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**State Approves More Than \$800,000 in Clean Ohio Funds**

**Columbus, Ohio** – The State Controlling Board today approved more than \$800,000 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for the cities of Chillicothe and Massillon and for Miami Township. The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund supports brownfield redevelopment in Ohio's urban areas.

"These awards are an important step to making the locations viable for future economic development," said Mark Kvamme, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "The Clean Ohio Fund is about more than just assessing and cleaning up contaminated and blighted properties; it's about providing communities with another avenue to grow and create jobs."

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 Clean Ohio Fund is part of the Ohio Bipartisan Job Stimulus Plan, which aims to create new jobs while laying the foundation for future economic prosperity. As part of the Plan, voters approved \$400 million for the Clean Ohio Fund.

The **City of Chillicothe** (Ross County) will receive a \$146,594 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Oil and Battery property. The property, located at 125 and 127 East Second Street, is composed of five parcels totaling .9 acres on the northern edge of the City's 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 nine groundwater monitoring wells and 43 soil borings. The assessment also will include a geophysical survey, test pits, data evaluation, and reporting.

The **City of Massillon** (Stark County) will receive a \$300,000 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the Northern portion of the former Republic Steel Facility. The property, located at 411 Oberlin Avenue, is comprised of two parcels totaling 63.97 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 153 soil borings and 30 wells. The assessment also will include data evaluation and reporting.

**Miami Township** (Montgomery County) will receive a \$379,516 grant to conduct demolition and remediation activities on the former NCR Training Facility. The property, located at 9391 Washington Church Road, is composed of one parcel totaling 43.5 acres southeast of downtown Miamisburg. Upon completion, the Dayton Christian School System will locate its corporate and administrative headquarters on the site. The project is expected to aid in the creation of 10 full-time jobs.

*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, 184 **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund** projects have been awarded totaling more than \$66.6 million. Of the 184 projects, 58 were for cleanup projects, which leveraged more than \$1.03 billion and are expected to create and retain 8,600 jobs. For more information about the **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund**, visit [www.clean.ohio.gov](http://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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