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**State Approves more than \$580,000
in Clean Ohio Assistance Funds for Northern Ohio**

Columbus – The State Controlling Board today approved more than \$580,000 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for the cities of Cleveland and Fostoria. 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.

"The sites we are investing in have tremendous potential for future economic development opportunities," said William Murdock, Director of the Department's Urban Development Division. "The communities and developers are pushing hard to bring in new business in the hopes of creating jobs and a vibrant economy."

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 Cleveland** (Cuyahoga County) will receive a \$290,345 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the Water Tower Park. The property, located at 13815 Coit Road, is composed of two parcels totaling 24.6 acres northeast 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 127 soil borings and nine monitoring wells. The assessment also will include data evaluation and reporting. The property owner, Forest City Land Development LLC, is marketing the site for industrial uses.

The **City of Fostoria** (Seneca County) will receive a \$297,013 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the IAR Land-Fostoria, LLC project, formerly the ThyssenKrupp Atlas, Inc. property. The property, located at 901 Springville Avenue, is 47.3 acres. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 85 soil borings, 18 shallow monitoring wells, and two deep monitoring wells. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, geophysical survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The City and development partner, IAR Land-Fostoria, LLC, are working to attract businesses to the property because of its close proximity to road and rail transportation.

*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, 191 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$67.7 million. Of the 191 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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