

Resolution No. 953-2026

By Council Member Starr

FOR ADOPTION
August 19 2026

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Supporting the application from the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation to the Ohio Department of Development for a Brownfield Remediation grant for remediation of the property located at 836 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, in Ward 5.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Development, administers the Brownfield Remediation Program, which provides financial assistance for the remediation of brownfield sites throughout Ohio, including acquisition, demolition performed at a brownfield, and the installation or upgrade of infrastructure necessary to make a brownfield site operational for economic development activity; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, also known as the Cuyahoga Land Bank, is a county land reutilization corporation organized under Chapter 1724 of the Revised Code and is an eligible lead entity under the Brownfield Remediation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Land Bank is submitting a Fiscal Year 2027 Brownfield Remediation Program application to the Ohio Department of Development to complete eligible remediation activities, including demolition and environmental remediation, at 836 Broadway Avenue; and

WHEREAS, 836 Broadway is an approximately three-quarter acre property identified as Permanent Parcel Number 122-17-005, in Ward 5 in the City of Cleveland, formerly occupied by the Cleveland Black Oxide metal-finishing facility, which relocated its operations in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the vacant structure at 836 Broadway has deteriorated substantially, including damage resulting from vandalism, and requires demolition, and the property presents environmental conditions requiring appropriate remediation; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Land Bank took title to the property on June 15, 2026, to hold and steward the parcel while redevelopment plans advance; and

WHEREAS, 836 Broadway is located at a prominent gateway into Downtown Cleveland, adjacent to the City's emerging South Gateway area, where significant public and private investment in transit, trails, public space and economic development is underway; and

WHEREAS, the property adjoins the proposed South Gateway development, a mixed-use district that would include public open space, trail and pedestrian connections, and a multi-purpose stadium; and

WHEREAS, 836 Broadway is located adjacent to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Red, Green and Blue Line rail corridor, and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority has expressed support for transit-oriented development in this area; and

WHEREAS, the demolition and remediation of this property will remove a deteriorated and increasingly blighted structure, address environmental conditions, and prepare the site for productive reuse; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to working with the Cuyahoga Land Bank to pursue the remediation and redevelopment of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Remediation Program grant is vital to making the completion of the 836 Broadway remediation and redevelopment project economically feasible; and

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WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the importance of this project and respectfully requests that the Ohio Department of Development favorably consider the Cuyahoga Land Bank's application; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council supports the application from the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation to the Ohio Department of Development for a Brownfield Remediation grant for remediation of the property located at 836 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, in Ward 5.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Ohio Department of Development, Attention: Director Lydia Mihalik, 77 South High Street, 29th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, 812 Huron Road East, Suite 800, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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APPROVED

MAYOR