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## State Approves more than \$517,000 for Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Projects

**Columbus** – Today, the State Controlling Board approved \$517,001 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for the City of Norwood in Hamilton County and Richland County. The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund supports brownfield redevelopment in Ohio's urban areas, and is administered by the Office of Redevelopment, which is housed within the Ohio Department of Development's Community Services Division.

"These grants allow Ohio communities to ensure the environmental safety of underutilized sites," said Thea Walsh, Deputy Chief of the Office of Redevelopment. "The goal is to make these properties viable and ready for economic redevelopment."

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 Norwood** (Hamilton County) will receive a \$217,993 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Smith and Nixon Manufacturing facility. The property, located at 4817 Section Avenue, is made up of two parcels totaling 4.1 acres north of the city's 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, 14 shallow groundwater monitoring wells, and one deep groundwater monitoring well. The assessment also will include data evaluation and reporting. The city is currently working to secure an end-user for the property.

**Richland County** will receive a \$299,008 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Richland Moulded Brick facility. The property, located at 1000 Richland Scale Road in Franklin and Weller Townships, is made up of 12 parcels totaling 146.5 acres north of the City of Mansfield. The Phase II Environment Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 103 soil borings, 25 shallow groundwater monitoring wells, and two deep groundwater monitoring wells. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, geophysical survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The county plans to market the property to neighboring businesses with potential expansion interests.

*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, 213 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$74 million. Of the 213 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](http://www.clean.ohio.gov).*

*The **Office of Redevelopment**, located within the Department's Community Services Division, assists communities with place-based redevelopment which creates wealth from personal, business, and community successes. The Office 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 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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