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**State Approves Nearly \$1.2 Million
in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Projects**

Columbus – Today, the State Controlling Board approved nearly \$1.2 million in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for Ohio communities and organizations. The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund supports brownfield redevelopment in Ohio's urban areas, and is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Urban Development Division.

"These sites have great potential and the first step to redevelopment is making sure they are environmentally sound," said William Murdock, Director of the Department's Urban Development Division. "We are excited to put these Clean Ohio investments to work in local communities in the hope of making a significant economic impact."

The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund is part of the Clean Ohio Fund, which restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban areas by preserving green space and farmland, improving outdoor recreation, and cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities.

Brown County will receive a \$195,461 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the Ripley Foundation property. The property, located at 6210 Rankin Road in the Village of Ripley, is more than 84 acres north of downtown. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 40 soil borings, 15 shallow monitoring wells, and five deep monitoring wells. The assessment also will include a geophysical survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The County is working with the property owner, Ripley Foundation, to redevelop the location into a multi-use site that promotes health, history, education, and recreation activities.

The **City of Geneva** (Ashtabula County) will receive a \$229,907 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the Arc Rubber facility. The property, located at 100 Water Street is more than four acres northeast of downtown. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 77 soil borings, 12 shallow monitoring wells, and one deep monitoring well. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The City is working with the property owner, Arc Rubber, to assist in its expansion plans on the site.

The **City of Louisville** (Stark County) will receive a \$267,475 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former J & L Steel Lagoon property. The property, located at 1400 West Main Street, is more than 115 acres southwest of downtown. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and the possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 19 soil borings, 42 shallow soil borings, and 14 shallow monitoring wells. The assessment also will include a geophysical survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The City is incorporating the property as part of its redevelopment plan and has classified it as a high priority for industrial redevelopment opportunities.

The **Columbiana County Port Authority** (Columbiana County) will receive a \$202,200 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the Summitville Tiles property. The property,

located at 15364 State Route 644, is more than nine acres on the east edge of the Village of Summitville. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 50 soil borings and five deep monitoring wells. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The Port is working with Summitville Tiles on a possible expansion on the site that may result in up to 50 new manufacturing jobs.

The **Coshocton Port Authority** (Coshocton County) will receive a \$288,364 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Steel Ceilings property. The property, located at 500 North Third Street, is more than 15 acres along the Tuscarawas River. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 53 soil borings, 13 shallow monitoring wells, and one deep monitoring well. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, geophysical survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The Port has been working with a local business on a possible expansion onto the property.

*The **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund** is an open-cycle program that provides grant dollars for Phase II Environmental Assessment and Brownfield Cleanup/Public Health Projects. To date, 196 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$68.9 million. Of the 196 projects, 57 were for cleanup projects, which leveraged nearly \$1 billion and are expected to create and retain 5,600 jobs. For more information about the **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund**, visit www.clean.ohio.gov.*

*The **Urban Development Division** assists communities with place-based redevelopment, which creates wealth from personal, business, and community successes. The **Urban Development Division** works to identify the resources and financing necessary to enhance the economic viability of local communities.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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