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**State Approves more than \$200,000 in Clean Ohio Assistance Funds
for City of Norwood**

Columbus – Today the State Controlling Board approved a \$234,180 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant for the City of Norwood in Hamilton County. The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund supports brownfield redevelopment in Ohio's urban areas, and is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Urban Development Division.

"This site has tremendous potential for future redevelopment and the first step is ensuring its environmental safety," said William Murdock, Director of the Urban Development Division. "This investment will provide the information needed for the community to move forward with new economic development and job creation."

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 **City of Norwood** (Hamilton County) will use the grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former American Laundry Facility. The property, located at 4935 Section Avenue, is 6.63 acres and is in the City's central business district. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and the possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 52 soil borings, 13 monitoring wells, and 22 soil vapor probes. The assessment also will include data evaluation and reporting. The City and developer Neyer Properties plan to redevelop the site for industrial and commercial office space. The project is expected to create 300 jobs and leverage nearly \$13 million in private investment.

*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, 189 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded totaling more than \$67.1 million. Of the 189 projects, 57 were for cleanup projects, which leveraged nearly \$1 billion and are expected to create and retain 5,600 jobs. For more information about the **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund**, visit 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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