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**State Approves more than \$330,000  
in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Projects**

**Columbus** – Today, the State Controlling Board approved \$335,905 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for two Ohio communities: the City of Xenia in Green County and Lawrence 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.

"The investments made by the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund are an important step in determining the suitability of a property to be used for future development," said William Murdock, Director of the Urban Development Division. "Communities depend on these dollars to further their plans for redevelopment, therefore bettering their local 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 Xenia** (Green County) will receive a \$138,487 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Ohio Veteran's Children's Home Facility Section II. The property, located at 690 Home Avenue, is made up of two parcels totaling more than 78 acres on the south edge of the City. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 19 soil borings and six monitoring wells. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting. Property owner, Athletes in Action, developed the location into a retreat and conference center, as well as a sports facility for camps. The organization plans to continue developing on the site.

**Lawrence County** will receive a \$197,418 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the Superior Cement Company property. The property, located at 490 County Road 41 South, is made up of seven parcels totaling more than 50 acres, which is surrounded by the Wayne National Forest. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 84 soil borings, nine shallow monitoring wells, and nine deep monitoring wells. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, geophysical study, data evaluation, and reporting. The plan is to redevelop the site into a recreational park for visitors of the Wayne National Forest.

*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, 198 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$69.2 million. Of the 198 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](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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