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Governor's Office of Appalachia Supports Community Development

COLUMBUS – With more than 2 million people living in 32 counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works to improve communities in the diverse Appalachian region of Ohio. From community development projects to water and sewer projects, to projects that improve roads or encourage job creation, the Governor's Office of Appalachia is providing communities the support they need to compete in today's economy.

"Partnering with local communities and the Local Development Districts, the Governor's Office of Appalachia is working to improve the quality of life throughout the Appalachian region," said Jason Wilson, director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Below is a list of recent projects that received funding from the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Road improvement projects:

City of New Philadelphia (Tuscarawas County) will receive a \$100,000 grant from the State Appalachian Development Program to increase the existing storm sewer capacity at a five-point intersection. The project will reduce flooding and position the area for commercial growth.

Water and sewer projects:

Village of Malvern (Carroll County) will receive a \$10,500 grant from the State Appalachian Development Program to inspect, repair and clean Well #5. The well provides water for 1,200 residents and 135 businesses in the village.

Community improvement projects:

Village of Zoar (Tuscarawas County) will receive a \$43,500 grant from the State Appalachian Development Program to make improvements to the sidewalks from First to Fifth Streets on the west side and Second to Fifth Streets on the east side of Main Street. The project also includes the installation of ADA curbs, six manholes and 1,286 linear feet of storm sewers.

Grants provided by the Governor's Office of Appalachia are designated for projects that will improve the community infrastructure to encourage economic development and strengthen the region's ability to compete in the global economy.

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