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State Approves More Than \$200,000 for Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Projects

COLUMBUS – Today, the State Controlling Board approved \$249,500 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for the city of Sandusky. 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.

"Assisting in the development of properties like this gives communities an opportunity to maximize land that was once discarded," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "It also provides the community with a strong foundation for economic development opportunities and job creation."

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 Sandusky (Eric County) will receive a \$249,500 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the BSL Holdings Ltd., property. The property, located at 1517-1617 Fifth Street, totals 14 acres east 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 46 soil borings, 23 shallow groundwater monitoring wells, and two deep groundwater monitoring wells. The assessment also will include a geophysical survey, test pits, data evaluation, and reporting. The development partner, BSL Holdings Ltd., plans to construct a single or multi-tenant commercial facility on the property. This project expects to create as many as 30 jobs.

*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, 226 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded, totaling more than \$77.5 million. Of the 226 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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