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**Wick Neighbors, Inc. Issues Request for Proposals Seeking
Developers for Wick District-Smoky Hollow Development**

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 6, 2005 — Wick Neighbors, Inc. today issued a Request for Proposals seeking a Master Developer or Developers to carry out the Wick District-Smoky Hollow Development Plan.

RFPs have been sent to developers across the nation experienced in mixed-use, urban developments with an emphasis on developers in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The RFP also will be advertised in newspapers and business publications in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The document also is being posted on industry Web sites and circulated electronically within the real estate and development community.

The deadline for responding to the RFP is Friday, Feb. 3, 2006.

The proposed \$250 million, mixed-use project features up to 576 townhouses, condominiums, single-family homes and apartments; a three-acre central park called Harrison Commons; retail space; office space; and senior citizen housing.

The goal is to break ground in 2006.

The RFP, among its many topics, asks potential developers to address: their project experience in similar mixed-use, large-scale developments; financial capacity; principals of their proposed development team; local participation; marketing; and conceptual renderings.

A pre-proposal meeting for prospective developers will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the offices of Wick Neighbors, Inc., 240 N. Champion St., Youngstown. A pre-submission meeting for developers planning on

responding to the RFP will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at the Wick Neighbors, Inc. offices.

The RFP can be viewed by clicking on the RFP image on the Wick Neighbors, Inc. Web site at www.wickneighbors.org.

A Wick Neighbors, Inc. committee will review proposals submitted by Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, and a preliminary selection is expected later in the month. Final selection of a developer is expected in March 2006.

Youngstown City Council recently approved Planned Development Overlay Zoning for the Wick District-Smoky Hollow neighborhood, a key predevelopment step that led to release of the RFP. Other key predevelopment steps accomplished to date include engineering analysis, public infrastructure cost estimates, the Development Plan and Wick District-Smoky Hollow Design Guidelines.

Wick Neighbors, Inc. is a nonprofit development corporation formed in September 2003 with a 40-member board of trustees led by Rev. John Horner of St. John's Episcopal Church. WNI's mission is: Coming together to build a neighborhood for creative living, working and learning in the heart of the city.

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