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**More than \$19 Million in Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Grants  
Approved to Assist Communities with Brownfield Clean-Up***Projects expected to create and retain nearly 900 jobs*

**Columbus** – Today, the Clean Ohio Council approved more than \$19 million in Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund grants for 11 brownfield clean-up projects throughout the state, which are expected to create and retain nearly 900 jobs. The funding, approved at a Clean Ohio Council Round 12 awards meeting, will allow for the reuse of commercial and industrial properties that are currently underutilized. The grants are contingent upon State Controlling Board approval.

“The communities receiving Clean Ohio Funds are taking the important first step to redevelopment – ensuring sites are safe and ready for growth,” said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “These investments will not only assist in finding new uses for old and underused properties, but also support vital job creation efforts around the state”

The Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund is a competitive statewide program that provides grants of up to \$3 million to acquire property, demolish structures, conduct environmental cleanup, and improve infrastructure. Since its inception, 150 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund projects have been awarded more than \$295 million, leveraging \$2.5 billion in private sector investment, and creating and retaining more than 12,500 jobs.

***Round 12 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund award recipients are as follows:***

**City of Campbell** (Mahoning County) – will receive \$1.9 million for demolition and remediation work on property northwest of the Walton Avenue Bridge over the Mahoning River. Sherman International Corporation plans to develop an on-site industrial facility, Sherman Metals Technologies, LLC. The company will supply thin gauge steel in support of the construction, automobile, white goods, and HVAC industries. The project is expected to create 300 jobs. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils, remove asbestos and general waste, and demolish existing buildings.

**City of Cleveland** (Cuyahoga County) – will receive \$1.3 million to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the Former Van Dorn Property at 2700 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street. The development partner, Orlando Baking Company, seeks to expand its existing operations onto the property. The project is expected to create 15 jobs and retain 40 positions. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils, remove asbestos, and demolish the existing buildings.

**City of Dayton** (Montgomery County) – will receive \$3 million to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former General Motors Corporation facility at 2701 Home Avenue. The National Park Service has been authorized by the U.S. Congress to purchase and restore the historic buildings to

become part of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park. Other areas of the property will be used for the expansion of manufacturing operations of adjacent companies. The project is expected to create 55 jobs and retain 22 positions. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils, remove asbestos and general waste, as well as demolish existing buildings.

**City of Fostoria** (Seneca County) – will receive \$1.1 million to conduct remediation efforts at 901 South US 23. The owner and development partner, Industrial Asset Recycling Land Fostoria, LLC, plans to remediate and develop the site into an industrial/technology park. The existing 320,000-square-foot manufacturing facility could be subdivided into smaller spaces for multiple occupants. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils and remove asbestos.

**Franklin County** – will receive \$3 million to conduct remediation activities at the corner of Dublin Road and Grandview Avenue in Grandview Heights and the City of Columbus. Upon remediation, the development partner, Wagenbrenner Development, Inc., plans to redevelop the land into 265,000 square feet of retail and office space and 200 residential units. The project is expected to create two jobs and retain one position. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils and for asbestos abatement.

**City of Kent** (Portage County) – will receive \$1.1 million to conduct remediation at 627 Lake Street. The City of Kent is partnering with J&E Development Corporation, which plans to take ownership once remediation is complete. Two companies have committed to moving into the facility once it's complete. The project is expected to create 170 jobs and leverage \$8.5 million of investment for building renovations and new machinery. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils, remove general waste, and for asbestos abatement.

**City of Mt. Vernon** (Knox County) – will receive \$1.7 million to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former American National Can Company at 201 Madison Street. A portion of the property is reserved for parkland and will consist of a bike path connected to the city's trail system and Riverside Park. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils and demolish two well houses on the property.

**City of Sandusky** (Erie County) – will receive \$950,608 to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former Sandusky Cabinets plant at 513 East Washington Street. Upon remediation, the city plans to utilize the property as a mixed-use development site including commercial and residential usage. The redevelopment of the property aligns with the city's five-year strategic plan. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils and demolish the existing building.

**City of Steubenville** (Jefferson County) – will receive \$96,700 to conduct remediation activities at the former Grand Theater at 115 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon remediation, the building will be restored to its original performing arts and movie theater purpose. The building will also include the Performing Arts and Steubenville History Museum and a Dean Martin Museum. The project is expected to create two jobs. The funds will be used for asbestos abatement.

**City of Twinsburg** (Summit County) – will receive \$3 million to conduct demolition and remediation activities at the former Chrysler stamping plant at 2000 East Aurora Road. The current owner and development partners, Twinsburg Industrial Properties, LLC and Twinsburg Industrial Properties I, LLC, purchased the site in 2011 and conducted demolition of the onsite buildings. Development plans include construction of a 135,000-square-foot facility for Performance Food Group to expand its business operations. The project is expected to create 10 jobs and retain 50 positions. The funds will be used to remediate impacted soils, asbestos abatement and general waste removal, and demolition of the former structure foundations.

**City of Xenia** (Greene County) – will receive \$2.8 million to conduct remediation work at 690 Home Avenue. The property, originally developed to house orphans and widows from the Civil War, will be

used as educational facilities, offices, conference and event space, and athletic facilities. The project is expected to create 50 jobs and retain 162 positions. The funds will be used for asbestos abatement, to remediate impacted soils, improve infrastructure, and demolish existing buildings.

*The **Clean Ohio Fund** restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban places by preserving green space and farmland, improving outdoor recreation, and by cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities. For more information about the Clean Ohio Fund, visit [www.clean.ohio.gov](http://www.clean.ohio.gov).*

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