



# South Euclid Goes Green!

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### **SOUTH EUCLID HOSTS PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE TO SHOWCASE “GREEN HOME” MAKEOVER & COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE**

**GREEN NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE SHOWCASES CITY’S CREATIVE RESPONSE TO THE FORECLOSURE & HOUSING CRISIS UTILIZING AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT STIMULUS FUNDS**

**On Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 2 pm - 5 pm**, The City of South Euclid will host a **“Public Open House”** to showcase the City’s first fully green-rehabilitated bungalow at **4182 Wilmington Road in South Euclid, Ohio**. Two new Community Gardens will also be featured as part of a tour of the City’s unique revitalization efforts to combat the housing and foreclosure crisis.

The Open House is the first effort of **South Euclid’s Green Neighborhoods Initiative**. The Initiative takes foreclosed and vacant bank-owned homes and rehabilitates them utilizing green-building methods and universal design features. The innovative green-building concept was created by the City in collaboration with City Architecture, Zaremba Home Again Restoration Company and students from the Cleveland Institute of Art. The Community Gardens are sponsored by the City and supported by Whole Foods Markets, volunteers and in-kind donations.

“The *Green Neighborhoods Initiative* is an innovative counter-attack to the foreclosure crisis that will be replicable by government and the private sector in every neighborhood across the country,” said South Euclid Mayor Georgine Welo. “This unique utilization of federal stimulus funds will showcase how we can transform abandoned homes into attractive, first-choice housing options for modern buyers of all ages.”

The Initiative utilizes nearly \$800,000 in combined competitive grant funds from the Federal Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and the First Suburbs Development Council’s Vacant Residential Property Fund. The City plans to acquire and remodel up to six additional homes.

“By launching the *Green Neighborhoods Initiative*, the city intends to market itself as the first choice suburb for green living,” said Housing Manager Sally Martin. “The goal is to show the potential of the mid-century bungalow, and the advantages in living in an inner ring suburb with walkable neighborhoods and affordable, well made homes.”

The home at 4182 Wilmington Road, is a former HUD property that was acquired by the City for \$35,000. It has been reconfigured to create an open floor plan with a master suite, laundry and mud room on the first floor. The restoration was designed to accommodate owners in any life phase and allow for aging in place. Landscaping was redesigned to incorporate native plantings, pervious paver seating area and walkway, low-mow grass, rain barrels and a rain garden—features designed to lower environmental impact and maintenance. LEED for Homes certification is pending.

More Information at: [www.cityofsoutheuclid.com](http://www.cityofsoutheuclid.com).

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