especially with this railroad sale bringing in up to \$30 million in infrastructure funds (sufficient to fully pave less than 60 new lane miles given current costs).

On a micro level, the city is aware of the state of each road in the city every year and when they will be rehabilitated. However, there has not been a report which shows the macro trends of road repair and rehabilitation since 2012. This is necessary because the city does not know how much and what has been spent in recent years, and with new sources of revenue like the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway the city wants to do its due diligence on where that money is going to be best used. Along with this, the city's road rehab goals may be out of date. For example, the 100 lane mile per year repave target set in 2000 could be re-evaluated to see if, after 23 years, that goal needs a change to match current resource availability and inflation rates for construction costs.

Date: September 7, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202301956
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: ORDINANCE – ODOT TRAFFIC DETOUR - US 50

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of traffic control operations associated with maintenance activities for bridges located on United States Route 50 in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation’s maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has identified the need to perform maintenance activities as part of its maintenance project for bridges along United States Route 50 which may include the need to perform traffic control operations and provide for a detour of traffic located in the City of Cincinnati (PID No. 110570).

No City right-of-way is required for the Project other than temporary access to City parcels and there is no change in use to City streets arising from the Project.

The State of Ohio will provide 100% of the eligible cost of the work.

The State of Ohio has requested that all necessary right-of-way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations.

The City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed the proposed project.

Any changes to the street layout or right-of-way are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no such changes have been identified at this stage of the Project.

The State of Ohio and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities of the right-of-way in the Project area for public highway purposes, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law, upon completion of the Project.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

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WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has identified the need to perform maintenance activities as part of its maintenance project for bridges along United States Route 50 which may include the need to perform traffic control operations and provide for a detour of traffic located in the City of Cincinnati (PID No. 110570) (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right-of-way is required for the Project, and no change in the use of City streets is expected to arise from the Project; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio shall provide 100 percent of the eligible cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has requested that all necessary rights of way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed and approved the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the extent of City streets and changes in their use are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring the commission’s review have been identified at this stage of the Project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Project, ODOT and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities for the right of way in the Project area, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City of Cincinnati consents to and shall cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), on behalf of the State of Ohio, to facilitate the performance of traffic control activities, as part of ODOT’s bridge maintenance project, located in the City of Cincinnati (PID No. 110570) (“Project”).

Section 2. That the State of Ohio will assume and bear 100 percent of the cost of the improvements proposed as part of the Project.

Section 3. That the City shall bear 100 percent of the cost of those features, if any, requested by the City that ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration determine to be unnecessary for the Project; as of the date of this ordinance, no such features have been identified.

Section 4. That the City agrees to make available to ODOT all City rights-of-way required for the Project, including utility relocation, in accordance with current state and federal regulations and subject to any additional City approvals required for the encumbrance or acquisition of City property or change in use of City streets. The City acknowledges that all utility accommodation, relocation, and reimbursement in connection with the Project will comply with the current provisions of 23 C.F.R. 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

Section 5. That, from time to time, change orders and extra-work contracts may be required to fulfill the Project, and ODOT shall provide written notice to the City, which shall process such as needed and contribute the City's share of the costs of those items; as of the date of this ordinance, no such costs have been identified.

Section 6. That, to the extent applicable and unless otherwise agreed, the City upon completion of the Project shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, 23 U.S.C. Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for any City maintenance responsibilities in connection with the Project; (3) to the extent required by state and federal law, maintain the right of way and keep it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right of way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements and process any change orders or extra-work orders connected thereto with the Director of ODOT, or

ODOT-prequalified consultants, as necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 8. That the City Manager is further authorized to execute any documents, upon the request of ODOT, necessary to allow ODOT to recover damages or exercise its rights and remedies under any contracts arising from any errors or omissions of any contractors or consultants.

Section 9. That the City Manager and the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to facilitate the Project.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

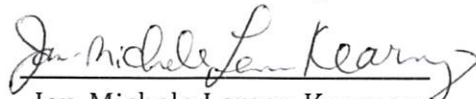


Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Councilmember

November 8, 2022

MOTION

WE MOVE that City administration provide a REPORT on the feasibility of building a pedestrian bridge to provide a safe, non-vehicular route across Elberon Avenue to Mt. Echo Park, and whether there are available funding sources such as the U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.


Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

STATEMENT

Even crosswalks and lights cannot make crossing Elberon Avenue safe due to the curves of the street and the high rate of speed of the vehicles. Similar to the pedestrian bridge that spans across Vine Street to connect the Cincinnati Zoo's parking lot to the Zoo, such a structure would allow children and adults to travel to Mt. Echo Park without having to drive a car to get there. In addition, the pedestrian bridge would connect the Price Hill community on either side of this busy thruway, thereby increasing community connectivity and public engagement.

CAL → Healthy Neighborhoods