



Mayor Ballard announces the Winona Redevelopment project.

**Highlights from LISC's Brownfield remediation programming include:**

## Improving Urban Neighborhoods. Revitalizing Brownfields.

Brownfield assessment and remediation are important steps in improving Indianapolis neighborhoods. That's why Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) has taken a lead role in the clean-up and redevelopment of local brownfields.

Often located in economically depressed areas, brownfields are abandoned or underused properties where real or perceived environmental contamination creates major barriers to redevelopment. They contribute to blight, may pose environmental and health risks, and discourage commercial growth. Brownfields can be former gas stations, empty warehouses or factories, and other abandoned industrial and commercial buildings.



Felege Hiywot Center's native species orchard.

- **The Former Winona Memorial Hospital Redevelopment.** LISC, together with the City of Indianapolis, provided \$20,000 for the early-stage asbestos and lead-based paint testing of this site. This helped The Children's Museum of Indianapolis procure \$2 million from the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program to redevelop the property. They are now implementing plans involving the development of commercial and residential properties, as well as an interactive educational park for families and the surrounding neighborhood.
- **Hillside Orchard in Martindale-Brightwood.** The Felege Hiywot Center (FHC) serves youth and second-generation Ethiopians in Indianapolis. FHC acquired a key corner parcel in Martindale-Brightwood to use it for agricultural education. FHC secured a \$15,000 investment from LISC and the City of Indianapolis to fund the environmental assessment required to ensure the site's safety for food production. The assessment helped FHC create partnerships with additional funders to transform the site into Indianapolis' first native species orchard.

Over the past decade, LISC has invested \$460,000 in more than 50 brownfield remediation projects.

Together with the City of Indianapolis, LISC launched the Indianapolis Neighborhood Brownfield Initiative to help fund the redevelopment of brownfields into useable properties where businesses, homes, and other vital community resources can thrive.

Since 2001, LISC has invested \$460,000 in more than 50 brownfield assessment and remediation projects. We have also helped leverage more than \$25 million in follow-up investments towards those sites, leading to significant commercial and residential development.

*LISC is dedicated to helping transform brownfield sites into places where businesses, homes, and other important community resources can thrive, thereby creating healthier, more beautiful, and more vibrant neighborhoods*

- **Claus' German Sausage and Meats.** LISC provided more than \$20,000 to assist in the initial clean up of Claus' new store which was relocated to south Shelby Street. Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND) and The City of Indianapolis leveraged these initial funds to obtain an additional \$300,000 for the full remediation of the site. The relocation has helped to grow Claus' business, and it has also served as a catalyst for renovation in the up-and-coming area.