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Director Wilson Announces More Than \$235,000 in Grants to Improve Infrastructure in Ohio's Appalachian Region*Funding will benefit projects in Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties*

COLUMBUS – Today, Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia, announced that State Appalachian Development Grants at an event at the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. Grants were awarded to Glenbeigh Health Services (Ashtabula County), the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (Trumbull County) and the Western Reserve Port Authority (Trumbull County). The Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development administers the State Appalachia Development Grants.

"These projects will benefit the region as it works to create, expand, and attract businesses," said Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia. "A strong infrastructure is necessary for the long term growth of the region."

The State Appalachian Development Grants provide funding for projects that improve the standard of living for residents of Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties and support the goals of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). These projects support the ARC's goal of developing and improving the infrastructure in Appalachia to make the region economically competitive.

State Appalachian Development Grants were awarded to:

Glenbeigh Health Services (Ashtabula County) received a \$38,500 grant that will be used with its matching funds of \$16,476 to purchase a 13,000-gallon flow equalization system. The system will be installed at the existing wastewater treatment plant at the Glenbeigh Health Services location in Morgan Township. The equipment to be purchased includes pre-cast concrete tanks, pumps, control systems, blower, internal piping, and grating.

Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (Trumbull County) received a \$103,600 grant that will be used with its own matching funds of \$103,600 to purchase a lime slaking system. The system will be installed at the existing drinking water facility in Mineral Ridge. The lime slaking system is recommended to improve water quality for the Mahoning and Trumbull county area.

Western Reserve Port Authority (Trumbull County) received a \$94,200 grant that will be used with its own matching funds of \$94,200 to replace the main water line at the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. The project will replace approximately 700 linear feet of water line with 8-inch ductile iron water line; replace a 4-inch existing service connection water line; replace approximately 350 linear feet of Type K copper water line in or near the terminal; install two additional emergency fire hydrants; and install 8-inch capped service connectors to areas of the airport's East Site Development Project.

About Ohio's Governor's Office of Appalachia

As an advocate for Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works on behalf of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and to support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives. These initiatives contribute to the economic, educational, and community prosperity of the people of Ohio's Appalachian region.

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 absolutely necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.

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