

Cleveland Cavaliers Practice Facility

The Cleveland Cavaliers needed a new practice facility and identified 33 acres of property that overlooks the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Independence as an ideal site.

The construction of the facility was financed through the cooperation of three Ohio port authorities and an equitable contribution by the Cavaliers.

The City of Independence acquired the project site at a cost of \$1,850,000. The city implemented a tax increment financing (TIF) district to offset the purchase costs and entered into a 20-year ground lease with the Cleveland Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

The total project cost was \$27.845 million.



The new 50,000 square foot practice facility, called Cleveland Clinic Courts, opened for the 2007-08 NBA season. The facility includes two regulation basketball courts, workout facilities, locker rooms, meeting rooms and media facilities.