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## Five Projects Statewide Get Funding for Clean-up Efforts

Today, the Clean Ohio Council approved more than \$6 million in Clean Ohio Revitalization grants for five projects statewide.

The **city of Dayton** received a \$900,000 grant to clean-up asbestos at the Kettering Center in Dayton. Wright State University purchased the building in 1982 to use for offices, classroom and meeting space. The building was closed in 2007 following the discovery of asbestos. After the clean-up occurs, Wright State University has committed to renovate the building.

The **city of Cleveland** received a \$3 million grant to help with remediation costs for the Flats East Bank redevelopment project. After the clean-up occurs, the redevelopment will result in more than 300,000-square-feet of retail and office space as well as 72 residential units at the project site.

The **Stark County Port Authority** received a \$1,275,000 grant to help with demolition and remediation costs at the former Alliance Community Hospital located in Alliance. After the clean-up occurs, the Alliance Community Hospital in collaboration with Stark State Community College, will construct a 10,000-square-foot facility on the property which will serve as satellite facility for Stark State offering credit courses and workforce training programs for the healthcare industry.

The **city of Columbus** received a \$1 million grant to help with infrastructure, demolition and remediation costs at the LC RiverSouth property in downtown Columbus. Once the clean-up occurs, Lifestyle Communities, Ltd has committed to develop an eight-story building which will house 106 residential units, a parking garage and first floor retail space.

The **city of Marion** received a \$340,589 grant to help offset the costs associated with the demolition and remediation at the former Fairfield Engineering site in Marion. After the clean-up occurs, the development partner, Carkasco Properties, LLC plans to redevelop the property for industrial use. The goal is to remove abandoned, dilapidated structures while enhancing those still viable for warehousing and manufacturing.

"These buildings would remain empty and unused if it weren't for revitalization programs like this," said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "The goal is to get these sites back up to par so they can once again be used to their fullest potential."

These projects are contingent upon Controlling Board approval.

This will be the last Clean Ohio Council meeting, as this program is sun-setting. The JobsOhio Revitalization Program will commit up to \$43 million annually for revitalization projects. The program going forward will have an increased focus on job creation.

The Ohio Development Services Agency offers technical assistance for wide-area planning and provides low-interest loans for environmental assessment and clean-up. Just this week, a brownfield loan of more than \$1 million was awarded to Canton Drop Forge to conduct remediation activities, ensuring the site remains productive for manufacturing operations.

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