

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects
Division of Real Estate

LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY NORTH OF OTTER AVENUE BETWEEN E.
81ST AND E 83RD STREETS TO RID-ALL FOUNDATION, INC. FOR URBAN
AGRICULTURE USE

Ordinance No:	1411-17
Legislative Purpose:	Authorizing the Department of Public Works to lease City-owned property, north of Otter Avenue between East 81st Street and East 83rd Street to Rid-All Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of continuing operation of a greenhouse and an EPA licensed Level 2 Compost Facility and associated urban agriculture and educational uses for a term of five years.
Project Summary:	<p>Rid-All began operating an urban farm in 2011 in Cleveland's Urban Agriculture Innovation Zone, a 26-acre area of mostly vacant City-owned, land bank and tax delinquent properties between E. 79th and E. 84th Streets, northeast of Kinsman Avenue. Rid-All Green Partnership, which defines its mission as, "growing food, jobs, and green neighborhoods," created its urban farm for the purpose of growing produce to bring healthy, local food to area institutions and citizens and to provide training to others in this work.</p> <p>Rid-All's urban farm consists of two greenhouses, four hoop houses, aquafarming of tilapia, perch, blue gill and bass, production of soil from recycled compost, and various educational programs related to sustainable urban farming for both youth and adults.</p> <p>Rid-All has partnered with collaborators, including the City of Cleveland, to educate youth and adults on environmental stewardship and to train others to reclaim fallow urban properties and transform them into productive plots of land that offer healthy local food.</p>

The land to be leased to Rid-All has been used by Rid-All since 2011 at no cost to help establish the City's Urban Agricultural Innovation Zone. A greenhouse and an EPA licensed Level 2 Compost Facility are currently located on this specific parcel.

Originally this land was a portion of Otter Playground. Otter Playground was relocated to an area south of the lease area and has since been rebuilt and improved through collaboration between the City and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, therefore the lease area is no longer needed for public use.

The lease is necessary to allow Rid-All Foundation, Inc. to continue its urban farming operations and training programs and for Rid-All to continue operating as an EPA licensed facility.

Permanent Parcel No:	PPN 126-27-028
Price:	Appraised lease rate of \$5,150.00 annually (\$430.00 per month)
Ward:	5, Councilperson Phyllis Cleveland
Attachments:	Location Map