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More than \$27 Million in Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Grants Approved to Assist Communities with Brownfield Clean-Up

Projects expected to create and retain nearly 600 jobs

Columbus – Today, the Clean Ohio Council approved more than \$27 million in Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund grants for 17 brownfield clean-up projects throughout the state, which are expected to create and retain nearly 600 jobs. The funding, approved at a Clean Ohio Council Round 10 Awards meeting, will allow for the reuse of commercial and industrial properties that are currently idle. The grants are contingent upon State Controlling Board approval.

“The investments made today are an important first step towards revitalizing brownfields, which can often be an eye-sore for communities and a deterrent to reinvestment by surrounding businesses,” said William Murdock, Director of the Ohio Department of Development’s Urban Development Division. “The Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund not only works to transform neighborhoods, but also provides hundreds of job opportunities for Ohioans.”

The Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund is a competitive statewide program that provides grants of up to \$3 million to acquire property, demolish structures, conduct environmental cleanup, and improve infrastructure. Since its inception, 118 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund projects have been awarded more than \$250 million, leveraging \$2 billion in private sector investment, and creating and retaining more than 14,000 jobs.

Round 10 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund award recipients are as follows:

City of Cincinnati (Hamilton County) – will receive \$3 million to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the Oakley North Redevelopment property, located at 4701 Marburg Avenue. Upon remediation, the property will be developed into retail and office space, as well as residential apartments. There are three committed end users that are expected to create 123 jobs and retain 110 positions, with an investment of more than \$31 million. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils, remove asbestos and universal waster, and demolish the existing building foundations.

City of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County) – will receive \$1,012,524 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the East 66th Midtown Redevelopment property, located at 1966 East 66th Street in Cleveland’s Health-Tech Corridor. Upon remediation, development partner Sixty-Six, LLC plans to build a four story medical office building, a 75-room senior living center, retail space, restaurants, and a multi-level parking deck. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils, remove asbestos and universal waste, and demolish the existing buildings.

City of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County) – will receive \$3 million to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the John Hartness Brown Redevelopment property, located at 1001-1101 Euclid Avenue. Upon remediation, JHB Hotel will redevelop the property into an up-scale, 206-room Westin Hotel from Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide. This project is expected to create more than 180 jobs.

The funds will be used to remove asbestos and general waste from the existing buildings.

City of Hamilton (Butler County) – will receive \$774,095 to conduct infrastructure, demolition, and remediation activities at the former Estate Stove property, located at 845 East Avenue. Upon remediation, Trans-Acc, Inc., plans to expand its existing facility by 38,500 square feet. The project is expected to create up to 15 jobs and retain 32 positions. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soil, install infrastructure, remove asbestos, and demolish existing buildings.

City of Ironton (Lawrence County) – will receive \$1,581,330 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the Ironton Riverfront Development property, located at 800 North 2nd Street. The City of Ironton, the Ironton Port Authority, and the Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization are planning to redevelop the location into a public park with a boat launch, bike paths, and walking trails, as well as build a mixed-use building for retail, commercial, and residential uses. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soil, remove asbestos, and demolish existing building foundations.

City of Lancaster (Fairfield County) – will receive \$2,499,500 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former Lancaster Glass facility, located at 240 West Main Street. Upon remediation, Wagenbrenner Development, Inc., plans to redevelop the location with a 33,000-square-foot residential/retail building and a second 9,800-square-foot retail building. This project will retain two positions. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soil and groundwater, and demolish existing building foundations.

City of Lorain (Lorain County) – will receive \$1,617,901 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the St. Joseph Community Center, located at 205 West 20th Street. Upon remediation, development partner South Shore Community Development Corporation plans to convert the former hospital into a modern community office center and campus, offering complementary health and social services to the community. Lorain County Community College will expand, retaining 20 jobs, and Family and Community Services, Inc., will establish Freedom House, providing 30 rooms to veterans with housing needs at the site. The funds will be used to remove asbestos, remediate impacted soil, and demolish existing buildings.

