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State Approves more than \$953,000 for Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Projects

Columbus – Today, the State Controlling Board approved \$953,150 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for three Ohio communities. The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund supports brownfield redevelopment in Ohio's urban areas, and is administered by the Office of Redevelopment, which is housed in the Ohio Department of Development's Community Services Division.

"Clean Ohio has proven to be a viable and successful program that supports communities as they work to revitalize blight and forgotten properties," said William Murdock, Chief of the Department's Community Services Division. "This is the first critical step to redevelopment."

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.

The **City of Youngstown** (Mahoning County) will receive a \$198,986 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Davidson Metals property. The property, located at 1630 Wilson Avenue, totals more than 8 acres southeast 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 14 shallow monitoring wells, two deep monitoring wells, 15 deep soil borings, and 39 shallow soil borings. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The City is working to market the property for redevelopment into industrial or warehouse space.

The **City of Middletown** (Butler County) will receive a \$491,033 grant to conduct remediation activities on the former Miami Packaging property. The property, located at 1704 Reinartz Boulevard, is made up of 20 parcels totaling nearly 10 acres. The City and development partner, Advanced Design Solutions, Inc. (ADS), are working to revitalize the site for ADS's expansion plans. ADS designs and manufactures steel handling containers, racks, and bins primarily used in the automotive industry. The project is expected to create 50 jobs.

The **City of Ashtabula** (Ashtabula County) will receive a \$263,131 grant to conduct a Phase II Environment Assessment on the Tannery Hill property. The property, located at 3906 Tannery Hill, totals nearly 11 acres northeast of downtown and adjacent to the Ashtabula River. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 95 soil borings, 16 shallow monitoring wells, and one deep monitoring well. The assessment also will include nine sediment samples, an asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The City is working to acquire the property and transform it into a large outdoor recreational area that includes a farmer's market, pavilion, and parking.

*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, 206 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$71.9 million. Of the 206 projects, 60 were for cleanup projects, which leveraged more than \$1 billion and are expected to create and retain 5,750 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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