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State Approves More Than \$165,000 in Clean Ohio Funds for Wyandot County

Columbus – The State Controlling Board approved a \$165,859 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant for Wyandot County for a Phase II Environmental Assessment of the former Kirby Tire site in Sycamore Township. The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund supports brownfield redevelopment throughout Ohio.

“This grant is an important step in preparing the site for future economic development opportunities,” said Mark D. Kvamme, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Clean Ohio dollars help fill funding gaps, allowing communities to rebuild vacant properties for new uses, creating jobs and revenue for the state.”

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.

Wyandot County will receive a \$165,859 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Kirby Tire site. The property, located at 3137 State Route 231, is comprised of four parcels totaling more than 130 acres southeast of downtown Sycamore. The assessment will include the installation of 12 shallow groundwater monitoring wells and 31 soil borings, as well as an asbestos survey, data evaluation, and reporting.

*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, 185 **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund** projects have been awarded totaling more than \$66.7 million. Of the 185 projects, 58 were for cleanup projects, which leveraged more than \$1.03 billion and are expected to create and retain 8,600 jobs. For more information about the **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund**, visit www.clean.ohio.gov.*

*The **Urban Development Division** assists communities with place-based redevelopment, which creates wealth from personal, business, and community successes. The **Urban Development Division** works to identify the resources and financing necessary to enhance the economic viability of local communities.*

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