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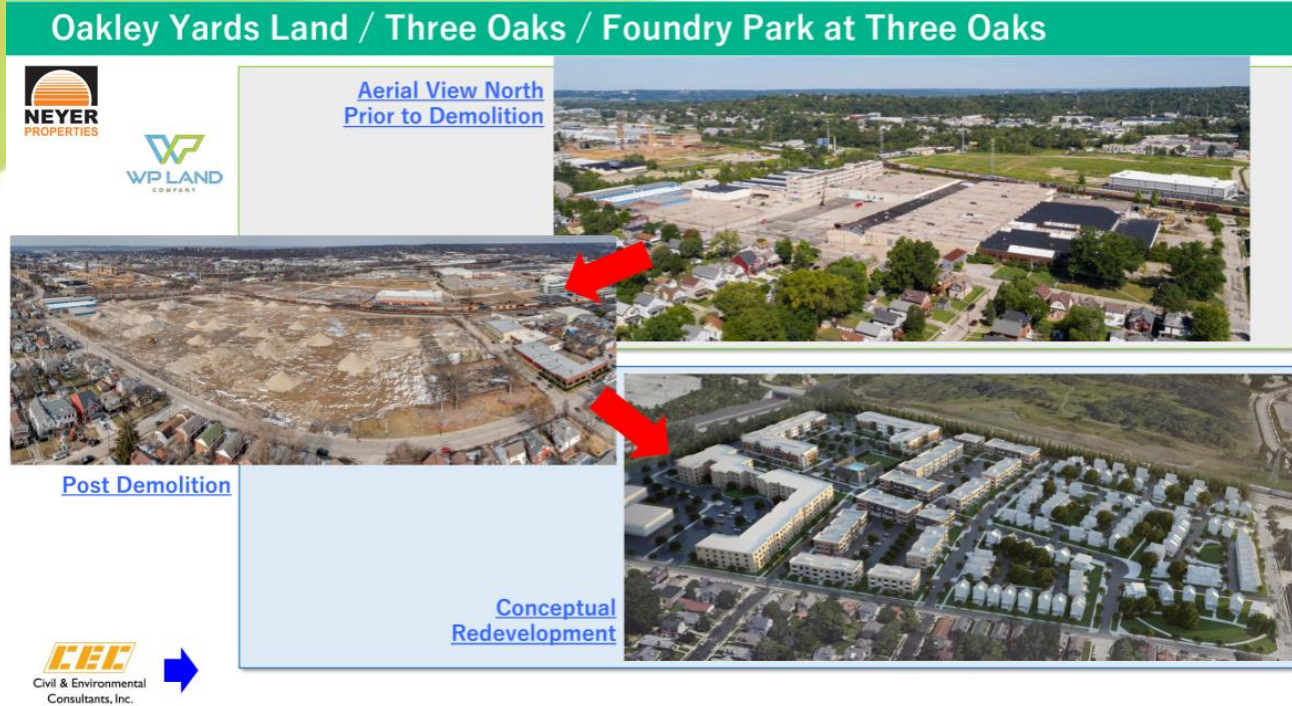
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- **Why this initiative?** It fundamentally addresses multiple aspects of the Green Cincinnati Plan (GCP). At high level it fits into the Resilience and Climate Adaptation Focus Area:
 - ✓ **Goal 1:** Adaptive Land Use
 - ✓ **Strategy 1:** Identify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

What is Brownfield Revitalization?



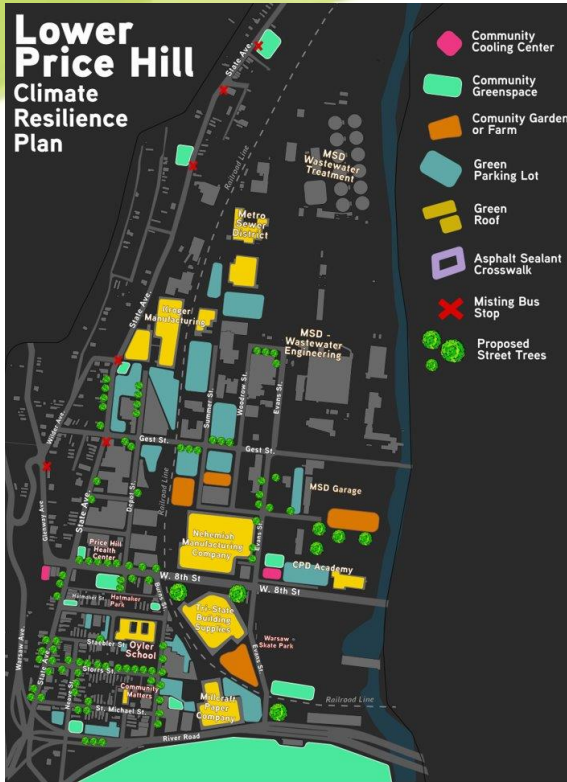
Former Kenner Toy Factory – Soil cleanup for new housing in Oakley



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

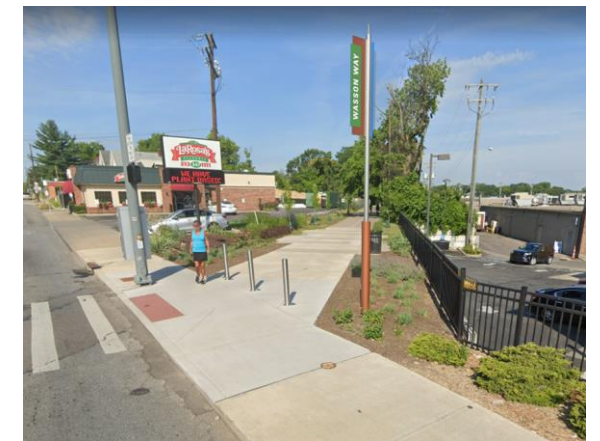


- Continue Community Engagement
- Increase Community Activation
- Strengthen Stakeholder Partnerships
- Cultivate More Diverse Champions
- Connect with other Sustainability Initiatives
- Locally Operationalize Neighborhood Revitalization

***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***

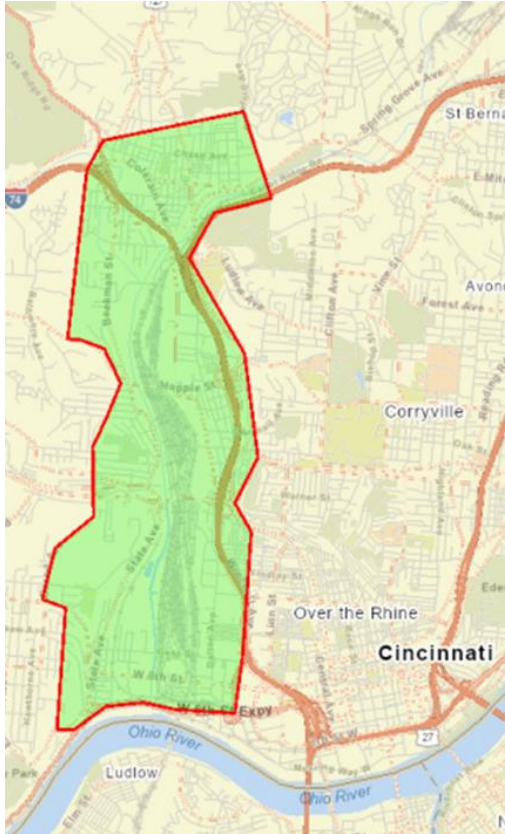
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Funding Round 2



- 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

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