

THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID



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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE OF SOUTH EUCLID'S GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH

As part of the South Euclid Green Neighborhoods Initiative, the City is proud to announce a public open house of two rehabilitated bungalows located at 4182 Wilmington Road and 3759 Colony Road on Sunday, December 5th from 12-3 p.m.

The South Euclid Green Neighborhoods Initiative is the City's innovative response to the foreclosure crises and involves the use of almost \$1,000,000 in combined competitive grant funds from the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), and the Vacant Residential Property Fund from the First Suburbs Development Council. The City is acquiring vacant, bank owned houses and rehabilitating them using green building methods and universal design features. The concept, which was created by the City in collaboration with City Architecture, Zaremba Home Again Restoration Company, and students from the Cleveland Institute of Art, seeks to reposition the post-war bungalow as a first choice housing option for modern buyers in all life stages.

The Green Neighborhoods Initiative targets the two areas of the City most severely affected by the foreclosure crises, the West Five Neighborhood behind Cedar Center and the Bexley-Rowland Neighborhood near Bexley Park. In addition to the two completed homes, homes located at 4111 Lambert Road and 3924 Warrendale Road are expected to be finished by the end of the year. The City is proud to offer \$10,000 in down payment assistance to the buyers of these homes.

In 2011, the City will continue to use grant funding to acquire additional homes, with the goal of completing ten green rehabilitations. In cases where the vacant homes are too damaged to be saved, the City is using grant funds to raze the structures and replace them with community gardens or green infill construction. Two new community gardens have been created at 3915 Warrendale Road and 4069 Colony Road, with additional gardens and a new infill green home expected to arrive in 2011.

As an inner ring suburb of Cleveland, South Euclid has seen an increase in the number of foreclosures and vacant homes in the past few years. There are currently over 600 vacant homes in the City which has a population of approximately 24,000 and 9,100 housing units. Northeast Ohio has seen a population migration toward exurban locations over the past decade. By launching the Green Neighborhoods Initiative, the City intends to market itself as the first choice suburb for green living.

For more information on the South Euclid Green Neighborhoods Initiative, visit the City Website, www.cityofsoutheuclid.com.