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State Approves more than \$1 Million for Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Projects

Columbus – Today, the State Controlling Board approved \$1,017,224 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for the City of Dayton and the Ironton Port Authority. 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 investments are critical to the redevelopment of underutilized properties," said Thea Walsh, Deputy Chief of the Office of Redevelopment. "Whether its assessment or remediation, these projects are an important first step to finding viable economic uses for the sites to enhance our Ohio communities."

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.

City of Dayton (Montgomery County) will receive a \$750,000 grant to conduct remediation activities on the Centre City Building Redevelopment property. The property, located at 36 South Main Street, is made up of 11 parcels totaling .5 acres. The City and Centre City Group plan to redevelop the 21-story building into retail, office, and residential spaces. The project is expected to create 10 jobs.

Ironton Port Authority (Lawrence County) will receive a \$267,224 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Tiger Metals property. The property, located at 1100 South 2nd Street, totals .84 acres south of downtown. The Phase II Environment Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 31 soil borings, three shallow monitoring well, and three deep monitoring wells. The assessment also will include a geophysical survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The Ironton Port Authority and the City of Ironton plan to market the property for commercial redevelopment.

*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, 210 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$73.5 million. Of the 210 projects, 62 were for cleanup projects, which leveraged more than \$1 billion and are expected to create and retain more than 5,800 jobs. For more information about the **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund**, visit www.clean.ohio.gov.*

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