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State Approves more than \$890,000 for Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Projects

COLUMBUS – Today, the State Controlling Board approved \$890,305 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for three 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 under-utilized properties have tremendous economic potential, especially as Ohio's oil and natural gas industries develop," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "These investments allow the state to take an important first step to finding new, productive uses for the sites, bettering our communities and creating jobs for Ohioans."

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 Youngstown (Mahoning County) will receive a \$299,085 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former YS&T Seamless Tube Mill property. The property, located on Central Street, totals 71 acres southeast 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 87 soil borings, 36 shallow groundwater monitoring wells, and three deep groundwater monitoring well. The assessment also will include an asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The property owner, Sherman International Corporation, is demolishing most of the former steel mill structures to transform the location into a cold mill complex for steel processing.

Jefferson County will receive a \$299,571 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Kaul Clay property. The property, located at State Route 7 and County Road 47 in the City of Toronto, is made up of six parcels totaling 42.9 acres northwest 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 85 soil borings and 14 groundwater monitoring wells. The assessment also will include a geophysical survey, asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The county, city, and Progress Alliance have partnered to redevelop the property for potential shale-related activities.

Village of McDonald (Trumbull County) will receive a \$291,649 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former U.S. Steel property. The property, located at 100 Ohio Avenue, is made up of two parcels totaling 67 acres along the Mahoning River. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 103 soil borings, 26 shallow groundwater monitoring wells, and three deep groundwater monitoring wells. The assessment also will include a geophysical survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The village would like to redevelop the property for industrial uses, such as shale-related activities, and incorporate it into a larger redevelopment plan for the McDonald Industrial Park.

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, 223 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$76 million. Of the 223 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.

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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