

First environmentally-friendly SE home set for spring opening

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SOUTH EUCLID — The city's Green Neighborhoods Program is moving forward toward what city officials hope is a spring unveiling of the first environmentally friendly home.

Rehabilitation of that home, at 4182 Wilmington Road, is now underway.

The city recently hired the Zaremba Co. and City Architects, both of Cleveland, to do the work. The city acquired the vacant and foreclosed Wilmington house for \$36,000.

Money for the entire project comes from two grants — \$300,000 from the First Suburbs Development Council, and \$500,000 from HUD.

The program will see at least five now-vacant homes, according to South Euclid Housing Manager Sally Martin, be rehabilitated in a green

way, complete with energy saving devices and landscaping that helps sustain the well being of the environment. The homes will then be sold and the money from those sales used to further the program.

Martin said work on the Wilmington home should be completed in February. In addition, as part of the program, the city is forming a community garden at 3915 Warrendale Road. Residents will be able to grow vegetables on the garden's plots.

Whole Foods is contributing \$2,000, and another \$1,000 in in-kind donations towards the garden, in exchange for use of two of the plots. Martin said Whole Foods employees will not only grow on the site, but give planting instructions on scheduled days.