

## Three Developers Awarded Green Grants for Cleanup Efforts

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Three local Columbus development organizations were awarded over \$200,000 in grants from the city's Green Columbus Fund at yesterday's City Council meeting. That includes a grant for \$135,990 for the Day Companies to redevelop and restore three commercial buildings Downtown, known as the long-vacant Madison's department store. The company acquired the properties two weeks ago from the Tonti

Organization.

"I look forward to the Day Companies doing what the previous owner was unable or unwilling to do," said Councilmember Michelle M. Mills, chair of the Development and Environment Committees. "We are grateful that the new owner hopes to develop the site in a safe manner that positively impacts the commercial and residential mix Downtown."

The two other grants include \$55,000 for a brownfield assessment project at the Columbus Idea Foundry building in Franklinton, which is being executed by the Franklinton Development Association, and a \$10,5000 grant for Advanced Engineering Consultants, which is undergoing a LEED Certified green building renovation at its 1405 Dublin Road offices.

*For more information about the grant program, visit [www.GetGreenColumbus.org](http://www.GetGreenColumbus.org).*