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## State Approves more than \$470,000 for Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Projects

**COLUMBUS** – Today, the State Controlling Board approved \$473,512 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for two Ohio communities. 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 projects are the first step in revitalizing two pieces of land that otherwise may have gone untouched and unused," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "These investments provide valuable sites where production and job creation can occur in Ohio communities."

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 Alliance** (Stark County) will receive a \$249,140 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Stewart Brothers Paint/Volcanic Heater Inc. property. The property, located at 1010 North Union Avenue, is comprised of five parcels totaling 6.5 acres north of downtown. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 39 soil borings, 16 shallow groundwater monitoring wells, four deep groundwater monitoring wells, and three test pits. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, geophysical survey, data evaluation, and reporting. Several adjoining property owners have recently inquired about potentially expanding onto the property once it is completed, which could create more than 10 jobs.

**City of Geneva** (Ashtabula County) will receive a \$224,372 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the ATC-Wing property. The property, located at 101 Pleasant Avenue, is comprised of two parcels totaling 8.1 acres southwest of downtown. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 90 soil borings, eight shallow groundwater monitoring wells, and one deep groundwater monitoring well. The assessment also will include a geophysical survey, asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The city plans to repurpose the property as a rail/transportation hub, along with mixed-use commercial development.

*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, 225 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$77.3 million. Of the 225 projects, 63 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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