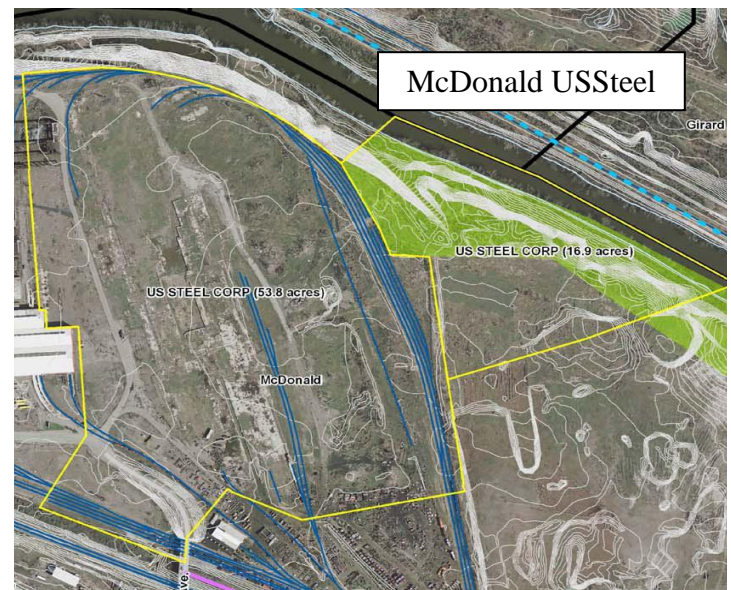


What's rollin'?

Niles and McDonald Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Applications Move Forward

Applications for Phase II assistance from the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund from the City of Niles for the former Republic site, now occupied by BRT Extrusions, and from the Village of McDonald for the former USS site are currently undergoing the required public comment period. The respective applications are in the Niles and Girard Public Libraries.

Public meeting on the Niles application will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 6:30 pm in the Niles Municipal Council Chambers, 15 E. State Street, Niles, Ohio. The public meeting for the McDonald-USS



application is Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 6:45 pm. The meeting will be held at Council Chambers, McDonald Municipal Building, located at 451 Ohio Avenue, McDonald, OH.

Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association

Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association Meets to Plan for 2012.

At the November 1, 2011 meeting of the River Corridor Mayors' Association a number of items were discussed and actions taken.

People's Garden Program

Presley Gillespie and Liberty Merrill, from YNDC, addressed implementation of People's Garden Program in the river corridor communities. The Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association played an integral part in helping YNDC secure the grant. Mayors are to identify community group(s) to be involved and properties for gardens in their

respective communities. Target start date for implementation of the program is early Spring 2012.

On Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 10:00 A.M. USDA and YNDC will be holding an event to celebrate the People's Garden Program at the Museum for Labor and Industry (Steel Museum) parking area at 151 West Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio. In the event of inclement weather the event will be held at the Commerce Building at 201 E. Commerce Street.

Municipal Tax Collection Proposal

Don Smith, Akron Tax Commissioner and McDonald Treasurer made a presentation on proposal that State of Ohio take over municipal income tax collections and the possible ramifications. The Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association approved a resolution opposing the proposal. Individual corridor communities have also passed resolutions opposing the proposal.

MRCI, Corridor Mayors' Association and WRPA

Rose DeLeon, WRPA Executive Director, and James Floyd, WRPA Board Member, discussed the

possibilities of the MRCI and WRPA entering into a joint venture agreement for 2012 combining resources to more effectively and efficiently collaborate in advancing economic development in a more coordinated and sustainable way.

It was the general consensus that the idea was long overdue and that the MRCI Manager continues to work with the WRPA and Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association to advance the idea.



Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium Advances Planning Efforts

The Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC), consisting of twenty-six entities from across Northeast Ohio, including, Mahoning County, Trumbull County, Youngstown and Eastgate Regional COG, has established five work streams to develop concrete plans to promote sustainable growth in Northeast Ohio.

The Work Streams, which are comprised of Consortium members, stakeholders and subject matter experts from throughout Northeast Ohio are:

Environments- focusing on issues related to built environments and natural systems such as watershed, agriculture and brownfield issues

Economic Development- community focused economic development strategies.

Connections- focusing on regional mobility and transit options.

Quality Connected Places- focusing on placed based community design.

Communities – focusing on equitable housing access and quality.

For additional information or to join the effort visit NEOSCC.ORG of contact Jeff Anderle, 330-375-2949, or JANDERLE@NEOSCC.ORG

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