

the November community meeting, patience wore thin. # " When will this cleanup be done and gone, " asked Sonya Hallett, a local philanthropy consultant and mother of one, " and not hazardous to people who are living around it? " Trouble Beneath the Grass # The state investigators who descended on Jennifer Clark's house in October drilled into her basement floor. They sought signs that chemicals in the ground were turning into a vapor and rising into her home, a phenomenon known as " vapor intrusion. " # Her daughter Chelsea learned when she was 12 that she had acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. After chemotherapy, Chelsea, now 18, is in remission; she dreams of working in the beauty industry. # But over the summer, the Clarks received daunting news. Tests at their home on behalf of the Franklin parents' group detected TCE levels more than 18 times federal limits. # Testing is tricky. Results can be affected by the weather or even by doors left open, said Kelly Pennell, associate director of the federally funded Superfund Research Center at the University of Kentucky. Indeed, later tests showed lower levels in the house. # Still, the Clarks remain worried. Their youngest daughter is now 12. " This is our forever home right here, where the kids are going to come back with the grandkids, " Mrs. Clark said. # They live about a mile and a half from the former industrial site in Franklin, now a patch of grass bordered by old railroad tracks to the north and neat rows of homes to the south. # Image # The site of a former factory is now a grassy