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The city of Dayton will submit a grant application for \$3 million in Clean Ohio Revitalization funds that, if approved by the state's Office of Urban Development and Environmental Protection Agency, will enable the University of Dayton to remediate approximately 26.5 acres of largely vacant former NCR land between Brown and Main streets.

The project, known as the University of Dayton Research, Education and Development Initiative (UD-REDI), includes renovating the 477,000-square-foot College Park Center into a combination of facilities for research and development, commercial, University and secondary education purposes. It's the largest building on UD's campus.

The building currently houses several University departments and the Dayton Early College Academy, a partnership between UD and the Dayton Public Schools that allows students to earn a high school diploma and up to two years of college credit at the same time.

UD shared details about the proposed project at a meeting with community leaders and neighborhood residents on March 28. Starting April 2, the public can view the application at the Dayton Metro Library, East branch, 2008 Wyoming St. A public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on May 22 on the fourth floor of the College Park Center on Brown Street.

"The scale of the UD-REDI project undoubtedly will be enormous over time. Based on current projections, total development costs on the full 50-acre site should exceed \$200 million," according to the application. "The UD-REDI site will provide a unique setting for the largest private investment in the city of Dayton in many years."

The University has invested its own funds, borrowed additional money and will eventually recover part of the \$25 million purchase price of the NCR property through some commercial development. In the past five years, UD has completed \$168 million in campus construction projects, some with private developers.

Last week, UD received approval from the Ohio EPA for an Urban Setting Designation, which will allow UD to remediate and redevelop the entire site from Brown Street to the Great Miami River safely and in a cost-effective manner. UD has pledged to clean up the soil in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Voluntary Action Program, Ohio's brownfield redevelopment law. In December 2005, the city of Dayton received \$2.54 million from the state's Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund to remediate 11 acres of the land facing the river.

Most of NCR's manufacturing facilities on the site were removed in the 1970s, and the property has remained largely unused since then.

Burt Hill, an international design, architecture and engineering firm, is developing a master plan for all 259 acres of campus, including the new land.

The transformation of an urban brownfield, the largest developable parcel in the city of Dayton, has received the support of campus, community and political leaders.

"The University of Dayton stands at a crossroads. We are poised to embark on the largest expansion of campus in our history — and, with that, we have an opportunity to spur development in the city of Dayton," said Daniel J. Curran, UD president. "As a community partner, we face an unparalleled opportunity to build UD's campus for the 21st century, while driving economic development in a region that needs new jobs."