City of Piqua (Miami County) – will receive \$2 million to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former Piqua Memorial Hospital, located at 624 Park Avenue and 813 Nicklin Avenue. Prior to remediation, the City of Piqua intends to acquire the property and market it for redevelopment. The funds will be used to remove asbestos and universal waste, and demolish existing buildings.

City of Ravenna (Portage County) – will receive \$405,712 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former White Rubber facility, located at 835 Cleveland Road. Upon remediation, Family and Community Services, Inc., will move its transportation headquarters and vehicles to the facility. This project will create 10 jobs and retain 20 positions. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils, remove asbestos and universal waste, and demolish existing buildings.

City of Youngstown (Mahoning County) – will receive \$803,490 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former Liberty-Paramount Theatre, located at 138 Federal Plaza West. Upon remediation, the building façade will be restored to its historic appearance and will serve as an amphitheatre. The funds will be used to remove asbestos and demolish portions of the existing building.

Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (Franklin County) – will receive \$2,342,190 to conduct acquisition, infrastructure, demolition, and remediation activities at the Kinnear Road Redevelopment property, located at 811 Kinnear Road in the 315 Research and Technology Corridor. Upon remediation, the property will be redeveloped into 120 market rate residential apartments. The project is expected to create five jobs. The funds will be used to acquire the property, remediate impacted soil and groundwater, install infrastructure, and demolish existing buildings.

Lawrence County – will receive \$794,565 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former Alpha Portland Cement property, located at 1 Hog Run Road and County Road 24. Upon remediation, the Ice Creek Land Company plans to redevelop the location into industrial, commercial, and residential space. Marietta Industrial Enterprises will occupy a 30,000-square-foot distribution center on six acres of the property, creating 10 jobs. The funds will be used to remove asbestos, remediate impacted soil, and demolish existing buildings.

Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (Lucas County) – will receive \$2,999,869 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the Jeep Parkway property, located at 1000 Jeep Parkway in the City of Toledo. The Port Authority plans to develop the site into an industrial park. In addition, the State Paper and Metal Co. Inc., plans to expand and build a 45,000-square-foot building on the property, creating 22 jobs. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils and demolish existing building foundations.

Tuscarawas County Port Authority (Tuscarawas County) – will receive \$826,180 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former Ohio Department of Transportation District 11 Headquarters, located at 1072 West High Avenue in the City of New Philadelphia. The Port Authority is reviewing potential commercial redevelopment opportunities for the property. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils and groundwater, and demolish existing buildings.

Village of Woodlawn (Hamilton County) – will receive \$1,043,903 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former Hexion Specialty Chemicals property, located at 630 Glendale Milford Road. Development partner Garrett Wood, LLC plans to redevelop the property for commercial, retail, and institutional uses. The funds will be used to remove asbestos, remediate groundwater, and demolish existing buildings.

Round 10 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Sustainable Reinvestment Pilot Track award recipients are as follows:

Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District (Franklin County) – will receive \$1.5 million to conduct remediation activities at the Southern Tier of Whittier Peninsula, located at 400 West Whittier Street in the City of Columbus. Upon remediation, Metro Parks will spend up to \$4.8 million to expand the Scioto Audubon Park. The park will include an amphitheatre, BMX bike course, obstacle course, disc golf course, climbing wall, gardens, and recreation fields and courts. The park will also include bike and walking trails that connect to the regional Scioto River Greenway Trail. This project will retain 30 full-time and 20 part-time positions. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils.

Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (Lucas County) – will receive \$1,499,990 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the Jeep Parkway: Urban Waterfront property, located at 1000 Jeep Parkway in the City of Toledo. The Port Authority plans to develop the location into an urban waterfront park along the Ottawa River. The park will include multiple trails and a riverfront walk. The University of Toledo has committed \$3 million to install solar arrays in the park. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils and demolish existing building foundations.

*The **Clean Ohio Fund** restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban places by preserving green space and farmland, improving outdoor recreation, and by cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities. For more information about the Clean Ohio Fund, visit www.clean.ohio.gov.*

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