

**PROJECT UPDATE****REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER COLUMBUS COATED FABRICS PLANT**

**Weinland Park Community Civic Association Meeting  
Weinland Park Elementary School 211 E. 7th Avenue  
February 28, 2007**

**Demolition Work to Start in March.** In December 2006, the City of Columbus purchased 17.4 acres of the former Columbus Coated Fabrics site in order to take control of the property and demolish the existing buildings. The City of Columbus and Campus Partners have selected Champion Environmental Services, Inc. to perform asbestos abatement and demolition work that is scheduled to begin in March 2007. This work will be performed six days/week, from sunrise to sunset, and is expected to be completed by August 2007. Oversight for this work will be provided by HzW Environmental Consultants, Inc. If you have questions or concerns regarding this work, please call Joan Sablar of HzW at 1-800-804-8484.

**Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund.** The Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund is a grant program administered by the Ohio Department of Development. This program provides grants of up to \$3,000,000 that can be used for the demolition of buildings, removal of soil and ground water contamination at former industrial/commercial properties that are contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum, the purchase of such properties, and the construction of new utilities and roads.

For more than 100 years the former Columbus Coated Fabrics site has been used for industrial/commercial purposes, including the manufacture of oil cloth and later plastic-coated wall coverings, as well as a gas station and coal storage. As a result of these past uses, soil will need to be removed from portions of the property, so that it can be re-developed as new homes and apartments. The City of Columbus, with the assistance of Campus Partners, is applying for a \$3,000,000 grant from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund that will be used to help pay for completion of the demolition work, removal of contaminated soil, construction of new utilities and the purchase of the remaining 4.1 acres of the former Columbus Coated Fabrics property. After April 2, 2007, a copy of the grant application will be available for review by the public at the Columbus Metropolitan Library (Northside Branch), at 1423 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Please direct questions, comments and letters of support regarding the Clean Ohio grant application to Gary Guglielmi, Manager, Economic Development, City of Columbus, 109 N. Front St., Columbus, OH 43215, 614-645-6427.

**New Homes and Apartments.** If the City of Columbus is successful in obtaining the \$3,000,000 Clean Ohio grant, Wagenbrenner Development Company, the developer of the new homes in the Harrison West neighborhood on the site of the former A.C. Humko vegetable oil plant, plans to develop the former Columbus Coated Fabrics site as new homes and apartments with a public park and other greenspace consistent with the Weinland Park Neighborhood Revitalization Plan adopted by the Columbus City Council in July 2006. Wagenbrenner Development Company can be contacted by calling 614-488-0671.